

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017
AT THE DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 12:10 P.M. E.S.T.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (the "Authority") was held upon proper notice in Room 333 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on Thursday, October 26, 2017 commencing at 12:10 P.M. E.S.T.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Michael Dunleavy, Vice Chairman
Councilman James Ellenbogen, Member (via telephone)
Sala Udin, Secretary (via telephone)
Jill Weimer, Member (via telephone)

Also Present: Mary Conturo, Maggie Pike, Doug Straley, Rifat Qureshi and Rachel Cohen of the Authority; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor; Bob Bauder of the Tribune-Review; and Mark Belko of the 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 confirmed that Ms. Jill Weimer, Mr. Sala Udin and Councilman James Ellenbogen were attending via telephone, and they could hear the other Board Members and the Board Members could hear them. Mr. Hanson advised that a quorum was present.

Beginning with public participation, Senator Fontana asked if any members of the audience would like to address the Board. Seeing none, he moved to the next item on the agenda, under Lower Hill Project, authorization to further extend the Option Period originally ending October 22, 2017 to November 9, 2017.

Ms. Mary Conturo explained that a week ago, the Board met and authorized an extension on this Option Period until October 27. Discussions have been in progress, but the Authority believes that it would be beneficial to have more time. The Authority is asking to extend the Option Period to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, which is November 9.

Senator Fontana asked if the Authority and the Pittsburgh Penguins have been in discussions continuously since the last meeting. Ms. Conturo confirmed that they have. Senator Fontana asked if Ms. Conturo believed it was beneficial if the parties continued to talk. Ms. Conturo said that there could be an opportunity to resolve some items in a manner that would be beneficial to both sides, so the Authority recommends the extension to see if a resolution can be achieved.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions from the Board. Mr. Sala Udin asked Ms. Conturo her thoughts on accepting public input on the discussions between the time of this meeting and the November 9 Board meeting in order to create some level of transparency on this matter. Ms. Conturo explained that the Authority would like to have a proposal in place by the following week, and would have plenty of time to brief the Board and create a plan that would allow for receiving input. The Authority wants to have plenty of time to talk through the matter fully.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any further questions from the Board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. The motion was duly made, seconded, with Councilman James Ellenbogen opposing. The motion carried four yays to one nay, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 5501

RESOLVED by Board of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other

proper officers are authorized to further extend the expiration date of the Option Periods originally ending October 22, 2017 to November 9, 2017 in accordance with the attached letter, and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take any and all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of the attached letter and this Resolution.

The next item was public participation, and Senator Fontana asked if anyone in the audience desired to address 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 12:15 P.M.



Mary Conturo
Assistant Secretary

