



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

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023 9:01 A.M.

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

*Teleconference/**Arrived at 9:12 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; Hilary Barker, Director of Procurement; Gloria Juarbe, Director of Human Resources; Pi Tao Hsu, Director of Treasury and Capital Management; Tiffany Wright, Business Diversity Program Manager; Stephanie Lovelace Nieves, Controller; Jill Kolinski, Assistant General Counsel; Jeanette Swan, Director of Internal Audit; Vickee Danz, Capital Finance Manager; Molly Kievit, Senior Director of Campus Sales; Kelsey Rubin, Director of Collection Sales; Kelvin Moore, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Mary Hough, ASM Global/McCormick Place; Cynthia McCafferty, Hawthorne Strategy Group; Lynn Osmond, Choose Chicago; Dustin Arnheim, Choose Chicago; Pat Doerr, HBAC; Karen Kent, Unite Here, Local 1; Kevin Lorea, Unite Here, Local 1; Shannon Trujillo, OVG; Chris Granger, OVG; Peter Zingoni, OVG; Shaun Beard, Savor; Joseph Honold, Marsh; Michael King, Savor; Rufus Purnell, Resident; Maria Calderon, Compliance Officer and Board Administrator

General Matters:

Chairman Bethke asked for a motion to permit Members Grondin and Mills Clement 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 9:01 a.m. and Ms. Calderon called roll.
- A2. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Bethke called for the approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, 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	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes

The motion passed.

- A3. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.



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Report from CEO: Ms. Clark reported the events that took place on campus: Digestive Disease Week with 14,000 attendees; National Restaurant Association with over 54,000 attendees in the North, South and Lakeside Buildings; Sweets & Snacks Expos hosted their last show on campus after twenty years and had over 18,000 attendees but the campus will continue to work on winning the business back; and American Society of Clinical Oncology had record attendance with 44,000 attendees. Ms. Clark reported the following shows will host their events on campus: Retail Innovation with an estimated 5,000 attendees; USA Volleyball Girls 14-17s National Championship with an estimated 50,000 attendees; and Nike Tournament of Champions with an estimated 35,000 attendees.

Report from Controller: Ms. Lovelace-Nieves presented the financial results for April 2023.

Report from Chief Financial Officer: Mr. Bormann presented the tax collections for April 2023.

Report from Senior Director of Campus Sales: Ms. Kievit reported a sizzle reel was created to support sellers on campus to showcase the campus and the City experience. Ms. Kievit presented the sizzle reel which Big Shoulders helped create along with Choose Chicago. Ms. Kievit reported the sizzle reel will be used across campus and social media.

Executive Session: Chairman Bethke asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss items C1 and C2. Upon motion duly made by Member Morado, 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	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Muted
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed

Review of Covered Actions and Eligible Agreements:

- D1. Consideration of Approval of Insurance Renewal of the MPEA Insurance Program for 07/01/2023-06/30/2024.

Moved by Member Villar, seconded by Member Morado, and the remaining members present voted approving item D1.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

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D2. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Actuarial Services.

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

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

D3. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. MPEA 23-01 Amending and Restating the MPEA 401(A) Contribution Plan and the MPEA Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Present	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

D4. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Elevator and Escalator Inspection Services.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

D5. Consideration of Approval of Contract Extension for Fire Pump Inspection Services.

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



Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D6. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Construction Manager, GMP at Risk for Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Renovation of Meeting Rooms and Ballroom.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D7. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Contract for Handheld Portable and Mobile Radios Purchases, Repair Services and Miscellaneous Parts.

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

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D8. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Contract for Astro Express Digital Radio Infrastructure Equipment Repairs, System Software Upgrades, System Annual Maintenance Services.

Moved by Member Birnecker Hart, seconded by Member Wright, and the remaining members present voted approving item D8.



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Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D9. Consideration of Approval of Sole Source Contract for Fire Alarm Maintenance.

Moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present voted approving item D9.

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D10. Consideration of Approval of New Reference Contract for ABC Building 5th Floor MPEA Offices for Payroll Office and Plan Room Area Furniture.

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

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

- D11. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for McCormick Place Convention Center Management.

Item D11 was deferred to a later date.

- D12. Consideration of Approval of New Contract for Foodservice Management at McCormick Place.

Item D12 was deferred to a later date.

- E1. New Business.

There was no New Business.



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E2. Consideration of Resolution No. MPEA 23-02 Executive Compensation.

Moved by Member Ramirez, seconded by Member Villar, and the remaining members present voted approving item E2.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

E3. Consideration of Resolution No. MPEA 23-03 Reaffirming MPEA's Condemnation of Hate Speech.

Moved by Member Birnecker Hart, seconded by Member Morado, and the remaining members present voted approving item E3.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

E4. Consideration of Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the December 1, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Birnecker Hart, and the remaining members present voted approving item E4.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

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E5. Adjournment.

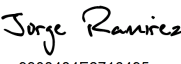
Chairman Bethke moved to adjourn the meeting moved by Member Morado, seconded by Member Wright, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote of the Board.

Roll call vote. Record as:

Jeffrey Bethke, Chairman – Yes	Samir Mayekar – Yes
Don Villar, Vice Chairman – Yes	Michelle Mills Clement – Yes
Jorge Ramirez, Secretary/Treasurer – Yes	Juan Morado – Yes
Dr. Sonat Birnecker Hart – Yes	Sherman Wright – Yes
Nina Grondin – Yes	

The motion passed.

Time meeting adjourned: 10:45 a.m.

DocuSigned by:

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 Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Secretary

Approved: June 21, 2023