



**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Larita Clark, Chief Executive Officer; David Winters, Chief Operating Officer; Matthew Simmons, General Counsel; Jason Bormann, Chief Financial Officer; Pat Allen, Senior Director of Labor Relations and Campus Operations; Molly Kievit, Senior Director of Campus Sales; Stephanie Lovelace-Nieves, Controller; Dao Ngo, Deputy General Counsel; Hilary Barker Director of Procurement; Nicol Chervenak, Director of Planning and Program Management; David Causton, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Irma Guerrero, Project Coordinator; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group; James Meyer, Choose Chicago; Scott Levine, Encore; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

General Matters: Chairman Bethke asked for a motion to permit Member Birnecker Hart to participate via teleconference. Upon motion duly made by Member Ramirez 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 Rescheduled Board Meeting of the August 3, 2021.

Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Villar, 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
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado, Jr. – 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 the board meeting for the month of August was being hosted in the Tap, a space managed by Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. Ms. Clark reported she wanted to showcase the Tap and everything the space has to offer clients. Ms. Clark reported the new Intergovernmental liaison for MPEA, Mr. Aderman, started this week. Ms. Clark reported Mr. Aderman brings experience in state government and will assist MPEA with lobbying efforts in Springfield.

Report from Controller: Ms. Lovelace-Nieves presented the financial results for July 2021.



Report from Chief Financial Officer: Mr. Bormann presented the tax collections for July 2021.

Report from McCormick Place General Manager: Mr. Causton reported the following shows hosted their events during August: The Black Women's Expo Chicago; RetailX; and Oddities and Curiosities Expo. Mr. Causton reported NAA Apartmentalize will host events at the McCormick Place campus and the Wintrust Arena. Mr. Causton stated NAA Apartmentalize is expected to have approximately 6,000 attendees and Mayor Lightfoot will be visiting the show. Mr. Causton reported the Chicago Sky hosted three games at Wintrust Arena in August. Mr. Causton reported for the month of September Fabtech will open their show on September 13th with approximately 20,000 attendees and will host their show in three buildings using approximately half-a-million net square feet. Mr. Causton reported the National Black MBA Association will host their show in the West Building with approximately 8,000 attendees and will have host speakers from across the country, among them Wendell Pierce and Bakari Sellers. Mr. Causton reported the Morning Star conference will be hosted in the East Building with approximately 2,700 attendees. Mr. Causton reported the Chicago Sky will host four games at Wintrust Arena in September. Mr. Causton reported that one of the issues trending with scientific and medical shows is asking for only vaccinated employees to work their shows. Mr. Causton reported management staff is working closely with partners and with the labor unions to address the concerns of shows requesting vaccinated employees. Ms. Clark reported the campus is following all health guidelines and is working with the State and City to look for a possibility to host vaccinations and Covid-19 testing during the shows. Ms. Clark and Mr. Causton reported the majority of MPEA employees and ASM Global/McCormick Place employees are vaccinated. Mr. Causton reported ASM Global/McCormick Place is working with Walgreens to provide Pfizer vaccines for employees who may need their first vaccine during the annual immunization program. Mr. Causton reported ASM Global/McCormick Place is working with Walgreens to provide a third Moderna vaccine in November.

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	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado, Jr. – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – 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 New Contracts for Electrical Supplies.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member Morado, and the remaining members present voted approving item D1.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Roger Kiley, Jr. – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado, Jr. – Yes



Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

D2. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Elevator and Escalator Maintenance Services.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

E1. Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the August 3, 2021 Rescheduled Board Meeting.

Moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Kiley, and the remaining members present voted approving item E1.

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

E2. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. MPEA 21-04 Executive Bonus Compensation.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

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



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The motion passed.

E3. New Business.

There was no new business introduced.

Adjournment

Chairman Bethke moved to adjourn the meeting moved by Member Grondin, seconded by Member McGann, 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	Juan Morado, Jr. – Yes

The motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary

Approved: September 28, 2021