



**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2022 9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman; Don Villar, Vice Chairman; Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Sonat Birmecker Hart**; Nina Grondin*; Roger J. Kiley, Jr.; Juan Morado, Jr.

*Teleconference / **Arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Others Present: Larita Clark, Chief Executive Officer; Matthew Simmons, General Counsel; Jason Bormann, Chief Financial Officer; Pat Allen, Senior Director of Labor Relations and Campus Operations; Stephanie Lovelace-Nieves, Controller; Dao Ngo, Deputy General Counsel; Molly Kievit, Senior Director of Campus Sales; Hilary Barker, Director of Procurement; Jill Kolinski, Assistant General Counsel; Tiffany Wright, Business Diversity Program Manager; Kelsey Rubin, Director of Collection Sales; David Causton, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group; Scott Goodman, GRIT/Farpoint; Doug Bradley, Savor/McCormick Place; Ed De La Harza, Savor/McCormick Place; G. Earsery, Savor/McCormick Place; Marissa Levendis, Unite Here Local 1; Kevin Leezh, Unite Here Local 1; Karen Kent, Unite Here Local 1; Rufus Pumell, Resident; Meaghan Bupp, Levy; Jim Meyer, Choose Chicago; Pat Doerr, HBAC; Illegible Signature; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

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

- A1. Roll Call: MPEA Chairman Bethke, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and Ms. Calderon called roll.
- A2. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Bethke called for the approval of the minutes of the February 15, 2022.

Moved by Member Ramirez, 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 – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes

The motion passed.

- A3. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

Report from CEO: Ms. Clark stated the campus had an exciting start to recovery with events at McCormick Place and Wintrust Arena. Ms. Clark reported the McDonald's All-American Games were hosted at Wintrust Arena and were back in Chicago after five years. DePaul's men and women basketball games were also hosted in February. Ms. Clark reported the 70s Love Jam was hosted at Arie Crown Theater and the Chicago Auto Show First Look for Charity raised \$1.5 million for charities throughout Chicago. Ms. Clark reported the Chicago Dental Society; the Inspired Home Show;



and the Annual Meeting of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) hosted their shows on campus. Ms. Clark reported McCormick Place hosted the Chicago Public School students for a 3-day career fair with more than 50 local employers, trade unions and workforce agencies where the students could learn about working in a trade. Ms. Clark reported the following shows will host their events on campus: the Oddities & Curiosities Expo; the Association for Advancing Physician and Provider Recruitment (AAPPR); Star Trek: Mission Chicago; American College of Physicians Internal Medicine; and Adidas Windy City National Qualifier. Ms. Clark reported MPEA had their appropriations hearing and had no legislative request.

Report from Controller: Ms. Lovelace-Nieves presented the financial results for February 2022.

Report from Chief Financial Officer: Mr. Bormann presented the tax collections for February 2022.

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 Kiley, seconded by Member Villar, 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	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Bimecker Hart – 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 Operating Budget for FY 2023, 2024, 2025.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Bimecker 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	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Bimecker Hart – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D2. Consideration of Approval of Contract Amendment and Extension for Marketing Sales and Services.

Moved by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Villar, 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	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D3. Consideration of Approval of Labor Agreement – Make-Up Artists and Hairstylists of Local 476 I.A.T.S.E. and Arie Crown Theater.

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	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D4. Consideration of Approval of Second Amendment to Rush Physical Therapy Suite License Agreement.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

- D5. Consideration of Approval of License between the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) and the City of Chicago on behalf of Chicago Police Department (CPD).

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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



The motion passed.

D6. Consideration of New Contract for Teletrol Building Automation System Maintenance Services.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

E1. Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

E2. New Business.

Marketing and budget update regarding Choose Chicago's contract with MPEA.

Adjournment

Chairman Bethke moved to adjourn the meeting moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member Villar, 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	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Bimecker Hart – Yes	

The motion passed.



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Approved: April 26, 2022

Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary

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