



MPEA Corporate Center
301 East Cermak Road
5th Floor Corporate Boardroom
Chicago, IL 60616

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 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.

*Teleconference

Others Present: Larita Clark, Chief Executive Officer; Matthew Simmons, General Counsel; Pat Allen, Senior Director of Labor Relations and Campus Operations; Stephanie Lovelace-Nieves, Controller; Dao Ngo, Deputy General Counsel; Gloria Juarbe, Director of Human Resources; Hilary Barker, Director of Procurement; Tiffany Wright, Business Diversity Program Manager; Molly Kievit, Senior Director of Campus Sales; Irma Guerrero, Project Coordinator; David Causton, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Brad Goodman, Hawthorne Strategy Group; Kathleen Candela, Deloitte; Hilda Renteria, Prado & Renteria CPAs; Rufus Purnell, Public; Doug Bradley, Savor/McCormick Place; Ed De La Garza, Savor/McCormick Place; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

General Matters: Chairman Bethke asked for a motion to permit Member Grondin to participate via teleconference. Upon motion duly made by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Kiley, 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 October 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

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	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.

- A3. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

Report from CEO: Ms. Clark informed the Board of CFO Bormann's absence due to a personal matter. Ms. Clark thanked Ms. Rubio for her time at MPEA, especially for assisting her during her time as CEO. Ms. Clark wished Ms. Rubio the best in the next chapter of her career at the Poetry Foundation. Ms. Clark reported the City of Chicago received five proposals for the Chicago Casino and MPEA property is included in some of the proposals. Ms. Clark reported there are two MPEA-owned sites included in the proposals; one at Lakeside Center and the other at the Truck Marshalling Yards. Ms. Clark reported MPEA will wait until the City's process advances before taking any actions or making any statements. Ms. Clark reported MPEA was not involved in the development of the RFP and did not work



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with the proposers as they developed their proposals. Ms. Clark reported MPEA and ASM/McCormick Place, in accordance with normal practice, allowed casino proposers to tour the facilities.

Report from Controller: Ms. Lovelace-Nieves presented the financial results and tax collections for October 2021.

Report from McCormick Place General Manager: Mr. Causton provided a fall update presentation. Mr. Causton reported McCormick Place has been reaccredited by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) for August 2021 to July 2022 and will receive additional training. Mr. Causton reported Apartmentalize (August 31-September 2) was the first fall event in the West Building. Mr. Causton reported Fabtech (September 13-16) was the first big tradeshow for the fall with 18,000 – 20,000 attendees in the North and South Buildings. Mr. Causton reported the National Black MBA Association (September 16-17) hosted their meeting in the West Building and CEO Clark, Choose Chicago and ASM/McCormick Place visited the meeting. Mr. Causton reported the Experiential Marketing Summit (October 5-7) was an important show for marketing the Collection business and advocating for face-to-face meetings. Mr. Causton reported that he and Leslie Harris from Jack Morton Worldwide conducted a session called the State of The Union: Safety and Hygiene at Events during the summit. Mr. Causton reported the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) (October 5-8) hosted their meeting in the North and South Buildings and Weftec (October 16-18) in the North and South Buildings and will continue to host their meeting on campus through 2030. Mr. Causton reported the Chicago Sky had back to back sold out games for the WNBA Finals and congratulated the Chicago Sky on their championship. Mr. Causton stated the Chicago Sky games brought greater awareness to the Wintrust Arena. Mr. Causton reported the American Society for Radiation and Oncology (ASTRO) hosted their meeting on October 24-27 and there is an uptick in these types of meetings. Mr. Causton reported Digital Summit (October 26-28) and CBD Expo (October 28-30) hosted their meetings in Lakeside Center. Mr. Causton reported Process Expo (November 2-5) is a yearly meeting. Mr. Causton reported Process Expo makes a commitment every year to the Greater Chicago Food Depository to donate food and since 2013 they have donated enough food to feed 1.6 million people in the Chicago marketplace. Mr. Causton reported Wintrust Arena will host all of DePaul's men and women's basketball games. Mr. Causton reported Wintrust Arena will host AEW presents: Dynamite/Rampage with a configuration posed to be a sellout. Mr. Causton reported two events will be hosted at the Arie Crown Theatre, Ruben Blades Salswing Tour and the Chicago Comedy Countdown with three shows expected to be sold out. Mr. Causton reported the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) (November 28 – December 2) is excited to be back on campus with five-hundred exhibitors with one-hundred new exhibitors. Mr. Causton reported RSNA usually had 39% international attendees and this year international attendees are tracking at 31% which reflects the commitment of people outside the United States to this meeting. Mr. Causton reported the following shows will host their events on campus: American Epilepsy Society (December 3-7); Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo (C2E2) (December 10-12); the Midwest Clinic an International Band and Orchestra Conference (December 15-18); and the Muslim American Society (MAS)-Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Convention (December 26-28).

Executive Session: Chairman Bethke asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss item C1, real estate and review of confidential executive session minutes. Upon motion duly made by Member Villar, seconded by Member McGann, 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	Juan Morado, Jr. – 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 Contract Amendment and Extension for Marketing, Sales and Services.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, 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	Juan Morado, Jr. – Yes

The motion passed.

- D2. Consideration of Approval of Contract Extension for License Agreement for Use of Office Space at the Corporate Center.

Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, 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	Juan Morado, Jr. – Yes

The motion passed.

- D3. Consideration of Approval of Contract Renewal for Annual Financial Plan Revenue Review.

Moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Villar, 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	Juan Morado, Jr. – Yes

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- D4. Report from Deloitte and Prado and Renteria.



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- D5. Consideration of Acceptance of the MPEA Audited Basic Financial Statements as of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member Morado, and the remaining members present voted approving item D5.

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.

- D6. Consideration of Acceptance of the MPEA Audited Retirement Plan and Trust Financial Statements June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Ramirez, and the remaining members present voted approving item D6.

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.

- D7. Consideration of Review of Confidential Executive Session Minutes.

Moved by Member Birnecker Hart, seconded by Member Villar, and the remaining members present voted approving item D7.

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.

- D8. Consideration to End Retention of Verbatim Audio Recordings of Executive Session Minutes for January 28, 2020 and February 18, 2020.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item D8.



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Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Juan Morado, Jr. – Yes

The motion passed.

- D9. Consideration of Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement: Teamsters Local 727 Traffic Aides.

Item D9 was deferred for the next board meeting.

- D10. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. MPEA 21-06 – Authorizing Receipt of Funding under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Villar, and the remaining members present voted approving item D10.

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.

- D11. Consideration of Approval of Reference Contract for Automotive Parts and Accessories.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member Villar, and the remaining members present voted approving item D11.

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.

- D12. Consideration of Approval of New Reference Contract for Power Rodding and Sewer Cleaning Services.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member McGann, and the remaining members present voted approving item D12.



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.

- D13. Consideration of Approval of Reference Contract – Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies and Equipment.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Villar, and the remaining members present voted approving item D13.

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.

- E1. Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Ramirez, 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	Juan Morado, Jr. – Yes

The motion passed.

- E2. New Business.

There was no new business introduced.



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Adjournment


Chairman Bethke moved to adjourn the meeting moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, 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.

Approved: January 31, 2022

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 Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary