



**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2019 9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Brett Hart, Chairman; Don Villar, Vice Chairman; Jorge Ramirez*, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart; Nina Grondin; Roger J. Kiley; Terrance B. McGann; Juan A. Ochoa; Sherman Wright

*Teleconference

Others Present: Larita Clark, Acting Chief Executive Officer/Chief Financial Officer; David Winters, Chief Operations Officer; David Causton, SMG/McCormick Place; Matthew Simmons, General Counsel; Pat Allen, Director of Labor Relations; Dao Ngo, Director of Procurement; Steve E. Georgas, Chief Security Officer; Stephanie Lovelace-Nieves, Controller; Samina Kapadia, Assistant General Counsel; Jeanette Swan, Director of Internal Audit; Jason Bormann, Director of Treasury and Capital Management; Gloria Juarbe, Director of Human Resources; Molly Kievit, Senior Director of Campus Sales; Marilynn Rubio, Senior Manager, Community Engagement and Special Events; Tiffany M. Wright, Business Diversity Program Manager; Doug Bradley, Savor; David Whitaker, Choose Chicago; Rufus Purnell, Resident; Pat Doerr, Hospitality Business Association of Chicago; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group, Inc.; Xavier Retana, WEA/City Bureau; Shabaka Verna, City Bureau; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

General Matters:

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

A1. Roll Call: MPEA Chairman Hart, called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 of the November 19, 2019.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Ochoa, and the remaining members present voted approving item A2.

A3. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

A4. Annual Appointment of MPEA Ethics Enforcer.

Chairman Hart appointed Patricia Brown Holmes as the Ethics Enforcer.

Report from Acting CEO: Ms. Clark reported the bond issue was finalized. Ms. Clark stated the Authority successfully priced over eight hundred million in 2020A bonds and received nearly \$8.7 billion in total orders.

Report from Controller: Ms. Lovelace-Nieves presented the financial results for November 2019.

Report from Director of Treasury and Capital Management: Mr. Bormann presented the tax collections for November 2019.



Report from McCormick Place: Mr. Causton presented Year in Review 2019 providing highlights from each quarter on campus. Mr. Causton reported the highlights for the first quarter were: Chicago Boat Show; Chicago Auto Show; United Soccer Coaches; United Airlines Connections19; Chicago Dental Society Midwinter; Int'l Home+Housewares Show; Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo (C2E2); Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD); DePaul Basketball; and ProFood Tech. Mr. Causton reported the highlights for the second quarter were: National Restaurant Show; Sweets & Snacks Expo; American Society of Clinical Oncology; KeHE Holiday Showcase; PROMAT; Black Women's Expo; American Urological Association; Star Wars Celebration; Salesforce Connections; Millennium B2K Concert; EmPowered Games; R&B Ladies Night Out; Art Institute of Chicago Graduations; City of Chicago Inaugurations; Crowe LLP Bike Building Event; and DePaul Graduations. Mr. Causton reported the highlights for the third quarter were: Advertising Specialty Institute; NIKE Tournament of Champions; The Outdoor Experience; Intl Association of Venue Managers; ComplexCON; Global Business Travel Association; American Psychological Association; Orgill Fall Market; Global Security Exchange; Starbucks Leadership Experience; Water Environment Federation's Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC); American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO); North American Spine; American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA); WNBA Chicago Sky Season; WGCI Summer Jam; American Idol Auditions; After School Matters Gala; and Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Causton reported the highlights for the fourth quarter were: Process Expo; Society for Neuroscience; DePaul Basketball; National Funeral Directors Association; True Value Fall Reunion; International Association of Chiefs of Police; Educause; Fantasia w/Robin Thicke Concert; Weekend of Glory Kickboxing; FABTECH; Rockwell Automation; Radiological Society of North America; Chicago Elite Classic; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF); Union for Reform Judaism (URJ); Midwest Band Clinic; The Muslim American Society - The Islamic Circle of North America Annual Convention (MAS-INCA); and Comedy Laughs Fest. Mr. Causton reported on some new and reoccurring future shows for 2020: Amazon Web Services; NBA All-Star Games; International Manufacturing Technology Show (IMTS) and PACK Expo.

Executive Session: Chairman Hart asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss item C1 and litigation update. Upon motion duly made by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present unanimously voted to convene in Executive Session.

Upon return from Executive Session, item C1 was presented for consideration and discussion.

Review of Covered Actions and Eligible Agreements:

- C1. Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

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

- D1. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (CCTB) d/b/a "Choose Chicago" – Marketing, Sales, and Services.

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

- D2. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (CCTB) d/b/a "Choose Chicago" – License Agreement for use of office space at the Corporate Center.

Moved by Member Birnecker Hart, seconded by Member Ochoa, and the remaining members present voted approving item D2.



- D3. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. MPEA 19-09 – Resolution Establishing Procedures and Guidelines for Public Comment at MPEA Public Meetings.

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

- D4. Consideration of Approval of Labor Agreement – Projectionists Union, Local 110 IATSE.

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

- E2. Appointment of CEO Search Committee.

Chairman Hart proposed a CEO Search Committee that would consist of five members which included the Chairman. The Board voted to appoint Members McGann, Grondin, Ramirez, and Birnecker Hart along with Chairman Hart to the CEO Search Committee.

Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Ochoa, and the remaining members present voted approving item E2.

Adjournment

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

Approved: January 28, 2020



Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary