

Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Hotel Development Committee Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026, 3:00pm

Via teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

Members present: Bert Brantley, Ben Polote Jr., Mark Smith and Ansley Williams **Members absent:** Joe Marinelli and Pritpal Singh. Also present: Paul Threlkeld, Frank Poe (consultant), Bobby Knowles (Songy Highroads), Todd Nocerini (Songy Highroads), Maggie Harney, Michael Garcia, Kevin Duvall (GWCCA), Janet Finalyson (GWCCA) and SCC staff: Kelvin Moore, Al Rojas, Ronnie Hickman, Fredia Brady, Jackie Mitchell, Gail Terrell and Galen MacDonald.

Chairman Smtih convened the meeting at 3:03pm.

Mr. Rojas commented on the Hilton's Chef Consultant agreement to be presented at the upcoming SGCCA May 13, 2026, board meeting.

Mr. Poe shared an update on Hilton Worldwide sales activity with regards to 34 leads reviewed this month, citing an increase in sales leads month-to-month and approximately 37k room nights being held between 2028 – 2032. Mr. Poe also commented on the Hilton's Director of Sales position is currently being vetted with the SGCCA board members having the option to meet candidates.

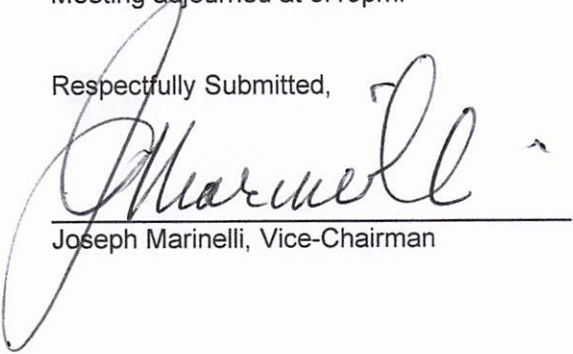
Mr. Hickman introduced the newly hired SCC Project Manager, Galen MacDonald.

Mr. Threlkeld commented on the newly assigned Hotel Legal Counsel for SGCCA, Ben Johnson, at Oliver Maner, LLP.

Mr. Knowles commented on the hotel project continuing to be on schedule and on budget. Mr. Knowles then provided a review of construction aerial pictures and construction updates to include a potential 'topping off' at the end of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joseph Marinelli, Vice-Chairman