



**Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2022 9:00 A.M.**

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

*Teleconference

Others Present: Larita Clark, Chief Executive Officer; Matthew Simmons, General Counsel; Pat Allen, Senior Director of Labor Relations and Campus Operations; Jason Bormann, Chief Financial Officer; Stephanie Lovelace-Nieves, Controller; Dao Ngo, Deputy General Counsel; Hilary Barker, Director of Procurement; Jill Kolinski, Assistant General Counsel; Gloria Juarbe, Director of Human Resources; Molly Kievit, Senior Director of Campus Sales; Kelsey Rubin, Director of Collection Sales; Nicol Chervenak, Director of Planning and Program Manager; David Causton, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group; Brian King, Cabrera Capital Markets; Lewis Greenbaum, Katten; Rufus Purnell, Resident; Jill Jaworski, PFM Financial Advisors; Nathan Mason, City of Chicago/DCASE; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

General Matters: The meeting started at 9:20 a.m. with only Section B – CEO and Staff Reports. There was no quorum at that time and therefore there was no roll call at that moment.

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

- A1. Roll Call: MPEA Chairman Bethke, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. and Ms. Calderon called roll.
- A2. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Bethke called for the approval of the minutes of the September 27, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

Moved by Member Birnecker Hart, seconded by Member Morado, 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	Terrance McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – 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 reported it was a wonderful month and Mr. Causton would provide the detailed information during his report. Ms. Clark reported the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events for the City of Chicago would be presenting a report focusing on the art around the Campus on Cermak Road.

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

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

Report from McCormick Place General Manager: Mr. Causton reported Pack Expo was in their third day of the biannual show. Mr. Causton reported Pack Expo had 62,000 attendees and it was the first time the show was in-person in Chicago since the pandemic. Mr. Causton reported CoreNet Global, a corporate business, will host their event in the West Building with 2,000 attendees and the American Heart Association will host their event in the North and South Buildings with 15,000 attendees. Mr. Causton reported Wintrust Arena will host DePaul University men and women basketball games beginning on November 7th. Mr. Causton reported DePaul University revamped the floors and have a new logo for their basketball games at Wintrust Arena. Mr. Causton reported Wintrust Arena will host The 85 South Show Live Comedy Tour on November 12th.

Report from Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE): Ms. Chervenak provided background information for the Cermak Road Corridor Art Project. Ms. Chervenak reported the project started in 2017 with the main purpose of celebrating the different neighborhoods that encompass the Cermak Road Corridor: Bronzeville; Chinatown; McCormick Square; Motor Row; and Prairie Avenue. Ms. Chervenak reported MPEA was part of the selection committee for the artists in 2019. Ms. Chervenak introduced Mr. Mason, a curator of exhibits and public art for the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events for the City of Chicago. Mr. Mason reported the Cermak Road Corridor Art Project includes Cermak Road from State Street to Calumet Avenue. Mr. Mason reported three artists were working on the Floating Collective: Memory Palace. Mr. Mason reported Crown Column would be located at E Cermak and S State with historic maps of Bronzeville’s Stroll, Motor Row and Recording studio locations. Mr. Mason reported there will be an installation along the sidewalk from Wentworth to Calumet with ten to twenty placards with curated excerpts from Timuel Black’s Bridges of Memory. Mr. Mason reported Prairie Spolia Obelus would be located at E Cermak and S Calumet with references to Chicago’s historic architecture. Mr. Mason reported the bas-relief of Prairie Obelus is sourced from photographs of lost or deteriorating buildings, especially Richard Nickel’s archive.

- C1. Consideration of Approval of Ordinance No. MPEA 22-01 – Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority’s McCormick Place Expansion Project Refunding Bonds of 2022.

Moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Villar, 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	Terrance McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.



- C2. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. MPEA 22-06 – Establishing Procedures and Appointing Members to the Audit Committee of the Board of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

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

Roll call vote. Records as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Nina Grondin – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Terrance McGann – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Left meeting at 10:23 a.m.	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

- C3. Consideration of Approval of Contract Extension for Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO).

Item C3 deferred to the next board meeting.

- C4. Consideration of Approval of New Contracts for HVAC Parts and Supplies – Categories 4, 5, and 6.

Item C4 deferred to the next board meeting.

- C5. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Glass Supply and Repair.

Item C5 deferred to the next board meeting.

- C6. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Agreement – Management Agreement for McCormick Place Complex.

Item C6 deferred to the next board meeting.

- D1. New Business.

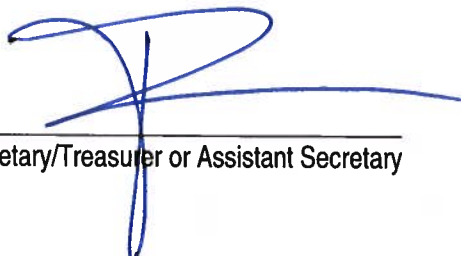
Item D1 deferred to the next board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned due to loss of quorum.

Time meeting adjourned: 10:25 a.m.

Approved: December 1, 2022



Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary