

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
IN THE DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM,
FIRST FLOOR
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 10:32 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 in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center ("DLCC") Executive Board Room, first floor in Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on Thursday, February 13, 2025, commencing at 10:32 A.M. E.S.T.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Michael Dunleavy, Member
Councilman Anthony Coghill, Treasurer
Mulu Birru, Member
Michael Quatrini, Vice-Chairman Member
Councilman Robert Palmosina, Member

Also Present: Aaron Waller, Bridget Pascal, Rodney Pratt, Randall Porch, Jeff Garstka, Alicia Matos, Theresa King, Hillary Frisbie, Dom Summers, Doug Straley, Connor Reiche, Jhason Dixon, Sandhya Giri, Steve Morrison, and Paul McDonald Jr. of the Authority; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor; Tim Muldoon, Ryan Buries, Lucas Kistler, and Sean Holsing, of SMG; DJ Makosky, AllCo Treasurer; Matthew Wilson, Pittsburgh Steelers; Paul McKrell, Controllers Office; Diane Hunt, RAD; Adam Babetshi, Post-Gazette; Abigail Hakas, Next Generation Newsroom; Julia Burdlski, Trib Live; John Sodihi and Tommy Regan, Pittsburgh Penguins; Gabe Mazefsky, Marc Datz, Lucy Pursuit Malarik, Derek Pursuit, and Daniel Delaney.

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.

Before public participation, Mr. Hanson stated the Authority Board met for an executive session on January 9, 2025. This session was for the board to receive confidential information on a number of open issues. The board was briefed on the current leased properties and the Lower Hill Area as part of the discussion. The board neither deliberated nor took official action at this session.

Senator Fontana continued on to public participation and asked if any audience members wanted to address the board.

Ms. Abigail Hakas of the Next Generation News Room asked if the Authority has a letter of commitment or signed a written agreement regarding using Acrisure Stadium for the NFL Draft. Ms. Hakas stated that she has submitted this inquiry to the SEA without a response. Executive Director Aaron Waller stated that the SEA did address the inquiry, providing that all media requests concerning the NFL Draft are to be directed to VisitPITTSBURGH (VP) and/or the Pittsburgh Steelers respective public relations departments.

Seeing no additional requests from the public to address the board, Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, approval of the minutes from the meeting of December 12, 2024. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, Election of Officers.

Councilman Robert Palmosina nominated the following slate of officers: Senator Fontana for Chairman, Michael Quatrini for Vice-Chairman, Mr. Sala Udin for Secretary, Councilman Anthony Coghill for Treasurer, Mr. Aaron Waller for Assistant Secretary, Ms. Bridget Pascal for Assistant Treasurer, and Mr. Hanson for Second Assistant Secretary. Senator Fontana called for a motion for the election of the persons nominated to the offices. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a five-year lump sum agreement with Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc (DES). in the amount of \$65,628 for the purchase, installation, and support, of new firewall and networking equipment at the DLCC.

Mr. Steve Morrison, Director of Information Systems, stated the DLCC's existing firewall and networking equipment have reached the end of their useful life. This equipment was installed in phases over the last ten years and needs to be upgraded with the latest cyber security threats. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was released in January 2025 which included a scope for the purchase and installation of two redundant core firewalls, a core fiber switch, logging service, VPN software, and all critical component licensing for five years. Additional components include six edge switches and related equipment. The scope of the project also requested a review of the building's existing network layout and cyber security configurations to ensure that best practices are implemented with the new firewall and networking equipment.

The existing network structure, security, VLANs, VPNs, Wi-Fi, and other configurations will be reviewed and migrated to the new networking equipment. The cyber security and network improvements will be implemented with the new equipment. This project includes MBE labor to deinstall existing network equipment and install the new equipment.

Mr. Morrison continued, in January 2025, this project was advertised as an RFP in the Post-Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, the Pittsburgh Builders Exchange, Master Builders Association, African American Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Center for Innovation, Vibrant Pittsburgh, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Authority's website. Three vendors participated in a virtual pre-proposal meeting and received three proposals on February 5, 2025. A scope review was conducted with the DES and

Solutionx (SX). A review committee was established consisting of: Steve Morrison (Director of Information Systems), Dom Summers (Computer Support Specialist), and Alicia Matos (Procurement and MWBE Specialist).

The committee interviewed DES and SX (MBE company), and both companies were provided the opportunity to submit additional information and revisions to their proposals based on the scope reviews. Upon review of the revised information, the committee recommends accepting DES's five-year proposal for the lowest overall cost, completeness and accuracy of the proposal hardware, familiarity and knowledge of the DLCC, and personnel qualifications for installation and ongoing support.

Mr. Morrison further stated year one support services are included in the initial lump sum fee, and an hourly rate of \$155 has been locked in for years two through five. Implementation is expected to take between 90 and 150 days. Implementation and training should be complete by the summer of 2025. The proposal includes a one-year full warranty on all hardware and equipment, a five-year hardware warranty, licensing, and support warranty on all critical hardware components. Additionally, all hardware being installed includes limited lifetime warranties. And there is 1.4% MBE participation with Emerald Electric.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6069

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 five-year lump sum agreement with Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$65,628 for the purchase, installation, and support, of new firewall and networking equipment at the David L. Lawrence

Convention Center; and further that the other 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 to the next item on the agenda, authorization of a change order to the agreement with First American Industries, Inc (FAI). in the lump sum of \$17,935 for the purchase and install of a pneumatic controller.

Mr. Luca Kistler, Director of Facility Services for the DLCC, stated in September 2024, the board authorized an agreement with FAI. for heating system repairs at the DLCC. While replacing the control valve on the main steam line, it was discovered that one of the four pneumatic controllers had failed. This controller is designed to regulate steam pressure through pneumatic pressure signals and maintains a set pressure by modulating the connected valve. The Leslie PMC-1 Electro-Pneumatic Controller is original to building construction and is no longer supported. The replacement for this equipment is the Armstrong Series 80 Pneumatic Indicating Controller per the manufacturer. SMG (d/b/a ASM Global) reviewed the quote and agreed this is a fair price for the work. The controller has a four-week lead time and a one-year warranty.

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. 6070

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 change order to the agreement with First American Industries, Inc. in the lump sum of \$17,935 for the purchase and install of a pneumatic controller; 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 to the next item on the agenda, authorization to approve the replacement of the existing Wi-Fi system and installation of new bollards at Acrisure Stadium (AS) as Alterations paid entirely by PSSI Stadium LLC (PSSI).

Mr. Doug Straley, Project Executive for the Authority, stated on January 23, 2025, the Authority was notified by the PSSI that they were seeking to undertake an Alteration project at the AS, to be paid for 100% by the team to upgrade their existing Wi-Fi system. The existing system was installed by PSSI in 2016, has exceeded its lifespan, and no longer meets the demands of the stadium. The project scope includes the installation of a new Category 6 structured cabling and single-mode fiber to enhance network infrastructure and overall connectivity, along with implementing new electrical pathways and raceways for improved power and connectivity distribution. Additionally, 1,357 new wireless access points will be installed, while 577 existing units will be removed to optimize network performance. The project schedule is estimated to be completed in August 2025. Work will be coordinated in phases to minimize disruptions, ensuring efficient execution, timely completion, and the estimated cost is \$7,000,000.

Additionally, on January 29, 2025, the Authority was notified by the Steelers they were seeking to undertake a security bollard project at AS, to be paid for 100% by the team to remove the existing planters and replace them with new bollards around AS. The project includes the installation of 121 K-12 (M50) rated bollards, with including 10 removable bollards. This project is the first phase of a multi-year plan to replace all the bollards around AS to meet the current safety requirements. PSSI put the project out to bid in December 2024 with two responses. The

lowest bid was Mascaro for \$1,619,219. PSSI is using \$500,000 of the Public Destination Facilities Renovation for COVID-19 Preparedness Project (Phase IV) RACP grant ME300-2241.

Mr. Straley further stated per the lease between the Authority and PSSI that an Alteration is defined as a project that is not a capital repair or improvement and is paid for 100% by the PSSI. In accordance with Section 10.9 of the lease, if a project meets certain criteria, such as costing over \$500,000 as adjusted by CPI or affecting the AS's exterior or its structural components, PSSI must receive written approval from the Authority for the project. Both of the above projects meet this criterion.

When the above projects are complete, these Alterations will become part of the leased premises and owned by the Authority and subsequently leased to PSSI. Approval of the Alteration would be on the condition that PSSI shall be solely responsible for all maintenance, repair, and improvement costs of the Alteration for the duration of the lease. M/WBE participation is unknown at this time for the Wi-Fi project. The Bollard Project has participation of 1% MBE and 6% WBE.

Senator Fontana asked some clarifying questions regarding the length of time that the lifetime of the bollards.

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. 6071

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are hereby authorized to approve the replacement of the existing Wi-Fi system and installation of new bollards at Acrisure Stadium as Alterations paid entirely by PSSI Stadium LLC; 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 the Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse Pittsburgh Associates (PA) in the amount up to \$139,778 from the PNC Park Capital Reserve Account for the replacement of ADA seats (\$48,570), the Bullpen Benches (BB) (\$18,400), and the Visiting Clubhouse Carpet & Door Replacement (VCCDR) (\$72,808).

Ms. Hillary Frisbie, Facilities Director for the Authority, stated PA requested to replace all 306 “swing away” and “roll away” ADA seats with portable folding chairs throughout PNC Park. Hussey, the manufacturer of the existing ADA seats, discontinued the “swing away” and “roll away” seats as most venues have switched to folding chairs to meet their ADA needs. The existing seating units are cracked, chipped, or otherwise broken and are original to the building. The cracks around the edges and closing mechanisms have resulted in customer complaints and injury. The Authority conducted a walk-through of a representative sample of the ADA Seats previously noted in the facility condition assessment report.

PA received bids from SpecSeats International Corp (SS), C.M. EichenLaub Co., and Nickerson for the folding chairs. Copies of the bids and a bid summary tab have been provided to the Authority under separate cover. SS’s bid represents the lowest responsible bid for a total cost of \$48,570 for the folding chairs. The folding chairs are expected to arrive by mid-June 2025, and the lead time is approximately 14-18 weeks. The new seats will have a seven-year warranty. Authority staff recommends reimbursement in the amount of \$48,570 for the ADA Replacement Project.

Ms. Frisbie continued that PA has also requested to replace the BB at PNC Park, as the BB has never been replaced. The Pirates received bids from Schlaegle Design Build Associates (SDBA), Pittsburgh Interior Systems (PIS), and Mascaro for the replacement of the BB. SDBA’s

bid represents the lowest responsible bid. SDBA provided a total cost of \$18,400 for the BB. The existing benches are cracked and damaged in various areas. The Authority conducted a walk-through of both the visitors and home bullpens and observed the reported conditions. PA have also requested to replace the BB at PNC Park as the BB have never been replaced. The Pirates received bids from SDBA, PIS, and Mascaro for the replacement of the BB. SDBA's bid represents the lowest responsible bid. SDBA provided a total cost of \$18,400 for the BB. The existing benches are cracked and damaged in various areas. Authority Staff conducted a walk-through of both the visitors and home bullpens and observed the reported conditions.

Ms. Frisbie further stated a request for the replacement of the VCCDR was made by the PA for \$88,185.60. It was noted in the previous facility condition assessment that there is significant wear and damage. The Authority observed multiple areas of fraying, staining, and tears. The carpet was last replaced in 2018, and the cost to remove and replace the carpet is \$52,692. The door of the visiting clubhouse has never been replaced; it is visibly delaminating and separating. PNC Staff have made multiple attempts to repair the door, but the replacement includes the demolition of the existing door, replacement with a new door, and the painting of the new door frame in the amount of \$11,353.00. Additional design work associated with the replacement of the carpet and the door was completed by DLA for \$8,763. Authority Staff is not recommending reimbursement for costs associated with Mascaro, including general conditions, insurance, and contractor's fee in the amount of \$15,378.00. Authority staff recommends reimbursement in the amount of \$72,808 for the VCCDR.

There is no MWBE participation for the ADA Chairs and BB. There is 1.03% MBE participation and 11.98% WBE participation in the VCCDR project with Boyd Roll-Off Services (MBE) and Ida Yeager Sales and Sally Merar Interiors (WBE).

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions from the board.

Councilman Coghill asked how often the carpet is replaced and when was the last time it was.

Mr. Straley stated around 2016-18.

Mr. Quatrini asked whether the Lease included a provision to charge any damages caused by the visiting team.

Director Waller and Mr. Straley stated that there were provisions in the Lease to ensure that this was not charged and that the teams conduct a before and after inspection as to the condition of the visitor's locker room.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any 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. 6072

RESOLVED by the Board of the Sports and Exhibition Authority of the City of Pittsburgh that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to reimburse Pittsburgh Associates in the amount up to \$139,778 from the PNC Park Capital Reserve Account for the replacement of ADA seats (\$48,570), the Bullpen Benches (\$18,400), and the Visiting Clubhouse Carpet & Door replacement (\$72,808); and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse PA in an amount up to \$96,106 for final change orders to the HVAC for the sound room (SR) (\$16,773), the club level project (CLP) (\$26,976), the clubhouse projects (CP) (\$31,746), and the club level seating replacement (CLSR) (\$20,611).

Mr. Straley stated that at the November 20, 2022, Authority Board meeting, the Authority Board approved the funding of \$433,425 for the replacement of the SR. This project has since been completed, and the PA requested an additional \$70,397 due to cost overruns and unforeseen additional work. Authority staff does not recommend reimbursement for the full requested amount as it comprises \$53,624 of ineligible expenses such as construction manager fees, general conditions, insurance, and other ineligible costs.

Authority staff is recommending a reimbursement of \$16,773 for additional ceiling removal, fire suppression, and plumbing work, which were unforeseen conditions and are eligible costs per the lease of the building. Authority Staff negotiated with PA over the past year, and both parties agreed to a final reimbursement of \$16,733.

Mr. Straley continued the Authority Board approved a reimbursement of \$371,104 for the CLP at the February 8, 2024, meeting. The original scope included a flooring demo, removing and replacing ceiling tile, installing new flooring, and painting. In July of 2024, PA requested an additional \$110,526 for the relocation/handling of existing furniture and artwork, electrical ceiling work, general conditions, insurance, and fees associated with the project. Authority staff does not recommend fully reimbursing PA for the additional \$110,526 as the request does not meet the Authority's guidelines. Specifically, additional reimbursement includes ineligible costs of approximately \$83,550 for removing/handling existing furniture, construction manager fee, general conditions, insurance, and other ineligible expenses. Authority Staff recommends a reimbursement to PA of \$26,976 for electrical work outlined in the original board approval. Authority Staff negotiated with the Pirates, and both parties agreed to this final amount.

The CP was initially approved at the February 8, 2024, Authority Board meeting for \$130,691. The scope did not include the hallway carpet, training room, or doctor's office carpet at

the time. Authority staff recommends a reimbursement to PA of \$31,746 for the carpet installation in the clubhouse training room and doctor's office, as this follows the guidelines for reimbursement per the Lease.

The initial reimbursement for the CLSR for \$676,030 was approved by the Authority Board at the October 12, 2023, meeting. The approval was based on an estimate from Hussy that relied on an outdated seating manifest provided by the design team. Hussey subsequently conducted a site visit to confirm the number of seats and determined an additional 101 seats were required. The cost of the additional seats, including installation, was \$20,611. Additionally, several cupholders were broken during the replacement of the seats due to their age of \$6,995. Authority staff recommends approving \$20,611 for the additional seating. Authority staff does not recommend the approval for cupholders as the Authority does not have documentation to support the original seats had cupholders paid for by the Authority. Authority Staff negotiated with the Pirates, and both parties agreed to this final amount.

Senator Fontana asked for clarification as to the process to determine what the Authority would pay on a project.

Mr. Straley indicated that the Authority reviewed the Lease and only approved what was required by the letter of the Lease.

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. 6073

RESOLVED by the Board of the Sports and 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 \$96,106 for final change

orders to the HVAC for the sound room (\$16,773), the club level project (\$26,976), the clubhouse projects (\$31,746), and the club level seating replacement (\$20,611); and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized and directed to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse the Pittsburgh Penguins (Penguins) in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,300,000 for the upgrades of the arena's Wi-Fi system.

Ms. Frisbie stated per the terms of the sublease between the Authority and the Penguins, the Authority is required to pay for eligible capital project expenses. The Penguins initially notified the Authority in June 2024 they would be seeking to replace the existing Wi-Fi infrastructure as it had reached the end of life. As early as 2017, components of the system had been identified as failing or needing to be upgraded to meet the organization's needs; these were stated in the Facility Condition Assessment (FCA) and have been subsequently identified in multiple FCAs. The Penguins replaced some system components at their own expense over the years. The Authority does not have any records of the upgraded components.

The initial proposals the Penguins evaluated were Comcast/Extreme Network for \$2.9M, Cisco/Connect for \$3.19M, Nile Secure, which could not meet technical requirements, and Segra/Cox Communications withdrew their initial bid. Given that there were only two vendors submitting proposals, the Authority asked the Penguins to refine their scope of work and conduct a formal RFP process. The official RFP was sent to eight vendors and was due December 4, 2024. Two vendors declined to submit proposals, two withdrew their proposals, and one was eliminated from consideration due to their technical limitations. The three remaining vendors were Connectivity (CY), Comcast, and Lightpath. Of the three proposers, it was determined that CY was the lowest responsible proposal at \$2,300,000.

A follow-up request was sent by the Penguins for the replacement of the Wi-Fi system in January of 2025, with an updated request for \$2,750,000 for the project after rebidding. The Penguins were still recommending Comcast for award. The Authority's technology consultant, Anthony James Partners (AJP), reviewed all the information and stated that the scope was industry standard for NHL Arenas. AJP concluded CY is a qualified company that could do the work. The Penguins ultimately selected Comcast to provide the Wi-Fi solution. The Authority has informed the Penguins and FSG that the Authority would only reimburse the amount of the lowest responsible bidder for \$2.3 million, and the Pens agreed to this reimbursement amount.

Ms. Frisbie further stated this project has an estimated duration of eight months and this includes the full design, installation, and implementation of the system. Installation is scheduled to begin in the off-season and be functional for the 2025-26 season. The Penguins will fund the managed services component. The products installed have varying warranty durations, depending on the item and manufacturer. This project will have 21% WBE participation with Battaglia Electric.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions from the board.

Mr. Mulu Birru asked why the Authority is paying for the Penguins' Wi-Fi.

Ms. Frisbie stated that the PPG Paints Arena originally was constructed with Wi-Fi whereas Acrisure Stadium was not.

Mr. Hanson further clarified when PPG Paints Arena was constructed in 2010, Wi-Fi was a standard feature and part of the original construction documents. When Acrisure Stadium was built in 1999, Wi-Fi wasn't around yet, and the legal obligations are distinct in both instances.

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. 6074

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 the Pittsburgh Penguins in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,300,000 for the upgrades of the arena's WiFi 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 to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement and other data sharing contracts regarding the Pittsburgh regional disparity study between the Authority, the City of Pittsburgh (COP), the Housing Authority (HA), the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority (PWSA), the Stadium Authority (SA), and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), and Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh (PPAP).

Ms. Alicia Matos, the Authority's MWBE Specialist, stated on May 7, 1999, the SA participated with COP, the URA, HA, PPAP, the Authority, and PWSA in a disparity study. The last disparity study analyzed the data from January 1, 1996, and ended December 31, 1998. This study was performed by Mason Tillman & Associates with data being presented to the Authorities in September 2000. It contained considerable historical information about Pittsburgh's procurement laws, policies, and practices, societal discrimination, and racial strife within its labor markets. At the time, the scope of the study was limited primarily to construction, architectural and engineering, and other professional services that were prime contract activity. The prior study provided no analysis of contracting activity for goods and other non-professional services. Limited subcontracting data was available at that time.

At this time, COP, led by Felicity Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor, is spearheading a study focusing on the disparities between minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, and LGBTQ+ businesses that are willing and able to complete work in the construction, professional services, and goods and services contracts, and ultimately determine which programs and/or policies can be implemented to close the gap in any discovered disparities. This will cover construction, architectural and engineering, professional, goods and commodities, and non-professional services. An RFP was released on August 6, 2024, by the Mayor's Office through their OpenGov platform. A pre-proposal meeting was held on August 29, 2024, at the City County Building. Proposals were due by October 8, 2024, and six proposals were received. Consortium members were asked to review responses based on three.

Three finalists were chosen for a scope review. The review committee consisting of representatives from the City, URA, HACP, Allegheny County, PWSA, PPAP, and the Authority. Ultimately, MGT Impact Solutions (MGT) was chosen due to local MWBE participation, experience in Disparity Studies, and cost. As part of the cooperation agreement and RFP, the COP has requested the authorities provide data for aggregation and administrative commitments. The data in review will not be specific to any authority, and importance was given to data safety. The SA is funding this study. The Authority is not being asked for any financial commitment to this study.

Ms. Matos further stated City Council has approved the use of funds for this project in December 2024. MWBE participants are Exico, LLC, an MBE that will handle procurement policy discussions and subcontractor data collection. Cameron Professional Services Group (CPSG), a WBE that will spearhead community engagement and in-depth interviews. M. Davis and Company, Inc., an MBE, will conduct a custom census for availability. Two companies fall outside

of the Authority's reporting numbers. One is a veteran owned small business, CPSG, will lead community engagement, subcontractor data collection, and in-depth interviews. Another is an LGBTQ+ business, Colorful Voices, will lead qualitative data collection, policy research, and subcontractor data collection. The proposed timeline for this disparity study is 18 months from contract execution. Once all Consortium members have executed their agreements, the project can commence. MGT will have 18.59% MBE participation and 7.06% WBE participation. MBE participation will comprise Exico, Inc. and M. Davis Company. WBE participation will comprise of CPSG.

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. 6075

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement and other data sharing contracts regarding the Pittsburgh regional disparity study between the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the Housing Authority, the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority, the Stadium Authority, the Urban Redevelopment Authority, and Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh; 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 to the next item on the agenda, a VP Presentation.

Mr. Jerad Bachar, VP President & CEO, presented a slide show of what VP does as an organization and how VP is increasing tourism in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Councilman Coghill asked if it is economical and cheaper for visitors to visit Pittsburgh.

Mr. Bachar stated Pittsburgh is competitive but not necessarily below market with cities that Pittsburgh is competing with for events.

Councilman Coghill asked some clarifying questions about the U.S. Open.

Mr. Bachar discussed the economic impact of the U.S. Open for Pittsburgh.

Mr. Quatrini asked for clarification on some of the numbers presented by VP and if there were conferences that declined to come to Pittsburgh because there isn't a hotel attached to the DLCC.

Mr. Bachar stated this is correct and not having a headquarters hotel is one of the main reasons why the VP loses business.

Senator Fontana and Mr. Bachar discussed future matters regarding the Convention Center.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, DLCC Monthly Update.

Mr. Tim Muldoon, General Manager of the DLCC, came up to give a general status on the DLCC. He further identified a current success story: Steel City Freeze hosted two volleyball tournaments, and there were conversations about expanding and adding a day to the tournament.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, Senator Fontana moved onto public participation.

Senator Fontana asked if anyone in the audience desired to address the board.

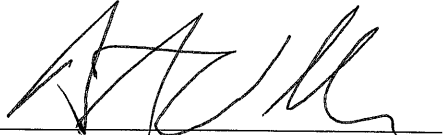
Mr. Gabe Mazefsky asked about a report about the stadium performance at PNC Park; stating he thought it was suggested that it would be available at February's board meeting. Mr. Mazefsky further stated he wanted the February 13th agenda to be reopened and wanted a new item to be added to include certain stipulations to the Pirates lease.

Mr. Hanson stated by law that the board cannot reopen the agenda, and the board must provide a 24-hour notice to notify the public on any items on the agenda, which is to allow full public participation on the agenda.

Daniel Delaney stated that Mr. Nutting doesn't want to spend money on quality players and has studies showing that spending more money provides more wins. Mr. Delaney indicated that other, direct competitors have spent more in free agency, and the Pirates don't want to spend the money.

Mark Datz discussed the history of the Pirates and the city. He stated Mr. Nutting is not performing his function as a steward of the Pirates. Mr. Datz stated that he is here to support those who are here for the removal of Bob Nutting. Mr. Datz stated that Mr. Nutting is spending tens of millions less compared to other small market competitors.

Seeing no additional public comments, Senator Fontana asked if there were any comments from the board. Senator Fontana thanked the board for their vote of confidence in him as the chair. Seeing 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 12:06 P.M.



Aaron Waller/
Assistant Secretary

