



**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2020 9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present via Videoconference: 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

Others Present via Videoconference: Larita Clark, Chief Executive Officer; David Winters, Chief Operations Officer; David Causton, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Matthew Simmons, General Counsel; Pat Allen, Director of Labor Relations; Dao Ngo, Director of Procurement; Stephanie Lovelace-Nieves, Controller; Samina Kapadia, Assistant General Counsel; Jason Bormann, Acting Chief Financial Officer; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group, Inc.; John Gair, SDI Presence LLC; James Walsh, Marsh; Joseph Honold, Marsh; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

The public was able to watch the virtual board meeting through Microsoft Teams – Live Event, a live streaming service. A total of twenty-two public members watched anonymously.

General Matters:

- 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 of the May 19, 2020.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- A3. Public Comment.

A video message from Joanna Chambers, a UNITE HERE Local 1 member at Levy Restaurants at Navy Pier, Inc. was played. However, technical issues were experienced when the video was played during the live stream, the audio did not function. Chairman Hart requested that there be some troubleshooting to fix the audio issue and the video was played again at the end of the meeting, but the audio did not function. The video was posted after the meeting on MPEA's website for the public to access.



Report from CEO: Chairman Hart asked Ms. Clark to provide an overview of the MPEA Pension Trustees meeting. Ms. Clark asked Mr. Bormann to provide the overview, Mr. Bormann reported the amendments to plan were pursuant to the CARES Act to provide relief to plan participants that might be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Bormann reported the other change was to implement new loan policy which will increase the amount allowed to be withdrawn from retirement accounts. Ms. Clark wanted to thank the Governor, Mayor and Legislature and their respective staff for supporting and approving MPEA's legislative request. Ms. Clark stated the changes will provide one hundred-million dollars for operating expenditures for fiscal year 2020-21. Ms. Clark reported the funds will come from a combination of bond issues and the MPEA-related funds held by the State. Ms. Clark reported the funds will be used for minimal operating expenses to get the campus through the Covid-19 season. Ms. Clark stated Mr. Georgas had retired from the Chicago Police Department, who had been assigned to MPEA through an intergovernmental agreement as the Chief Security Officer. Ms. Clark thanked Mr. Georgas for the more than three years of service he provided to MPEA and the campus in ensuring it was safe and secure. Ms. Clark reported Mr. Simon who has been with McCormick Place for more than forty-years has been appointed Acting Security Officer of McCormick Place. Ms. Clark stated Mr. Simon will work with all the campus partners regarding all security issues. Ms. Clark reported the reopening plan was being finalized for the campus and will be reviewed by the Board in the upcoming weeks.

Report from Controller: Ms. Lovelace-Nieves presented the financial results for May 2020.

Report from Acting Chief Financial Officer: Mr. Bormann presented the tax collections for May 2020.

Report from McCormick Place: Mr. Causton reported the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 had the cancellation of the International Manufacturing Technology Show scheduled for September. Mr. Causton reported other shows were still planning to hold their shows in the fall. Mr. Causton stated International Facility Management Association, American College of Surgeons, 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, 2020 Chicago National College Fair, CHEST 2020, International Sanitary Supply Association and PACK EXPO and Healthcare Packaging EXPO had not cancelled and were working with the campus on procedures to have their events. Mr. Causton reported the second quarter was holding on to the shows scheduled for January onward.

Executive Session: Chairman Hart asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss item C1, litigation, semi-annual review of confidential executive session minutes, collective negotiating matters and other items as determined. Upon motion duly made by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present unanimously voted to convene in Executive Session.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

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 February 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting .

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Not Present	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D1. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Existing Contract – Construction Manager at Risk for The Tap .

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D2. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Existing Contract - Installation of Neutral Host Distributed Antenna System in Hyatt Regency .

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.



- D3. Consideration of Approval of Insurance Renewal for the MPEA Insurance Program for 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021.

Moved by Member Ochoa, seconded by Member Villar, and the remaining members present voted approving item D3.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Not Present	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D4. Consideration of Approval of Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Abstained
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Not Present	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D5. Consideration of Approval for Review of Executive Session Minutes and Consideration to End Retention of Verbatim Audio Recordings of Executive Session Minutes for the Following Dates: March 27, 2018, April 24, 2018, May 22, 2018, June 19, 2018, July 24, 2018, September 18, 2018, October 30, 2018 and December 11, 2018.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Not Present	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.



D6. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Illinois Emergency Management Agency McCormick Place License Agreement.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Not Present	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

Adjournment

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Brett Hart, Chairman - Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Not Present	Juan A. Ochoa – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

Approved: July 28, 2020

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Jorge Ramirez

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Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary

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