Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 11:00am

Via onsite Meeting Rooms 105/106 and Teleconference (Zoom Meeting) ~ Savannah Convention Center

Members present: Ruth Quattlebaum-Edwards, Pat Farrell, Joe Marinelli, Martin Miller, Ben Polote Jr., Jeanne Seaver, Mark Smith, Trip Tollison, Ansley Williams Members absent: Mark Spadoni Also present: Frank Poe (via zoom), Marc Friday (via zoom), Michael Owens, Paul Threlkeld (via zoom), Lee Hughes and SCC staff: Sherrie Spinks, Stephen Hall, Angela Daniels, Judy Johnson, Gail Terrell, Jamie Parks and Ronnie Hickman

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 11:02 am.

Chairman Smith asked for approval of the Minutes and Treasurer's report. Motion made by Martin Miller; seconded by Ms. Quattlebaum-Edwards and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Counsel Report. Mr. Threlkeld stated no report at this time.

External Affairs Report. Mr. Hughes highlighted the expansion presentation to the local delegation. Mr. Hughes also commented that the City of Pooler has the hotel/motel extension agreement on their upcoming agenda.

Financial Report. Mr. Hall reported a favorable variance to Center budget for November, and year-end currently favorable to budget. Mr. Hall also reported a favorable variance to the Authority budget for November and year-end currently favorable to budget. Mr. Hall also commented that hotel/motel tax numbers are favorable to year end budget. Mr. Hall provided a brief overview of how the budget was created based on the pandemic in response to Vice-Chairman Marinelli's question.

Sales and Marketing Report. Ms. Daniels reviewed the Sales report which included cancellations, rescheduled events, site visits and contracts obtained during November. Ms. Daniels continued her report with a list of events for the month of January and February 2021 in addition to review of the Pace report. Ms. Daniels also presented an image of the annual SCC holiday card as well as the FY20 Annual Report.

Operations Report. Mr. Hickman provided the Operations Report which included team highlights in addition to a new monitor installed in the parking garage pathway from the Westin Hotel to SCC. Mr. Hickman also reviewed capital project updates. To Vice-Chairman Marinelli's question on the roof replacement, Mr. Hickman replied that a contractor will place bids for replacement of both the old and new roofs. To Mr. Hughes question regarding any changes to air flow after events during the pandemic, Mr. Hickman replied that the air is flushed out via the air handlers and ultra-violet light within the air handler units are being researched as an additional option. Mr. Hickman provided the final update on cooling tower replacement projects.

Food & Beverage Report. Mr. Parks provided an overview and financial report for the National Agriculture Aviation Association event recently held at the facility.

General Manager's Report. Ms. Spinks provided an update to the expansion timeline. Ms. Spinks also reviewed all events in the facility from June to present. Ms. Spinks expressed her gratitude to the board members for their support over the past months.

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Chairman's Report. Chairman Smith stated that they are currently waiting for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in order to move forward to the expansion groundbreaking. Vice-Chairman Marinelli expressed his appreciation to the SCC staff for their hard work throughout the ongoing pandemic.

Chairman Sphith asked for any other business; hearing none then adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Marinelli, Vice-Chairman