

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025,
IN THE DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, ROOM 405,
FOURTH FLOOR
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 10:34 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") Room 405, fourth floor in Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on Thursday, July 10, 2025, commencing at 10:34 A.M. E.S.T.

Members of the Authority

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

Also Present: Aaron Waller, Bridget Pascal, Alicia Matos, Hillary Frisbie, Dom Summers, Doug Straley, Connor Reiche, Theresa King, Jocelyn Bracken, Randall Porch, Grace Longworth, Andrew Lindros, and Paul McDonald Jr. of the Authority; Tom Ryser, TPR, LLC; Christie Tillapaugh, Solicitor; Tim Muldoon, Ryan Buries, Lucas Kistler, Morgan Schmitt, Carrie Yauch, Sara Lane, and Sean Holsing, of SMG; George Meehan, Levy; DJ Makosky, Allegheny County Treasurer; Matthew Wilson, Pittsburgh Steelers; Adam Babetski, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Diane Hunt, RAD; Jackie Riggelman, Travis Williams, Terry Rodgers, and Patrick Joyal, Pittsburgh Pirates; Julia Burdelski, TribLive; and Michael Kocis, WTAE-TV.

Senator Wayne Fontana called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Christie Tillapaugh followed with a roll call of board members. Ms. Tillapaugh advised a quorum was present.

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

Seeing no 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 June 10, 2025. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into an agreement with TranSystems Corporation (TSC) in a not to exceed amount of \$84,039 for the design services for enhanced security measures at the loading docks of the DLCC.

Mr. Lucas Kistler, Director of Facility Services at the DLCC, stated the DLCC features a loading dock entrance located off the 10th Street Bypass, which is utilized by in-house staff and contractors for day-to-day operations, deliveries, and event equipment for shows. This entrance is controlled via an adjacent security office, which is manned from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, unless otherwise required due to in-house events. While staffed, the security officer coordinates traffic flow via manually operated swing gates to access Level 1 or Level 2 of the DLCC. During off-hours and overnight, electronically operated roll gates are lowered at the end of each level entrance and monitored by security cameras in the security control center, which is staffed 24/7.

The DLCC has collaborated with the Pittsburgh field office of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to conduct security audits every three years. After the audit, DHS issues a report with recommendations for physical and operational improvements that can enhance safety and security at the DLCC. While the current loading dock is operational, the DHS audit has identified opportunities to improve design, safety features, and operational efficiencies, thereby protecting a key entry point of the facility and reducing vulnerability at this site.

Mr. Kistler continued, a request for proposals (RFP) was developed to enhance the security measures at the entrance of the loading docks, assess day-to-day functionality for in-house security staff and the security office, and evaluate the trench drainage system at the base of the entry. The project will consist of three phases: investigation, design, and construction administration. In March 2025, the RFP was publicly advertised in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh Builders Exchange, the Authority's website, Vibrant Pittsburgh, the African American Chamber of Commerce, First Source Center, Riverside Center for Innovation, Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Hispanic Development Center Business Incubator. The notice was sent to thirty-seven consultants, including seven MBE firms and six WBE firms. Three firms attended the pre-proposal meeting on April 2, 2025, and no proposals were received on April 18, 2025.

SMG and Authority staff reached out to three firms (TSC, Gensler, and HDR) with previous experience related to security enhancements. Only TSC submitted a proposal, and a scope review was conducted on June 24, 2025, by Doug Straley, Alicia Matos, Ryan Buries, Brian O'Malley, Ryan Bisi, and Lucas Kistler. Based on related projects, hourly rates, MBE/WBE participation, and the allocation of consultants, the submitted proposal meets the intended scope of work. SMG analyzed the hourly rates to ensure the pricing is fair and reasonable. The review committee recommends TSC for the engineering and design services for the loading dock security enhancements.

Mr. Kistler further stated upon board execution, the Phase I investigation will begin. Depending on the approach selected, a design package will be developed in Phase II, and Phase III will be contingent on lead time for the chosen equipment. This project is associated with a

17.09% MBE participation through Cosmos Technologies, Inc., as a subcontractor, which involves completing permitting, assessment reviews, and compliance.

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. 6116

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with TranSystems Corporation in a not to exceed amount of \$84,039 for design services for enhanced security measures at the loading docks of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; 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 agreement with R&B Mechanical, Inc. (RBM) in the amount of \$142,000 for the purchase and installation of eleven replacement service corridor heaters at the DLCC.

Mr. Kistler stated the DLCC has steam heaters located in the back-of-house service corridors. There are a total of six heaters on Level 1 and eleven heaters on Level 2, providing freeze protection to the piping running above the corridor spaces adjacent to the loading dock bays, which are utilized for load-in/load-out of shows, waste disposal, and the operational movement of equipment. At Level 2, four of the eleven heaters are out of service, with an additional two that are isolated due to condensate leaks. By using DLCC's Open-Ended MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing) contract with Allen + Shariff (AS), the firm analyzed these heaters, determined they are at the end of their useful life, and recommends replacement.

The suggested model from AS is an updated steam heater and will tie to the existing piping. The base bid for this project encompasses all the heaters on Level 2, while the alternate includes the replacement of the heaters on Level 1. On Level 2, the steam heaters were initially installed above the cable trays and pipes, which resulted in limited access for maintenance. On Level 1, the steam heaters are mounted below for easy accessibility during maintenance. The new steam heaters on Level 2 will be relocated and mounted directly below the piping on the walls, at a height accessible by in-house staff and out of harm's way due to the movement of equipment in these corridors.

Mr. Kistler further stated in May 2025, a bid notice was publicly advertised in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh Builders Exchange, the Authority's website, Vibrant Pittsburgh, the African American Chamber of Commerce, First Source Center, Riverside Center for Innovation, Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Hispanic Development Center Business Incubator. The notice was sent to 21 contractors, including one MBE and three WBE contractors, with five bids received on June 20, 2025. SMG conducted a scope review and, in the process, received a letter from Guy's Mechanical Systems, Inc., rescinding their bid due to a mathematical error in a spreadsheet that became apparent following the public bid opening on June 20, 2025, based on the bids received. The second-lowest bid was reviewed, and SMG staff recommend RBM as the lowest responsible bidder for replacing the service corridor heaters.

This authorization is for the base bid, which includes the eleven heaters on Level 2. Useful parts from this demolition will be stored by in-house steamfitters and utilized to maintain the Level 1 heaters. The equipment and materials for this project have an 8-week lead time. Completion of the project is expected to take 6 to 8 weeks. This project is accompanied by a one-year warranty

covering equipment, parts, and labor. There is 100% WBE participation associated with this project via RBM.

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. 6117

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with R&B Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$142,000 for the purchase and installation of eleven replacement service corridor heaters at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; 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 a lump sum agreement with Sentry Mechanical (SM) in the amount of \$59,900 for the purchase and installation of materials for three pneumatic steam controllers at the DLCC.

Mr. Kistler stated the DLCC has four steam controllers designed to regulate steam pressure through pneumatic pressure signals and maintain a set pressure by modulating the connected valve. These Leslie PMC-1 Electro-Pneumatic Controllers are original to building construction and are no longer supported. In February 2025, the board authorized a change order to the heating system repairs project to replace one of the four controllers that had failed. This authorization is to replace the remaining three controllers, that are at the end of their useful life. The replacement for this equipment is the Armstrong Series 80 Pneumatic Indicating Controller, as specified by the

manufacturer. This equipment is crucial for maintaining safety, efficiency, and comfort for the steam heating system.

In May 2025, a bid notice was publicly advertised in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh Builders Exchange, the Authority's website, Vibrant Pittsburgh, the African American Chamber of Commerce, First Source Center, Riverside Center for Innovation, Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Hispanic Development Center Business Incubator. The notice was sent to 22 contractors, including one MBE and three WBE contractors. Three bids were received on June 20, 2025, and SMG staff recommend SM as the lowest responsible bidder for the scope of work. There is a 3-to-4 week lead time on materials. Installation will be completed within two weeks of receipt of the equipment, and a one-year warranty is provided on the equipment. There is no MBE/WBE participation associated with this project.

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. 6118

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 lump sum agreement with Sentry Mechanical in the amount of \$59,900 for the purchase and installation of materials for three pneumatic steam controllers at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; 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. Senator Fontana made a motion to table the following agenda item, authorization to enter into an agreement with DLA+

Architecture & Interior Design in a not to exceed amount of \$216,037 for the feasibility study and design services for event spaces on the third floor at the DLCC. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the agenda item was tabled.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to amend the agreement with Trane U.S. Inc. (TI) in the lump sum amount of \$12,254 for the replacement of communication wiring in the chilled water plant (CWP).

Mr. Ryan Buries, Assistant General Manager of the DLCC, stated the CWP at the DLCC supplies chilled water to the air-handling units throughout the DLCC, providing cooling to the facility. The original plant had four TI chillers, control systems hardware, and software. In October 2025, the Authority board approved an amendment to a contract with TI to install AdaptiView Panel Upgrades on Chillers #1 & #2, which are the 1,500-ton chillers.

This agenda item is for the replacement of the original communication wiring within the plant. The original wiring is 24 years old and has exceeded its useful life. Additionally, replacing this wiring will enable all three chillers to be connected via a Bacnet communication network. This seamless communications network will allow for more flexibility and control through the TI Tracer Controls system.

Mr. Buries further stated all the existing equipment and controls of the CWP is TI. The TI control system (software, hardware, and programming) is proprietary and, therefore, is only available through TI. Recognizing that only TI equipment and controls will be compatible, a price proposal for the needed work was requested directly from TI. Veolia and SMG have reviewed the proposal from TI and based on a comparison to previous control projects, find the price to be fair. The work will be scheduled upon authorization and execution of the amendment. There is a short

lead time on the wire. The work is expected to be completed by September 30, 2025, and there is no MBE/WBE participation in this project.

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. 6119

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to amend the agreement with Trane U.S. Inc. in the lump sum amount of \$12,254 for the replacement of communication wiring in the chilled water plant; 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 an Alteration for the conversion of existing pantries into new self-order concession stands and finishing kitchens, paid entirely by PSSI Stadium LLC (PSSI).

Mr. Doug Straley, the Authority's Project Executive, stated per the lease between the Authority and PSSI, an alteration is defined as a project that is not a capital repair or capital improvement and thereby is paid entirely by 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 stadium's exterior or its structural components, PSSI must receive written approval from the Authority for the project.

On May 27, 2025, the Authority was notified by the PSSI that they were seeking to undertake an alteration project to convert two pantries, one located in the UPMC Club and one in the West Club into self-order concession stands with finishing kitchens; 500 to 750 square feet of space per club/pantry is anticipated to be converted for this project. The purpose of the self-order

concession stands and finishing kitchens is to make the purchasing of food and beverages more convenient for customers by allowing them to place their orders, creating fewer lines and faster service.

Mr. Straley further stated that the project is currently underway, with Mascaro Construction (MC) serving as the contractor, and is anticipated to have an estimated cost of \$3.5 million. The project is expected to be completed by the beginning of the 2025-2026 NFL season. There is no MBE WBE participation in this project. Upon completion, the alteration will become part of the leased premises and will be owned by the Authority, which will subsequently lease it to PSSI. Approval of the alteration would be on condition that PSSI shall be solely responsible for all maintenance, repair, and improvement costs of the alteration for the duration of the lease.

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. 6120

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are hereby authorized to approve an Alteration for the conversion of existing pantries into new self-order concession stands and finishing kitchens, 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 approve an exterior alteration related to installation of 60 bronze plaques on the façade of PNC Park along West General Robinson Street and Mazeroski Way paid 100% by the Pittsburgh Pirates (Pirates).

Mr. Straley stated according to the lease agreement between the Authority and the Pirates, an alteration is a project that is neither a capital repair nor a capital improvement and is therefore paid 100% by the team. In accordance with Section 10.10 of the lease, if a project meets certain criteria, such as costing over \$500,000 as adjusted by CPI or affecting the Stadium exterior or its structural components, the team must receive written approval from the Authority for the project. Mr. Straley then introduced Pirates President, Mr. Travis Williams, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the design of the 60 bronze plaques.

Mr. Williams stated the bronze plaques will provide a deserving and lasting display of more than 10,000 messages from the passionate fans who were part of the original Bucco Brick Program. There were significant issues with the "Bucco" bricks, due to weather and other wear and tear; the bricks were deteriorating and causing unsafe conditions. These bricks were replaced three times over the past 25 years.

When the Pirates replaced the concrete over the past offseason, the decision was made to find an alternative way to display fan messages to avoid ongoing issues with the bricks. The display will be a vertical installation designed by the Pirates and renowned architect and urban planner Janet Marie-Smith and her colleagues at The Canopy Team. The bronze plaques will be approximately five feet high and six feet wide, and each will include 170 messages. The plaques will be positioned on the Ariscraft stone to blend with the architectural lines around the exterior perimeter of the ballpark.

Mr. Williams stated the messages will be organized by year, in the same way as the original brick installation, so fans can easily find them. The Pirates are developing an app to assist fans with locating their messages. There will be a delineation between the smaller and larger size blocks on the plaque to mimic the rectangular versus square bricks. Each message will be displayed in

the original rectangular and square format, with the same font size as the original messages engraved in the bricks.

Several project partners are working on this effort, These firms include: Matthews International who will be the manufacturer of the bronze plaque display; MC will complete the installation of the plaques; Wiss, Janney, and Elstner Associates will perform the structural study; the Canopy Team is responsible for the design of this project; and YDI Inc. designed the layout of the panels.

The installation timeline is from January to March 2026, and the Pirates have been assured that this type of project is not affected by weather conditions. The Pirates are fully funding this project, with no public investment involved. The Pirates understand the importance of these messages and the memories they evoke in fans. The Pirates believe this new display will stand the test of time, allowing the passion and dedication of the fans to remain a permanent fixture at PNC Park. The display is to be unveiled on Opening Day 2026.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Coghill thanked Mr. Williams for organizing this project and inquired whether there would be any cost to the public.

Mr. Williams stated there was no cost to the public and reiterated the project cost will be borne by the Pirates. In addition, the Pirates have offered to send replica bricks to the original “Bucco” brick program participant families. Approximately 3,000 registrants have requested bricks.

Mr. Mulu Birru asked if this project had been communicated to the fans.

Mr. Williams stated that this has not gone public, as it’s being unveiled today. Mr. Williams further stated the Pirates wanted to get approval for the alteration before going public.

Councilman Palmosina asked how many people who have bricks have not responded.

Mr. Williams stated there are 10,000 bricks. Mr. Williams further stated the Pirates publicly announced the bricks were available.

Senator Fontana asked if the fans were getting both bricks.

Mr. Williams stated the original participant family member that registers will receive a replica of the original "Bucco" brick.

Councilman Coghill asked what about fans who are out of the area and weren't notified about signing up to receive a replica. Will those people be able to do so.

Mr. Williams stated all the program is still open for registration.

Councilman Palmosina asked how long this offer will stand.

Mr. Williams stated this will stay open as long as the discussions continue.

Senator Fontana asked if the Pirates spoke with the Arts Commission.

Mr. Williams stated there have been talks, and the Pirates have a good relationship with the Arts Commission.

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. 6121

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are hereby authorized to approve an Alteration related to modifications to approve an exterior Alteration related to installation of 60 bronze plaques on the façade of PNC Park along West General Robinson Street and Mazeroski Way paid 100% by the Pittsburgh Pirates; 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 the Pittsburgh Penguins (Penguins) in an amount not to exceed \$421,064 for the upgrades of the arena's data server storage system.

Ms. Hillary Frisbie, the Authority's Facilities Director, stated per the terms of the sublease between the Authority and the Penguins, the Authority is required to pay for eligible capital projects. The Penguins initially notified the Authority in June 2025 that they would be seeking to replace the existing data server storage system, as it had reached the end of its useful life, and to address system updates and support. The VMware Servers and Storage are key components to the operation of the Penguins, OVG360, Aramark, and other entities that reside in and utilize PPG Paints.Arena (PPG). The data server storage is crucial for the day-to-day operations of PPG. The system stores all digital data for the facility and organization.

The current system combines the original equipment with newer VMware servers and storage, purchased in 2018, and the NetApp storage system, purchased in 2019, at the expense of the Penguins, as the original system did not function as intended. The current system configuration includes a VMware setup with vSAN for storage, and a NetApp server for storage with approximately 600TB of usable space. It is also configured to host storage for VMware, in addition to vSAN. 7 ESXI Hosts - Each server has 767 GB RAM, 2 x XEON Gold 6126 2.6GHz processors, 10 x 2TB SAS drives, 2 x 1.92TB SSD, and 2 x M.2 480GB SSD drives. Fiber switches and cables are needed for connections to the system.

Ms. Frisbie further stated the request for the new system will include VMware/Hyper-V/Nutanix type virtualization environment software, 4 Server configuration to reduce cost and overhead, Server specifications – Xeon Gold 3.2 GHz - 16 cores per server if VMWare for cost

savings – 1 TB RAM – 250 GB SSD local storage, and Storage – at least 1 PB of usable storage – preferably a mix of NVMe and spinning disks.

The Penguins issued a request for proposals in May, and submissions were received and reviewed by the Penguins on June 13, 2025, from Lenovo, EcoStor, and EvoTech. All the information was made available to and reviewed by Authority Staff. All three proposals met the needs of the Penguins, with the lowest bidder being EcoStor at \$421,064, excluding \$76,800 for the optional 5-year subscription. However, the Penguins have opted to go with Lenovo for \$655,538, a difference of \$234,473, which the Penguins agree they will be responsible for the cost difference between the two proposals.

The Penguins will fund the managed services component. The installed products have varying warranty durations, depending on the item and its manufacturer. This project has an estimated duration of six months, and this includes lead time, installation, and implementation of the system. Installation is scheduled to begin in the off-season and be completed in early 2026. There is no MBE WBE participation in this project.

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. 6122

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 \$421,064 for the upgrades of the arena's data server storage 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 reimburse the Penguins in an amount not to exceed \$48,915 for the replacement of 65 induction burners at PPG.

Ms. Frisbie stated per the terms of the sublease between the Authority and the Penguins, the Authority is required to pay for eligible capital projects. The Penguins notified the Authority in June 2025 they intend to replace the induction burners in the suites at PPG. There are roughly 200 burners throughout the arena; 65 of these are located in suites and are original equipment for the facility. Burner equipment repairs have been made multiple times, but parts are no longer available.

Three quotes were procured by the Penguins, with the lowest quote being TriMark at \$48,915. Due to the relationship between Aramark, the food and beverage service provider at the Arena, the Penguins would prefer to use Wasserstrom at \$50,927. For this, the Penguins agree to be responsible for the cost difference between the two proposals, which is \$2,012. The new induction burners come with a 1-year warranty and have an average lifespan of approximately ten years. There is no MBE/WBE participation in this project.

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. 6123

RESOLVED by 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 \$48,915 for the replacement of 65 induction burners at PPG Paints Arena; 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 reimburse the Penguins in an amount not to exceed \$246,960 for the replacement of the thirty-two metal detectors at PPG.

Ms. Frisbie stated per the terms of the sublease between the Authority and the Penguins, the Authority is required to pay for certain eligible capital projects. The Penguins notified the Authority in June 2025 they intend to replace the outdated metal detectors in PPG. The existing metal detectors in PPG were installed in 2015 to comply with the NHL regulation requiring all hockey arenas to install and utilize metal detectors as part of their safety and security protocol. The Authority reimbursed the Penguins from the Arena Capital Reserve Fund. The existing units have a useful life expectancy of 10 years, and the manufacturer (Garrett) no longer makes parts for the existing units and will no longer service them. The Penguins obtained two quotes: one from their existing provider, Garrett, for \$246,960, and the other from CEIA, for \$384,587. Garrett metal detectors have a lead time of six weeks and are expected to be installed before the beginning of the 2025-2026 NHL Season. They come with a 1-year warranty and have an average lifespan of approximately ten years. There is no MBE/WBE participation in this project.

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. 6124

RESOLVED by 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 \$246,960 for the replacement of the thirty-two metal detectors at PPG Paints Arena; 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.

Before Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, Senator Fontana made a motion to table the following agenda item: authorization to enter a contract with DESMAN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$142,170 for the structural assessments of PNC Park, Acrisure Stadium, and PPG. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the agenda item was tabled.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, rescinding Resolution #6040 to enter into a SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to the Premier Rugby Sevens (PRS) for a rugby competition.

Ms. Theresa King, the Authority's Project Specialist, stated at the September 2024 Board meeting, Resolution #6040 was approved, authorizing a \$75,000 grant to PRS in support of a rugby competition as part of the Authority's SEF Program. This event was initially scheduled to take place in July 2025. In June 2025, the Authority received official notification from Premier Rugby Sevens that the 2025 event was cancelled due to their inability to reach an agreement with the venue. The organization indicated they may reapply for a future SEF Grant. Authority staff is requesting the Authority board rescind Resolution #6040, which authorized a \$75,000 grant for PRS.

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. 6125

RESOLVED by the Board of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that the authorization that was included in Resolution #6040 of September 12, 2024, enter into an SEF Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 to the Premier Rugby Sevens for a rugby competition, is hereby rescinded; 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, DLCC Monthly Update.

Mr. Tim Muldoon, General Manager of the DLCC, gave a general status report on the DLCC.

Mr. Muldoon stated Anthrocon had a record attendance this year, with 18,000 attendees, and the economic impact reached \$20 million. Next year will be Anthrocon's 20th Anniversary and the DLCC and City are planning something significant for the event.

Mr. Birru asked what could be done to keep Anthrocon in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Muldoon stated that adding a hotel to the DLCC would greatly help. Additionally, a connector to the hotel would assist, as this is often discussed in the surveys every year.

Councilman Coghill asked if Anthrocon is signed up for 2026.

Mr. Muldoon confirmed this is correct, and the DLCC is working on the 2027 contract.

Councilman Coghill asked if Anthrocon has a home base.

Mr. Muldoon stated they are all over, and the individual who runs Anthrocon is based in Philadelphia.

Mr. Birru asked where the individuals came from.

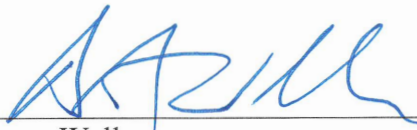
Mr. Muldoon stated domestically and internationally.

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

Seeing no additional public comments, Senator Fontana asked if there were any comments from the board. Seeing no additional comments or business, Senator Fontana asked for a motion

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to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 A.M.



Aaron Waller
Assistant Secretary