

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 10:38 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, September 8, 2022, commencing at 10:38 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.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Michael Dunleavy, Vice-Chairman
Rev. Glenn Grayson, Member
Michael Quatrini, Member

Also Present: Mary Conturo, Doug Straley, Rosanne Casciato, Rhea L. Thomas, Bill Williams, Jhason Dixon, Yvonne Ludwig, Sue Ricketts, Theresa King, Randall Porch, and Paul McDonald Jr. of the Authority; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor; Clarence Curry, CFC-3 Management Services; Tom Ryser, TPR, LLC; Tim Muldoon, Ryan Buries, Carter Swegman, Natasha Ley, Carrie Yauch, and Spencer Girman of SMG; Antonio Misiti, Libby Waltman, Jim Flake, Drew Singer, Mellissa Strozza of the Pittsburgh Pirates; and Username: Rad I Pad.

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.

Beginning with public participation, Senator Fontana asked if any members of the public 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 the minutes from the meeting on August 11, 2022. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda under the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (“DLCC”), authorization to ratify a lump sum change order with Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$19,789.24 for unforeseen wiring repair, hardware replacement, and camera replacements at the DLCC, the acceptance of alternates from the initial proposal for an archiver server purchase in the amount of \$20,261.57, and for a 5-year software licensing to be paid annually in the amount of \$8,706 per year.

Mr. Ryan Buries stated DLCC is currently operating on a month-to-month contract with Cintas Uniforms (“Cintas”) for the service and maintenance of uniforms for full and part-time labor, trades, and security departments of DLCC. If approved, this agreement would cover uniforms for 25 full-time labor and trades, 10 full-time security guards, and 65 part-time labor, trades, and security guards. This agreement also provides 400 bulk uniforms to DLCC for additional labor, trades, and security guards who have not yet been provided uniforms.

Mr. Buries further stated on April 20, 2022, a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) was issued for uniform rental and the inspection and maintenance of first aid kits, eye wash stations, and Automated External Defibrillators (“AED”). The RFP was advertised on the Authority’s website, in the New Pittsburgh Courier and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, with the Pennsylvania Builders Exchange, First Source Center, Riverside Center for Innovation, and the Urban Redevelopment

Authority (“URA”) assisted by including this opportunity on its Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn postings.

Mr. Buries stated a pre-proposal meeting was held on April 26, 2022, and Cintas was the only company to submit a proposal – \$32,910 for first two years with a 3% increase in year three (\$33,897) and another 3% increase for years four and five (\$34,913). Cintas has been servicing DLCC first aid kits, eye wash stations, and AEDs for the last five years satisfactorily. In addition, it is recommended to award Cintas a three-year contract with an owner option to renew for two additional years for uniform services, first aid kits, AEDs, and eye wash stations.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Michael Quatrini asked if there is any savings for a three-year contract instead of a month-to-month one.

Mr. Buries stated there is a savings for making the three-year contract and not doing it monthly.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5846

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into a three-year agreement, with option for years four and five, with Cintas Corporation for a total amount, for the five years, not to exceed \$235,603 for uniform lease/rental and maintenance and first aid kits, eye wash stations, and AED inspection and maintenance; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse PSSI Stadium Corporation (“PSSI”) an amount up to \$2,273,000 for the purchase and installation of a new Honeywell building automation system.

Mr. Bill Williams stated PSSI is requesting the Building Automation System (“BAS”) be replaced for the entire facility. Per the terms of the lease between the Authority and PSSI, the Authority is required to pay for specific capital repairs to Acrisure Stadium. This equipment meets the criterion as it is original to the building and has reached the end of its useful life. These issues have been documented in the Authority’s annual Facility Condition Assessment Report (“FCAR”).

The BAS is the backbone that controls the heating and cooling system throughout Acrisure Stadium. The existing BAS is a proprietary Honeywell system; therefore, only one quote was obtained. The system includes Digital Direct Controllers (DDC), associated field devices, and ancillary components. The scope of work includes providing the DDC and associated field devices, field wiring, terminations, controller programming, computer graphics work, sequence testing, and third-party commissioning. The project is phased over the next two football off-seasons.

Mr. Williams further stated Phase I includes replacing and commissioning two facility areas at \$1,023,856, to be performed after the 2022 football season. Phase II work includes replacing and commissioning the remaining areas at \$1,249,144, to be performed after the 2023 football season.

There is a 1.9% MBE participation through Bronder Technical Services for materials and 5.0% WBE participation with Northstar Environmental for commissioning. The warranty for equipment and workmanship is one year.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Senator Fontana asked if Honeywell was the only company that placed a bid.

Mr. Williams stated that is correct, as it's a proprietary system.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5847

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to reimburse PSSI in an amount up to \$2,273,000 for the purchase and installation of a new Honeywell building automation system; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse Pittsburgh Associates in an amount up to \$4,721,811 for steel painting and lighting control system replacement.

Mr. Williams stated that per the terms of the lease between the Authority and Pittsburgh Associates (a.k.a the "Pirates"), the Authority is required to pay for certain capital repairs at PNC Park. In January 2022, the Pirates informed the Authority they considered the exterior steel paint and Microlite lighting control system beyond their useful life and in need of replacement. These issues have been documented in the Authority's FCAR over the past several years. Also, the steel painting issues are documented in the latest Authority's Structural Facility Assessment report.

The structural steel throughout the ballpark is fading and showing stages of deterioration and corrosion. These areas include the light towers, rotundas, gates and doors, stadium roof, suite

roof, upper concourse, the main concourse, scoreboard steel, and exterior insulation and finish systems. These areas have not been painted since the late 2000s except for the main concourse, which has not been painted since PNC Park opened. Proper preparation and painting will remediate, preserve and protect the structural steel.

Mr. Williams continued that in July 2022, the Pirates issued a public bid package, and a pre-bid meeting was held on August 12, 2022, with three companies in attendance. On August 19, 2022 three bids were received from Avalotis, Conomos and Arch Masonry. The Pirates and DLA+, the Pirates engineering firm, recommend Avalotis as the low-responsible bidder at \$3,949,515. The painting project will be completed in two phases. Phase I includes the left field rotunda, main concourse, scoreboard, associated light towers, entry gates, and interior gates at the cost of \$2,397,735 and will be performed after the 2022 baseball season. Phase II includes the home plate rotunda, remaining light towers, stair towers and exterior insulation and finish systems at a cost of \$1,551,780, to be performed after the 2023 baseball season. DLA+ is providing the engineering, project management, and construction administration at a cost of \$16,896. There is 4.1% WBE participation with ICP Painting for supplies and an 8.4% MBE participation with ID Ritter as a sub-contractor painter. In addition, there is a one-year warranty for materials and workmanship.

Mr. Williams further stated in July 2022, the Pirates issued a RFP to replace the lighting control system with three proposals from Clista Electric, Lighthouse Electric and Lugaila Mechanical, received on August 11, 2022. Pricing for two different manufacturers were requested by the Pirates and both manufacturers' systems are capable of operating the ballpark's lighting system. The Pirates recommend Lugaila Mechanical at an overall cost of \$735,500. DLA+, with ME Engineers as a subcontractor, is providing the engineering, project management, and construction administration at a cost of \$31,900. There is 13.5% MBE participation with Emerald

Electric and 6.0% WBE participation with Horizon for equipment supplies. Installation is to start after the 2022 baseball season and be completed before the 2023 season. There is a five-year warranty for materials and workmanship. For both projects there is a 9.2% MBE participation and 4.4% WBE participation.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Rev. Glenn Grayson stated he would like to see a stronger effort in getting higher minority and women participation percentages on projects.

Senator Fontana asked what the color of the paint was.

Mr. Williams stated it is the same as it always is.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5848

RESOLVED by the Board of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to reimburse Pittsburgh Associates in an amount up to \$4,721,811 for steel painting and lighting control system replacement; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, the approval of Sports Event Funding (“SEF”) program grants.

Ms. Mary Conturo, before addressing the specifics of the next 11 items, provided the following background. Ms. Conturo stated that pursuant to Section 27.4 of Pennsylvania General Assembly Act 42 of 2017 (“Act 42”), an annual allocation has been made of funds from the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund (“EDTF”) for use by the

Authority for the establishment, administration, and maintenance of a regional sports commission.

Ms. Conturo further stated, pursuant to the adopted programs and procedures, the Sports Commission first reviews all SEF program applications and then provides recommendation to the Authority Board for funding. Additionally according to the programs and procedures, the SEF program only provides funding on a reimbursement basis after the event has occurred and a final report has been provided, all in accordance with the terms and provisions of the grant agreement for the event.

Ms. Conturo stated the first grant for consideration is to Pittsburgh Squash. Ms. Conturo further stated Pittsburgh Squash requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$18,500 for the Pittsburgh Open, a professional/amateur squash tournament to be held Wednesday, February 8 through Sunday, February 12, 2023, at the Rivers Club. Pittsburgh Squash plans to grow the event from the Bronze level to Silver. Silver-level tournaments draw higher-ranked professionals and expect increased interest from the international fan base via traditional and social media outlets. The event could raise local public awareness of the sport, which can lead to growth in the event. Because the Professional Squash Association sanctions the event, the event could also attract international attention to Pittsburgh.

The second grant for consideration is to the Western PA Bruins ("WPB"). Ms. Conturo stated WPB requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$75,000 for a girls basketball competition to be held April 14-16, 2023, at the DLCC. SEF funding would allow WPB to add additional courts and accept more teams. In addition, the event could expand to Halls D and E in the DLCC in future years. WPB represents that any excess funds from the tournament will go toward

scholarships for players that would not otherwise be able to participate in Bruins teams/training programs, etc. WPB reports that in 2022 there were 27 scholarships provided.

The third grant for consideration is to Robert Morris University (“RMU”). Ms. Conturo stated that RMU requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$15,000 for a three-day (five-game) intercollegiate post-season mens lacrosse tournament new to the Pittsburgh region. The event is a qualifier for the 16-team NCAA Division 1 tournament. This will be the first year the tournament is held on one of the member schools’ campuses. RMU states that while competition will be high for future hosting rights, the 2023 event could serve as a springboard for future hosting opportunities. The event will occur at RMU’s Joe Walton Stadium from May 1 through May 7, 2023.

The fourth grant for consideration is to USA Weightlifting. Ms. Conturo stated USA Weightlifting requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the National Championships Week for weightlifting. The event will host youth (age 17 and under) athletes for the first three days, junior and under age 25 athletes for the next three days, and senior athletes for the last three days. In addition, SportsPITTSBURGH plans to submit an official bid for the event by the end of 2022 and considers the SEF grant a critical component. If Pittsburgh wins the bid, the 2024 event will occur at the DLCC on June 15 – 23, 2024.

The fifth grant for consideration is to Pittsburgh I.C.E. Ms. Conturo stated Pittsburgh I.C.E. requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Willie O’ Ree (“WOR”) Skills Weekend, a part of the Hockey is for Everyone Programs. Willie O’Ree, the first black person to play in the National Hockey League (“NHL”) when he made his debut for the Bruins on January 18, 1958, founded the WOR Skills Weekend event. Since 1996, the event has brought together boys and girls from diverse backgrounds to participate in on-ice and off-ice lessons designed to

build confidence and teach life skills. The NHLWOR Skills Weekend has never been in Pittsburgh. Hosting a successful event will provide an opportunity to also host the WOR Skills Weekend in 2024.

The sixth grant for consideration is to Premier Rugby 7s. Ms. Conturo stated Premier Rugby 7s requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$70,000 for their Rugby 7s event on a Saturday in June or July 2023. The Saturday tournament will occur at Highmark Stadium. The five days before the Saturday competition day will be training days. During the training days there will be community engagement activities such as local clinics and integration with youth organizations. The game is sanctioned by USA Rugby, the U.S. national governing body for rugby. USA Rugby has been awarded the Men's World Cup in 2031 and the Women's World Cup in 2033, and Pittsburgh is one of 30 cities vying to be a host city.

The seventh grant for consideration is to Hoop Group Elite ("HGE"). Ms. Conturo stated that HGE requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$75,000 for their Pittsburgh Jam Fest event on April 21-23, 2023, at the DLCC. This event is a youth basketball tournament for boys ages 14-18. The event includes a free Thursday night clinic for middle school students from Pittsburgh Public Schools. Long term, HGE would like to expand in size (with additional teams and courts), expand the Thursday night clinic, add younger age groups, and add a girls event.

The eighth grant for consideration is to Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, LLC ("PR"). Ms. Conturo stated that PR requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$50,000 for three youth soccer tournaments. The tournaments will occur at Highmark Stadium, Montour Junction Sports Complex, or other Allegheny County venues at the end of 2022 and early 2023. The tournament dates are as follows: The Three Rivers Classic for boys is December 2-4, 2022, and for girls,

December 9-11, 2022; The Holiday Classic is December 26-30, 2022; and the Spring Invitational is March 6-7, 2023.

The ninth grant for consideration is to the Carnegie Science Center (“CSC”). Ms. Conturo stated CSC requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$47,500 for a new E-sports tournament. The event will include open, pro-am, high school and college tournaments, as well as game developer panels. Additionally, while CSC is the sole organizer of the event, it is working with the Pittsburgh Knights (a local professional E-sports team) and Mega Cat Studios (a local company that creates games). The event is planned for a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in 2023 between October 1st and November 20th. The inaugural event will take place at the CSC. The event is expected to outgrow CSC and will possibly be at the DLCC in future years.

The tenth grant for consideration is to GK Sports, LLC (“GKS”). Ms. Conturo stated GKS requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$75,000 for a one-weekend volleyball tournament on February 2 – 5, 2023, for boys and girls teams ages 10-18. GKS first held the event in 2017 at the DLCC, and 56 teams competed on 16 courts. It has been held yearly except for 2021 (due to COVID-19). In 2022, 353 teams competed on 48 courts at the DLCC.

The eleventh grant for consideration is to Rise High Elite Basketball (“RHEB”). Ms. Conturo stated RHEB requested a SEF grant in the amount of \$30,000 for its Nothing but Net Classic event on March 24-26, 2023, for boys and girls teams grades 2nd through 12th. The event will occur at the All-American Sports Arena/Pro Sports facility in Monroeville, or in Allegheny County school gymnasiums.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Rev. Grayson stated the grants do not reflect a level of diversity, even in the grant processing. He further stated with so many African-Americans involved in sports, it appears, the

majority of the grants don't reflect the sports African-Americans are involved in. The grants don't seem to represent the entire City.

Senator Fontana stated a lot of effort is being put into promotion which led to an increase in the number of applications received from last year; however, there were many applications that simply did not qualify. Senator Fontana further stated the key is to promote all around the City and surrounding areas so as to attract people to apply for the grants, and the Authority is making a big effort to do that. The more promotion the Authority does the better diversity will be achieved.

Rev. Grayson stated regarding promotion of the program, other avenues of reaching, especially the African-American community, need to be explored as they (the applications) don't represent us all as they should.

Mr. Quatrini stated the SEF program has gone from funding four applications to eleven. Some of the applications received were incomplete and others were not appropriately directed towards the request. The next step the Authority looked at, for some of the incomplete applications, is to reach out to the organizations to assist with technical support. Mr. Quatrini continued, the Authority would support by educating organizations, especially smaller organizations that don't have the technical sophistication to complete the application correctly, on how to apply in the future.

Mr. Quatrini further stated one of the steps the Authority staff took was promoting the SEF Grant program through City and County channels. Mr. Quatrini stated now the effort is to build promotion into different categories and Rev. Grayson's assistance as to reaching additional groups and communities who should be receiving information about the program would be well received. Regarding the organizations funded, Mr. Quatrini stated there was a decent spread in

terms of not only the types of events, but also the genders and races of the people. For instance, the WOR Skills Weekend, with Mr. O'Ree being the first African-American player drafted in the NHL, along with the Penguins matching part of the grant, is something the Authority is proud of. Mr. Quatrini further stated the Authority, with Rev. Grayson's assistance, would be able to reach more organizations.

Rev. Grayson stated the comments were well received and there will be follow up.

Senator Fontana stated four of the eleven events will be held at the DLCC during hard-to-fill time periods.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5849

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that the following grants under the Sports Event Funding (SEF) program, in accordance with the terms and recommendations of the SEA Sports Commission, are authorized and the Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into grant agreements and to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution: (1) \$18,500 to Pittsburgh Squash Racquets Association (a.k.a. Pittsburgh Squash) for a professional/amateur squash tournament to be held Wednesday, February 8 through Sunday, February 12, 2023, at The Rivers Club; (2) \$75,000 to the Western PA Bruins for a girls' basketball competition to be held from April 14 – April 16, 2023, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; (3) \$15,000 to Robert Morris University for a three-day (five game) intercollegiate postseason men's lacrosse tournament to be held at Robert Morris University (Joe Walton Stadium) May 1- May 7, 2023; (4) \$75,000 to USA Weightlifting, Inc. for Weightlifting's 2024 National Championships Week to be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, June 15 – 23, 2024; (5) \$10,000 to Pittsburgh I.C.E. for a youth hockey tournament to be held at Hunt Armory as

part of the Willie O'Ree Skills Weekend to be held January 19 – 23, 2023; (6) \$70,000 to Sevens Entertainment, LLC (d/b/a Premier Rugby Sevens) for a Rugby 7s tournament to be held at Highmark Stadium on a Saturday in June or July 2023, together with training during the five days prior at locations in Allegheny County; (7) \$75,000 to Hoop Group Elite for boys' basketball competition to be held from April 21-23, 2023 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; (8) \$50,000 to Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, LLC, or a related entity, for Three Rivers College Showcase (girls) Three Rivers College Showcase (boys), Holiday Classic and Spring Invitational soccer tournaments to be held at the Highmark Stadium (Pittsburgh), Montour Junction Sports Complex (Coraopolis) and/or other Allegheny County venues, during December 2022 and March 2023; (9) \$47,500 to Carnegie Science Center for an E-Sports tournament event to be held at the Science Center during a weekend in the fall of 2023; (10) \$75,000 to GK Sports for a boys and girls volleyball competition to be held from February 2 -5, 2023 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; and (11) \$30,000 to Rise High Elite Basketball, Inc. for Nothing but Net Classic to be held at the All-American Sports Arena/Pro Sports facility, each in Monroeville, or in Allegheny County school gymnasiums, March 24-26, 2023.

Senator Fontana continued on to the next item on the agenda, the appointment of a new Executive Director.

Senator Fontana stated this resolution is to appoint Aaron Waller as the new Authority Executive Director.

Mr. Hanson stated the Authority is excited to bring Mr. Waller on board and thanked Ms. Conturo for everything she has done.

Rev. Grayson stated he is excited for Mr. Waller not because he is an African American but because he appears very qualified and thanked Ms. Conturo for her years of service.

Senator Fontana thanked Mary for her service and stated that she will be remaining at the Authority to aid in the transition, he then welcomed Mr. Waller to the Authority's team and look forward to working with him.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5850

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County ("Authority") as follows: 1. That Aaron Waller is hereby appointed by the Authority to serve as its Executive Director effective on September 12, 2022, and shall exercise the duties, responsibilities and authorities of said position in conformity with duties, responsibilities and authority assigned to him in the Bylaws of the Authority, the Board of Directors of the Authority and by law. Mr. Waller's Employment Agreement with the SEA is hereby ratified. Upon commencement of his employment, Mr. Waller shall participate in all applicable benefit programs of the Authority, and his initial annual salary shall be \$230,000. 2. That, pursuant to the Sports & Exhibition Authorities Law ("Law"), the Board of the Authority does hereby delegate to its Executive Director all powers and authority necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the Law and all powers as are provided to the Board by law and its Bylaws, subject always to the supervision and control of the Board. Specifically, and without limitation, the Executive Director shall manage the day-to-day affairs of the Authority, shall retain, employ and remove employees, agents and technical experts (permanent or temporary) as he may deem in the best interest of the Authority, and shall determine the qualifications and fix the compensation of such persons. The Executive Director shall execute such documents and take such other actions as may be necessary to conduct the business of the Authority, excepting those reserved exclusively to the Board by express provision of law. The Executive Director shall manage the properties and business of the Authority, may serve as an officer or employee of other municipal authorities or agencies, and shall report to the Board on the affairs of the Authority, in such form and manner as directed by the Board. 3. Any inconsistent resolution or action of the Authority previously taken is hereby repealed.

Before Senator Fontana asked if anyone in the audience desired to address the board, Ms. Conturo thanked everyone for the opportunity to work for the Authority, thanked the Authority staff for their commitment, and wished the new Executive Director much success.

Mr. Clarence Curry stated, regarding Rev. Grayson's earlier comments and the reimbursements to Acrisure Stadium and PNC Park, the Authority does not have much leverage as the team owners award those contracts; however, the Authority is working to improve its relationship with the teams. Mr. Curry further stated that regarding the SEF grants, there has been internal discussions about increasing the Authority's promotional level to target minority communities, and utilizing social media to appeal to minority communities. It is the Authority's hope to continue this in the future.

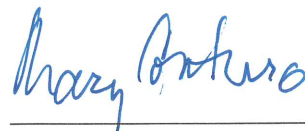
Senator Fontana stated it's a matter of continuing that effort over and over again, and if anyone is hesitant regarding the grant program, they should contact the Authority.

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

Mr. McDonald Jr. stated that the Authority 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 11:09 A.M.



Mary Conturo
Assistant Secretary