

Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 11:00am

Via onsite Employee Lounge and teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

Members present: Bert Brantley, Ruth Quattlebaum Edwards, Pat Farrell, Joe Marinelli, Martin Miller, Ben Polote Jr., Anne Scheer, Mark Smith, Trip Tollison, Ansley Williams(via Zoom) **Members absent:** Pritpal Singh **Also present:** Paul Threlkeld, Frank Poe, GWCCA (via Zoom), Lee Hughes (Hughes Public Affairs – via Zoom), Yong Choe (YC Consulting-via Zoom), Adam Van Brimmer (Atlanta Journal Constitution), Evan Lasseter (Savannah Morning News), Marty Smith (GSFIC), Jeff Bleam (GSFIC), Gifton Pasley (GSFIC), Charlie Parrish (GSFIC), Faye DiMassimo (Chatham Area Transit), Stephanie Cutter (Chatham Area Transit), Stewart Robinson (Westin), Jodi McIntyre (Marriot Riverfront), Paul McKeever (TVS), Jay thompson (TVS), Hansen Architects (Gene Maria) and SCC staff: Kelvin Moore, Jen LeMaster (GWCC), Ronnie Hickman, Stephen Hall, Angela Daniels, Jamie Parks, Sharon Hollingshead and Holly Jenkins

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 11:00am.

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

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

External Affairs Report. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Choe commented on legislation that will increase bonding capacity and expected to be passed by the full house.

Financial Report. Ms. Jenkins reported a favorable month for January and a favorable year-end for the facility. Ms. Jenkins then continued to report a favorable variance to the Authority budget for the month of January and favorable year-end to the Authority's budget.

Sales and Marketing Report. Ms. Daniels reviewed the Sales report which included a list of contracts obtained for the month of January 2024 and then continued with the Pace report, January production and upcoming calendars.

Operations Report. Mr. Hickman provided the Operations Report which included team highlights and capital project updates. Mr. Hickman provided details on the additional capital request of \$16,695 to purchase Ascension Wheelchair Lift. Motion to approve the additional capital request made by Ms. Quattlebaum Edwards and seconded by Mr. Miller. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Food & Beverage Report. Mr. Parks reviewed the January F&B financials and provided event highlights.

General Manager's Report. Mr. Moore expressed favorable comments regarding the existing SCC management team. Mr. Moore introduced Executive Director of Chatham Area Transit, Faye DiMassimo who provided a status update on the new Water Ferries, Intermodal Facility and Chatham Area Transit's service.

Chairman's Report. Chairman Smith commented on progress still being made with regards to the convention center hotel project with anticipation to be in contract stage in March 2024. Chairman Smith requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Motion by Mr. Farrell; seconded by Mr. Tollison and approved by unanimous voice vote. Executive Session convened at 11:40am and ended at 12:57pm. Regular board meeting session reconvened at 12:58pm.

Chairman Smith asked for any other business; hearing none, then adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bert Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer