



**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2023 9:00 A.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman; Don Villar, Vice Chairman; Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart; Nina Grondin\*; Michelle Mills Clement; Sherman Wright

\*Teleconference

**Others Present:** Larita Clark, Chief Executive Officer; Matthew Simmons\*, General Counsel; Pat Allen, Senior Director of Labor Relations and Campus Operations; Hilary Barker, Director of Procurement; Gloria Juarbe, Director of Human Resources; Molly Kievit, Senior Director of Campus Sales; Pi Tao Hsu, Director of Treasury and Capital Management; Tiffany Wright, Business Diversity Program Manager; Dao Ngo, Deputy General Counsel; Stephanie Lovelace Nieves, Controller; Kelsey Rubin, Director of Collection Sales; Jill Kolinski, Assistant General Counsel; Kelvin Moore, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group; Jesus Jimenez, Marquette Associates; Kay Anagnos, Anagnos Door Co.; Brian Domer, Anagnos Door Co.; Lou Romagnano, SP Plus Group; David Jacobs, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place; Pat Doerr, HBAC; Rufus Purnell, Contractor; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

\*Teleconference

**General Matters:**

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

- A1. Roll Call: MPEA Chairman Bethke, called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. and Ms. Calderon called roll.
- A2. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Bethke called for the approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

Moved by Member Mills Clement, 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	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

- A3. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.



**Report from CEO:** Ms. Clark welcomed Mr. Kelvin Moore, as the new McCormick Place General Manager. Ms. Clark reported that she and Ms. Kievit attended PCMA Convening Leaders at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Clark reported PCMA is an organization that brings together leaders from across the world, but typically owners do not attend. Ms. Clark reported she had the opportunity to meet with customers at PCMA. Ms. Clark stated that she, along with Hawthorne Strategy Group and Ms. Kievit, are working on the Annual Report which will be issued next month.

**Report from Controller:** Ms. Lovelace-Nieves presented the financial results and tax collections for December 2022.

**Report from McCormick Place General Manager:** Mr. Moore stated he was happy to be back in the City of Chicago, he had previously worked at Navy Pier, Inc. for five years. Mr. Moore reported the events that took place on campus in the month of December: the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) had 33,000 attendees, up from 2021 and strong exhibitor numbers for their next show; the American Geophysical Union (AGU) had 67,000 attendees in the South, North and Lakeside buildings, it was the show's first time in Chicago and staff is working on bringing them back in 2029; The Midwest Clinic was at McCormick Place for the twelfth straight year with 16,000 attendees and representatives from all fifty states and forty countries; and The Muslim American Society (MAS) and Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) held their event for the eighth straight year at McCormick Place with 30,000 attendees. Mr. Moore reported the events that took place on campus in the month of January: the Discover Boating Chicago Boat Show had 29,000 attendees after a two-year absence and expects to be back to pre-pandemic numbers in 2024; the Boys Winter Volleyball had 15,000 attendees from the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada; and the Chicago Auto Show is currently moving into campus. Mr. Moore reported the Chicago Auto Show is optimistically expecting to get back to pre-pandemic attendance numbers and will run from February 11th to the 20<sup>th</sup> after the First Look for Charity event on February 10th. Mr. Moore stated the following shows will host their events on campus in February: Chicago Dental Society-Annual Midwinter Meeting (29,000 attendees expected); Signature EquipoVision Winter Convention, which is a Collection event at Hyatt Regency McCormick Place; and the Nation of Islam Saviours' Day. Mr. Moore reported Wintrust Arena hosted DePaul University basketball games, a K-Pop concert, an R&B concert, a comedy show, and The Harlem Globetrotters. Mr. Moore reported Arie Crown hosted the New Year's Eve Comedy Jam and will host New Jack City Live, Royal Comedy and MercyMe: Always Only Jesus Tour.

#### Review of Covered Actions and Eligible Agreements:

- C1. Consideration of Approval of Contract Extension for Parking Management for McCormick Square.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item C1.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

- C2. Consideration of Approval of Contract Extension for 457 and 401 (a) Plan Administrator.

Moved by Member Mills Clement, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present voted approving item C2.



Roll call vote. Records as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Got Disconnected
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

C3. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for 457 and 401 (a) Plan Administrator.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present voted approving item C3.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Got Disconnected
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

C4. Consideration of Approval of Contract Amendment and Extension for Marketing, Sales & Services.

Moved by Member Mills Clement, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item C4.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

C5. Consideration of Approval of Fifth Amendment to Navy Pier Master Lease Agreement.

Moved by Member Wright, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present voted approving item C5.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.



C6. Consideration of Approval of New Contracts for HVAC Repair and Maintenance Services – Categories 1-12.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item C6.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

C7. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Overhead Door & Emergency Services.

Moved by Member Wright, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present voted approving item C7.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

C8. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Contract for ONICON Flow Meters.

Moved by Member Birnecker Hart, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item C8.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

C9. Consideration of Approval of Increase Contract NTX for Roofing Repair and Emergency Services.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present voted approving item C9.

Roll call vote. Record as:



Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

- C10. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Agreement for Foodservice Management at McCormick Place Complex.

Moved by Member Birnecker Hart, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item C10.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

- D1. Report from Choose Chicago Senior Vice President of Sales & Services.

Report was deferred.

- D2. New Business.

There was no new business.

- D3. Adjournment.

Chairman Bethke moved to adjourn the meeting moved by Member Villar, 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	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

Time meeting adjourned: 10:24 a.m.

Approved: February 28, 2023

  
Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary