

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 11:03 A.M. E.S.T.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (the "Authority") was held upon proper notice on Thursday, January 13, 2022, commencing at 11:03 A.M. E.S.T. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from public health experts, the meeting was conducted remotely via the online conferencing platform Zoom. The start of the meeting was delayed due to technological issues.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Mike Dunleavy, Vice-Chairman
Councilman Anthony Coghill, Member
Councilman Futules, Member
Rev. Glenn Grayson, Member
Michael Quatrini, Member

Also Present: Mary Conturo, Doug Straley, Rosanne Casciato, Rhea L. Thomas, Bill Williams, Edith Ruiz, Steve Morrison, Courtney Stoots and Paul McDonald Jr. of the Authority; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor; Clarence Curry, CFC-3 Management Services; Tom Ryser, TPR, LLC; Tim Muldoon, Guy DeFazio, and Ryan Buries of SMG; and Mark Belko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Senator Wayne Fontana called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Morgan Hanson followed with a roll call of the board members. Mr. Hanson advised that a quorum was present. Mr. Hanson advised the Board as there were issues affecting the meeting start time and the information necessary to access the meeting, any new business and approval of the

previous December board meeting minutes will be voted on during the February board meeting for authorization or ratification, as applicable.

The Board agreed with Mr. Hanson's proposal and Senator Fontana continued on with the agenda.

Beginning with public participation, Senator Fontana asked if any members of the audience would like to address the Board. Members of the public were offered participation by email, telephone, or the Zoom chat function. Mr. Paul McDonald Jr. stated that the Authority had not received any comments via email, no one registered to speak via telephone, and no comments were submitted via the Zoom chat function thus far. Seeing no request from the public to address the Board, Senator Fontana moved to the next item on the agenda, approval of minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting. Senator Fontana noted that these would be considered for approval at the February board meeting.

Senator Fontana continued onto the next item on the agenda, election of officers.

Mr. Michael Quatrini stated he will bring the nominations up during the February board meeting. The executive Director was asked to give background on the slate and she explained that the proposed officers are the same as they currently are with the exception that Councilman Coghill is proposed for the Treasurer. Treasurer was previously held by Jill Weimer who is no longer on the Board.

Senator Fontana continued onto the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a contract with Advantus Engineers, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$74,700, including expenses, for consulting services for the convention center LEED certification to be billed based on hourly rates.

Mr. Ryan Buries provided the following background On April 2, 2012, the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) was certified platinum under LEED® for Existing Buildings: Operations + Maintenance (LEED O+M) version 2009. LEED O+M v2009 requires that projects recertify every five years. The DLCC was recertified as platinum on July 24, 2017 and is due for a recertification in 2022; however, LEED O+M v2009 is no longer in use by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Instead, there are two versions of the LEED rating system now available to the DLCC: LEED v4 and LEED v4.1. Based on conversations with USGBC and Green Building Certifications Inc. it was determined that LEED v4.1 is more appropriate for the DLCC.

Mr. Buries stated further that in November 2021, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was publicly advertised in the Post-Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, and on the Authority website with additional posting on the Urban Redevelopment Authority's (URA) social media platforms. The RFP was also sent to over 40 additional firms known to offer sustainability consulting services including 6 MBE and 5 WBE firms. Two proposals were received on December 16, 2021. A selection committee comprised of Ryan Buries, Guy DeFazio, Bill Williams, Doug Straley and Clarence Curry interviewed both firms (Advantus Engineers and evolveEA) and the committee unanimously recommends awarding the contract to Advantus Engineers.

It is planned that the application for recertification will be submitted by June 2022. The LEED v4.1 certification period is every three years.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Hearing none he moved onto the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a contract with Allegheny County ("County") for receipt of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund money.

Ms. Rosanne Casciato stated, under Section 603 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act, which became law on March 11, 2021, a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund was established. The County has received Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund money from the United States Department of the Treasury and is distributing it to eligible entities for permissible expenditures. It has determined that the Authority is an eligible recipient as it generates tourism, travel and hospitality activities within the County.

Board authorization would permit the Authority to enter into the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Agreement(s) in substantially the form received from the County in order that it may receive such funds.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the Board, hearing none he moved onto the next item on the agenda.

The next item was public participation, and Senator Fontana asked if anyone in the audience desired to address the Board.

Mr. McDonald stated that the Authority has provided the public with three options for public participation: email, telephone, or the Zoom chat function. No public comments were submitted via email and there were no registrations to submit a public comment via telephone or the Zoom chat function.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any comments from the Board. There being no additional comments or business, Senator Fontana asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.



Mary K. Conturo
Assistant Secretary