



**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 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; 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, Chief Financial Officer; Irma Guerrero, Project Coordinator; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group, Inc.; John Gair, SDI Presence LLC; 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 nineteen public members watched anonymously.

General Matters:

- A1. Roll Call: MPEA Chairman Hart, called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. (due to technical issues the meeting started late) and Ms. Calderon called roll.
- A2. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Hart called for the approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 25, 2020.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

- A3. Public Comment.

There was no Public Comment.

Report from CEO: Ms. Clark reported efforts continued with event organizers, clients, the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago to work on a recovery plan to make sure the campus was ready to reopen when the time was right. Ms. Clark reported many events are continuing to request opportunities about hosting their meetings on campus, when the timing is right. Ms. Clark reported Mr. Bormann would discuss how the funds from the sale of the Kerry James Marshall painting, which was sold a few years ago, would be spent before the deadline. Ms. Clark reported MPEA issued bonds this month.

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



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

Report from McCormick Place: Mr. Causton reported McCormick Place is continuing to connect with constituents to tell them about what is being done on campus. Mr. Causton reported Ms. Clark was a live presenter at the International Manufacturing Technology Show (IMTS), which had their virtual event a week and half ago. Mr. Causton stated Ms. Clark joined Mr. Eelman from IMTS from downtown Chicago, where they welcomed attendees on behalf of McCormick Place and the City. Mr. Causton reported IMTS was very emphatic that they are looking forward to coming back in 2022 for a face-to-face meeting at McCormick Place. Mr. Causton reported he participated along with Choose Chicago in a hospitality and tourism summit that consisted of vendors, organizers and special event planners. Mr. Causton stated these individuals benefit from the City wide events at McCormick Place, but do not necessarily have direct input on what McCormick Place is doing every day. Mr. Causton stated it was important for them to hear what McCormick Place is doing to get ready for the campus reopening. Mr. Causton stated another constituency that frequently works at McCormick Place are exhibitor appointed contractors that build exhibit booths and work with organized labor each day. Mr. Causton stated he participated in a webinar with Las Vegas and Orlando to talk about where each destination finds itself and when they envision getting back to event operations. Mr. Causton reported McCormick Place did another video for the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), which GBAC posted on their website to announce McCormick Place was part of their program. Mr. Causton reported MPEA, McCormick Place and Choose Chicago came together to create a broader virtual tour of the campus. Mr. Causton stated the point was raised about making sure to incorporate in the virtual tour what is being done on campus regarding the HVAC systems, air exchange and MERV filters. Mr. Causton stated the team decided that because so much has been done behind the scenes by the operations department led by Mr. Allen, the team decided to make their own in-house video explaining the work that has been completed. Mr. Causton stated ultimately the video will be a piece used to present to customers on the safety measures taken on campus. Mr. Causton stated part of the video demonstrates the operations in the West Building regarding cleaning, upgrades to filters, and some of the renovations completed during this time due to the campus not having event activities. Mr. Causton stated the video also mentions McCormick Place's GBAC certification and the planning behind the scenes for the reopening of the campus. Mr. Causton stated the video is in final postproduction, which staff put together along with providing the presentations in the video. Mr. Causton stated once the video was completed it would be shared with the Board and then with customers. Mr. Causton reported flu shots were made available to employees on campus and sixty-seven individuals availed themselves to that service. Member McGann asked Mr. Causton, what McCormick Place's competitors were doing around the country in response to the pandemic? Mr. Causton stated they were all doing the same kind of things, for example, they were all GBAC certified. Mr. Causton stated Las Vegas had the same restrictions as Chicago with a limit of group gatherings of fifty people and Orlando was able to hold larger events but their major events had cancelled for 2020 due to travel restrictions. Mr. Causton stated Las Vegas' biggest event CES cancelled their January 2021 show.

Review of Covered Actions and Eligible Agreements:

- C1. Consideration of Approval of Contract Amendment for Marketing, Sales and Services.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item C1.

Roll call vote. Record as:

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



The motion passed.

C2. Consideration of Approval of Contract Amendment for Strategic Communications Consultant.

Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item C2.

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

C3. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to License Agreement with HIRE360.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, Member Villar abstained, and the remaining members present voted approving item C3.

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

C4. Consideration of Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement: Operating Engineers Local No. 399.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Ramirez, and the remaining members present voted approving item C4.

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

C5. Consideration of Approval of Two (2) Year Contract Extension for HVAC Repair and Maintenance Services – Categories 1-11.



Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart and the remaining members present voted approving item D5.

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

Adjournment


Chairman Hart moved to adjourn the meeting moved by Member Kiley, 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	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Roger J. Kiley – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Terrance B. McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

Approved: October 27, 2020

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 Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary