

Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 11:00am

Via onsite Jasper Boardroom and teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

Members present: Bert Brantley (via zoom), Pat Farrell, Martin Miller, Ben Polote Jr., Anne Scheer (via zoom), Mark Smith, Ruth Quattlebaum and Ansley Williams **Members absent:** Joe Marinelli, Pritpal Singh, Trip Tollison. Also present: Paul Threlkeld (via zoom), Frank Poe (Consultant-via Zoom), Kevin Duvall (GWCCA), Lee Hughes, Yong Choe (YC Consulting-via zoom), Bobby Knowles (Songy Highroads-via Zoom), Michael Garcia (Matthews Southwest-via Zoom), Todd Nocerini (Songy Highroads-via Zoom), Evan Lasseter (Savannah Morning News), Kendall Golightly (Impact DM-via zoom), Imani Boggan (Morgan Stanley-via zoom), Jon Pannell (Gray Pannell & Woodward LLP), Franklin Jones (via zoom), Jeff Hewitt (Visit Savannah) David Songy (Songy Highroads-via zoom), Kellie Linder (Visit Savannah) and SCC staff: Kelvin Moore, Ronnie Hickman, Holly Jenkins, Jackie Mitchell, Al Rojas, Fredia Brady, Myesha Jones, Jamie Parks, Staci Stover, Marc McDuffie

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 Ms. Quattlebaum and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

External Affairs Report. Mr. Hughes also confirmed that the \$4.2 million financial submissions for the riverwalk, and infrastructure improvements submitted by Congressman Carter and Senator Warnock on behalf of SCC are included in the appropriations for review.

Financial Report. Ms. Jenkins reported the facility favorable net income for the month of August compared to budget and favorable in revenue and expenses. Ms. Jenkins then continued to report favorable net income for the Authority.

Hotel Development Update. Hotel Agreements reviewed and approved by the board members. Motion by Mr. Williams to approve the *Supplemental Bond Resolution*; seconded by Mr. Polote Jr. and approved by unanimous voice vote; Motion by Mr. Polote Jr., to approve the *Qualified Management Agreement*; seconded by Ms. Quattlebaum and approved by unanimous voice vote; Motion by Mr. Williams to approve the *Technical Services Agreement*; seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous voice vote; Motion by Mr. Polote Jr., to approve the *Pre-Opening Services Agreement*; seconded by Mr. Williams and approved by unanimous voice vote; Motion by Mr. Farrell to approve the *Room Block & Meeting Space Agreement*; seconded by Ms. Quattlebaum and approved by unanimous voice vote; Motion by Mr. Williams to approve the *Hotel Development Agreement*; seconded by Ms. Quattlebaum and approved by unanimous voice vote; Motion by Mr. Polote Jr., to approve *Mr. Stephen Hall Consultant Agreement*; seconded by Ms. Quattlebaum and approved by unanimous voice vote. Hotel financing update reviewed with regards to the September 9, 2025, bond pricing and September 18, 2025 bond closing.

Announcement of the hotel groundbreaking ceremony to be held on October 8, 2025, immediately following the SGCCA board meeting.

Operations Update. Mr. Hickman provided a review of capital projects update which included bulkhead project updates and a hotel site update. Mr. Hickman then continued with review of an emergency capital

request for the 200's Escalator (up and down) totaling \$211k. Motion by Mr. Williams; seconded by Ms. Quattlebaum and approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Manager Update. Mr. Moore announced Director of Food and Beverage, Jamie Parks, retirement in January 2026. Mr. Moore continued with an F&B operational assessment, the benefits of a national 3rd party F&B operations and the F&B operations RFP process.

Chairman's Report.

Chairman Smith asked for any other business; hearing none, then adjourned the meeting at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bert Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer