Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2018 9:00 A.M.

Board Members Present:  Brett J. Hart, Chairman; David R. Kahnweiler*, Vice-Chairman; Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer; Roger J. Kiley; Terrance McGann; Juan A. Ochoa; Ronald E. Powell

*Teleconference

Others Present:  Lori T. Healey, CEO; Darka Papushkewych, General Counsel; Larita Clark, Chief Financial Officer; David Winters, Chief Operations Officer; Michael Merchant, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Regulatory Compliance; Steve E. Georgas, Chief Security Officer; David Causton, SMG/McCormick Place; Matthew Simmons, Assistant General Counsel; Samina Kapadia, Assistant General Counsel; Dao Ngo, Director of Procurement; Tiffany Petties, Business Diversity Program Coordinator; Jeanette Swan, Director of Internal Audit; Pat Allen, Director of Labor Relations; Jason Bormann, Director of Treasury and Capital Management; Doug Bradley, SAVOR; Joseph T. Scheper, SMG/McCormick Place; Rufus Purnell, Chicago Resident; Michael P. Doyle, CHMI Warnick; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group, Inc.; Marcos Feldman, Unite Here-Local 1; Cynthia Valero, Hampton Inn; Alba Mejia, Unite Here-Local 1; Jesus Soberanis, Hampton Inn; Brisa Soteto, Hampton Inn; Nancy Ontiveros, Hampton Inn; Alejandra Monzon, Unite Here-Local 1; Ellar Mullen, Unite Here-Local 1; Maria Calderon, CEO Project Coordinator

General Matters:

Chairman Hart asked for a motion to permit Vice-Chairman Kahnweiler to participate via teleconference. Upon motion duly made by Member McGann and seconded by Member Kiley, the remaining members present unanimously voted passing the motion.

A1. Roll Call:  MPEA Chairman Hart, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Ms. Calderon called roll.

A2. Approval of Minutes:  Chairman Hart called for the approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 23, 2018.

Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Powell, and the remaining members present voted approving item A2.

A3. Public Comment.

Ms. Ontiveros addressed the Board regarding a mandatory meeting employees needed to attend at the Hampton Inn were she is employed. Ms. Ontiveros wanted the Board to be aware of the way employees were treated, which they found to be offensive. Ms. Ontiveros asked the Board for their help due to the impact the McCormick Square has on the hospitality industry. Ms. Healey informed Ms. Ontiveros MPEA took those allegations seriously and a meeting had been scheduled to address the matter. Member Ochoa stated the hospitality industry also needed to encourage diversity in their promotions and management. Member Ramirez thanked Unite Here, Local1 for bringing the issue to the Board’s attention.

Report from CEO:  Ms. Healey stated the Senate Appropriations Hearing was scheduled for the following day, and the House Appropriations Hearing would take place the following month.
Report from Acting CFO: Ms. Clark presented the financial results and the tax collections for February 2018.

Report from McCormick Place: Mr. Causton reported the United Airlines meeting had 2,000 attendees (doubled from last year); International Home + Housewares Show had 72,000 attendees (47 countries represented); GlobalShop joined the largest RFID and E-Commerce trade shows and will be back next year at McCormick Place (show rotates but has decided to come back to Chicago); TESOL (professional meeting); and the 2018 Adidas Windy City National Qualifier (35,000 young women basketball players) held their events on campus. Mr. Causton reported Local Initiatives Support Corporation’s Neighborhood Development Awards; Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo (C2E2); the Black Women’s Expo; Oracle; the American Association for Cancer Research; and the American Diabetes Association Expo Chicago would host their events in the following weeks on campus.

Executive Session: Chairman Hart asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss litigation and workers compensation case. Upon motion duly made by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Powell, and the remaining members present unanimously voted to convene in Executive Session.

Upon return from Executive Session, items C1 and C3 were presented for consideration and discussion.

Review of Covered Actions and Eligible Agreements:

C1. Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Ochoa, and the remaining members present voted approving item C1.

C3. Consideration of Workers Compensation Case Settlement Recommendation.

Moved by Member Powell, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item C3.

D1. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Existing Contract for Purchasing Agent to Procure Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for the Marriott Marquis Chicago.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Powell, and the remaining members present voted approving item D1.

D2. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Existing Contract for Purchasing Agent to Procure Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for the Event Center at McCormick Place.

Moved by Member Powell, seconded by Member Kiley, and the remaining members present voted approving item D2.

D3. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Sole Source Contract for Repair and Inspection of Trane Chillers in McCormick Place West Building.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Kiley, and the remaining members present voted approving item D3.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item D4.

D5. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Existing Contract for A/E Conditions Assessment Services Roofing, Waterproofing, Structural Restoration Program.

Moved by Member Powell, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item D5.


Moved by Member Powell, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item D6.


Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item D7.


Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Ochoa, and the remaining members present voted approving item D8.

D9. Consideration of Approval of Brickstone Brewery Trademark License.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Powell, and the remaining members present voted approving item D9.


Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member Ochoa, and the remaining members present voted approving item D10.


Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Ochoa, and the remaining members present voted approving item D11.

D12. Consideration of Approval of Joint Procurement for Purchase of Police Vehicle.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item D12.

Moved by Member Powell, seconded by Member Ramirez, and the remaining members present voted approving item D13.

D14. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Contract for Handheld Portable and Mobile Radios Purchases, Repair Services and Miscellaneous Parts.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item D14.

Adjournment

Chairman Hart moved to adjourn the meeting moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Ochoa, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote of the Board.

Approved: April 24, 2018

Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary