



**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Rescheduled Board Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present via Videoconference: Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman; Don Villar, Vice Chairman; Jorge Ramirez*, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart**; Nina Grondin**; Roger J. Kiley, Jr.; Terrance B. McGann; Sherman Wright

*Arrived at 9:25 a.m. / **Teleconference

Others Present via Videoconference: Larita Clark, Chief Executive Officer; David Winters, Chief Operating Officer; Matthew Simmons, General Counsel; Jason Bormann, Chief Financial Officer; Molly Kievit, Senior Director of Campus Sales; Dao Ngo, Deputy General Counsel; Hilary Barker Director of Procurement; David Causton, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Irma Guerrero, Project Coordinator; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

General Matters: Chairman Bethke asked for a motion to permit Members Birnecker Hart and Grondin to participate via teleconference. Upon motion duly made by Member Kiley and seconded by Member McGann, the remaining members present unanimously voted passing the motion.

- A1. Roll Call: MPEA Chairman Bethke, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Ms. Calderon called roll.
- A2. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Bethke called for the approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the June 29, 2021.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- A3. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

Report from CEO: Ms. Clark reported that approximately one thousand employees out of the approximately two thousand nine hundred campus employees were back on campus and that number would continue to increase in the coming weeks. Ms. Clark stated the Chicago Sky hosted the first unrestricted game of the season at Wintrust Arena. Ms. Clark reported Dave Sloan from the Chicago Auto Show reported that 100,000 guests attended the five-day event and the show plans on returning to a full scale event in February 2022. Ms. Clark stated she attended the event all five days and Governor Pritzker, Mayor Lightfoot and other dignitaries also attended the event. Ms. Clark reported customers have been reassured that the campus will continue to follow the recommendations from the health officials considering the rise in COVID-19 infections. Ms. Clark reported that Governor Pritzker and Mayor Lightfoot have informed her that they are not planning on shutting down the campus.



Report from Chief Financial Officer: Mr. Bormann presented the Preliminary June 2021 financial results and the tax collections for June 2021.

Report from McCormick Place General Manager: Mr. Causton presented a slide show that showcased the events that took place on campus in the month of July. Mr. Causton reported that the Nike Tournament of Champions, which is a basketball tournament of young women, had approximately 24,000 attendees making it the second highest attendance for the tournament. The Nike Tournament of Champions had its highest attendance in 2019 with 28,000 attendees and has been coming to campus since 2013. Mr. Causton reported that the Nike Tournament of Champions has extended its McCormick Place contracts out until 2024/2025. Mr. Causton reported that the Advertising Specialty Institute® (ASI) held its trade show in the North Building this past month with 3,500 industry professionals and 290 exhibitors including 40 new exhibitors. Mr. Causton reported that the Midwest has a \$4 billion advertising industry and Illinois has a \$591 million industry. Mr. Causton reported that the Chicago Auto Show had an exceptional amount of promotional and media coverage. Mr. Causton stated that the Chicago Auto Show exclusively sold tickets online. Mr. Causton stated 12% (12,000) of the attendees of the Chicago Auto Show participated in test drives. Mr. Causton reported that the Chicago Auto Show reached 102 million people on social media. Mr. Causton reported that Mr. Sloan participated in an event with customers that have upcoming events on campus to speak about his show's experience and discuss ways to get guests to the campus despite the pandemic. Mr. Causton stated the following shows will host their events on campus: The Black Women's Expo Chicago; RetailX; Oddities and Curiosities Expo; NAA Apartmentalize; Rapid + TCT; and Fabtech. Mr. Causton stated that the comeback of national shows is looking good but international shows will take time to come back.

Executive Session: Chairman Bethke asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss item C1 and personnel matters. Upon motion duly made by Member McGann, seconded by Member Kiley, and the remaining members present unanimously voted to convene in Executive Session.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

Upon return from Executive Session, item E1 was presented for consideration and discussion.

Review of Covered Actions and Eligible Agreements:

D1. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Existing Contract for IT Services, MPEA Corporate.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.



D2. Consideration of Approval of First Amendment to Rush Physical Therapy Suite License Agreement.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item D2.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

D3. Consideration of Approval of Contract Amendment for Food Service Consultant.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

E1. Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the June 29, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item E1.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.



Adjournment

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

Approved: August 31, 2021



Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary