



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

**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2022 9:00 A.M.**

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

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; Hilary Barker, Director of Procurement; Jill Kolinski, Assistant General Counsel; Jeanette Swan, Director of Internal Audit; David Causton, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group; Doug Bradley, Savor/McCormick Place; Marissa Levendis, Unite Here Local 1; Kevin Loezh, Unite Here Local 1; Joseph Honold, Marsh; Jim Walsh, Marsh; Graby Eaksery; Danny Ecker, Crain's Chicago Business; Rufus Purnell, Resident; Pat Doerr, HBAC; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

*Teleconference

General Matters:

- 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 April 26, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

- A3. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

Report from CEO: Ms. Clark reported the National Restaurant Association Show had over 50,000 attendees and Mayor Lightfoot and Ms. Clark walked the show floor on Saturday. Ms. Clark reported the Sweets & Snacks Expo had started, and the campus is excited to have events up and running. Ms. Clark reported Chicago is bidding to host the 2024 Democratic National Convention and McCormick Place is an option to host events. Ms. Clark reported MPEA is working with Choose Chicago and Ms. McCafferty is coordinating all the responses regarding McCormick Place for the bid documents.



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

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

Report from McCormick Place General Manager: Mr. Causton reported two events just occurred on campus: the NBA Draft Lottery which was televised on ESPN and hosted in the West Building and the NBA Draft Combine which was partially televised on ESPN and hosted in the Wintrust Arena. Mr. Causton reported the campus will host 31 events in the next 28 days: Wintrust Arena will host 7 events which include graduations and basketball games; Arie Crown will host 11 events; and McCormick Place will host 13 events. Mr. Causton reported the Chicago Sky will host a pregame celebration, featuring a ring ceremony and banner unveiling, to commemorate the team's 2021 WNBA Championship tonight. Mr. Causton reported The National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show will be finishing their show today after two years of not hosting an in-person event. Mr. Causton reported the NRA Show had over 50,000 attendees with virtually no one from China but had more international attendees this year than 2019. Mr. Causton reported the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) will host their meeting during the first week in June with over 30,000 attendees.

Executive Session: Chairman Bethke asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss item C1, review of confidential executive session minutes, litigation, and employee matters. Upon motion duly made by Member Kiley, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present unanimously voted to convene in Executive Session.

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

The motion passed.

Review of Covered Actions and Eligible Agreements:

- D1. Review and Update of the MPEA Insurance Program for the 07/01/2022-06/30/2023 Plan Year.
- D2. Consideration of Review of Confidential Executive Session Minutes.

Moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present voted approving item D2.

Roll call vote. Record as:

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

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- D3. Consideration to End Retention of Verbatim Audio Recordings of Executive Session Minutes for June 23, 2020, August 25, 2020 and November 17, 2020.

Moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item D3.

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

- D4. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. MPEA 22-02 Adopting the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws and Regulations of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

- D5. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Agreement for Management Agreement for McCormick Place Complex.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

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- D6. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Agreement for Foodservice Management at McCormick Place.



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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

D7. Consideration of Approval of Joint Procurement for Purchase of Uniforms.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

D8. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Existing Contract for Design-Build Services – McCormick Place Event Center.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

D9. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Existing Contract for Design-Build Services – McCormick Place Headquarters Hotel.

Moved by Member McGann, seconded by Member Grondin, and the remaining members present voted approving item D9.

Roll call vote. Records as:



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

The motion passed.

- E1. Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the March 29, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

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

The motion passed.

- E2. New Business.

There was no new business introduced.

Adjournment

Chairman Bethke moved to adjourn the meeting moved by Member Villar, 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	Roger Kiley – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

Time meeting adjourned: 10:57 a.m.

Approved: June 28, 2022

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Serge Ramirez
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Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary