

RESOLUTION NO. MPEA 19-05
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES REGARDING UNOFFICIAL
RECORDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (the “Authority”) is a political subdivision, unit of local government, body politic and municipal corporation of the State of Illinois, located in the County of Cook, created and existing under the constitution and laws of the State of Illinois, particularly the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Act, 70 ILCS 210/1 et seq., (the “MPEA Act”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MPEA Act, the Authority is governed and administered by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board (the “Board”), which holds regular meetings that are subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, Section 2.05 of the Act provides that “... any person may record the proceedings at meetings required to be open by this Act by tape, film or other means”; and

WHEREAS, the Act further requires the governing authority to prescribe reasonable rules to govern the right to make such recordings; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish reasonable rules governing the unofficial recording of public meetings of the Board, and its committees, by tape, film or otherwise; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board as follows:

SECTION ONE: DEFINITIONS

1. Audience is defined as those persons who attend a public meeting but are neither members of the Board, nor employees or agents of the Authority attending the meeting in an official capacity.
2. Public Meeting is any meeting of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board required to be open to the public under the Act.
3. Recording is an unofficial duplication of sound or image by any mechanical means including photography, audiotaping or videography.

SECTION TWO: POLICY

It is the Authority’s policy to cooperate with representatives of the print and broadcast media and with other members of the public who wish to record Public Meetings of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board by tape, film or other means, so long as said recordings are not disruptive to the meeting, and do not violate the rights of the members of the Board or the Audience.

SECTION THREE: RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Any person may record the proceedings of a Public Meeting by tape, film or other means subject to the following rules.
2. Meetings which are closed to the public may not be recorded except as required and authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
3. No Recordings shall be allowed unless the person seeking to record a Public Meeting notifies the General Counsel of the Authority of his or her intent to record said meeting prior to the meeting.
4. The Chairman of the Board may designate a location for recording equipment, restrict the movements of individuals who are using the recording equipment or take other steps that are deemed necessary to preserve the decorum of the meeting and facilitate the conduct of business.
5. At the start of any meeting which is to be recorded, the Chairman of the Board shall notify the Audience of the recording.
6. The Chairman of the Board may prohibit the recording of any Audience member who objects to the recording.
7. The Chairman of the Board may impose additional rules or limitations on any recording, as he or she deems necessary or appropriate to preserve the orderly operation and decorum of the meeting.
8. The Chairman of the Board shall order the immediate termination of any recording which is disruptive to the meeting, or which distracts, disturbs or is offensive to members of the Board or the Audience.
9. Nothing in these rules shall be deemed to grant permission to publish or broadcast the recording of any individual.
10. These rules may be modified on a temporary basis for good cause shown by a majority vote of the Board members present at the meeting.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board hereby adopts and approves this Resolution, effective immediately.

ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2019

APPROVED:



Brett J. Hart
Chairman of the Board
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority

ATTEST:



Jorge Ramirez
Secretary/Treasurer
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority