

Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 11:00am

Via onsite Jasper Boardroom and teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

Members present: Bert Brantley, Ruth Quattlebaum Edwards, Martin Miller, Pat Farrell, Joe Marinelli, Ben Polote Jr., Anne Scheer, Pritpal Singh, Mark Smith, Trip Tollison, Ansley Williams **Members absent:** None **Also present:** Yong Choe (YC Consulting-via Zoom), Paul Threlkeld, Jeff Hewitt, Adam Van Brimmer (Savannah Morning News), Lee Hughes, Jesse Rice (Clark Construction), Michael Owens (TLC), Gerald Pilgrim (GSFIC), Gifton Passley (GSFIC), Frank Poe (GWCCA) and SCC staff: Sherrie Spinks, Ronnie Hickman, Stephen Hall, Angela Daniels, Jamie Parks, Holly Jenkins, Gail Terrell

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 11:00am.

Chairman Smith asked for approval of the Minutes and Treasurer's report. Motion made by Mr. Miller; seconded by Mr. Polote Jr. and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

External Affairs Report. Mr. Lee Hughes of Hughes Public Affairs and Mr. Yong Choe of YC Consulting provided an update on Thunderbolt Municipality Hotel/Motel tax for short term vacation rentals, review of the Congressional outlook, Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, Congressional funding request for Chatham County and the Savannah Convention Center. In addition to the outcomes from the Senate Appropriation Committee and House Appropriations Committee. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Choe highlighted that although no funds appropriated from the Senate Appropriation Committee; the House Appropriations Committee approved the appropriation of 2.5 million towards the Savannah Convention Center Restoration Project of Slip 3.

General Manager's Report. Ms. Spinks discussed the Moffatt and Nichol proposal to evaluate the condition of the riverwalk in front of SCC which will cost \$69k. Motion by Mr. Williams; seconded by Mr. Farrell and approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Spinks then discussed the updated Hotel/Motel taxes amendment and renewal with the City of Savannah. Motion to approve the renewal made by Ms. Scheer; seconded by Mr. Farrell and approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Spinks introduced Mr. Jesse Rice from Clark Construction who provided a construction update.

Chairman's Report. Chairman Smith requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate. Motion by Vice-Chairman Marinelli; seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous voice vote. Executive Session convened at 11:25am and ended at 12:17pm. Regular board meeting session reconvened at 12:17pm.

Chairman Smith informed the board members to refer to Boardpaq for the SCC staff reports, commented on the next scheduled board meeting to be September 13, 2023, and then asked for any other business; hearing none, then adjourned the meeting at 12:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bert Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer