

Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 11:00am

Via onsite Employee Lounge and teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

Members present: Bert Brantley, Ruth Quattlebaum Edwards, Pat Farrell, Joe Marinelli, Martin Miller, Ben Polote Jr., Anne Scheer, Pritpal Singh, Mark Smith **Members absent:** Anne Scheer, Ansley Williams
Also present: Paul Threlkeld, Frank Poe(GWCCA-via Zoom), Joe Bocherer (GWCCA), Kevin Duvall (GWCCA), Yong Choe (YC Consulting-via zoom), Stephen Hall (via Zoom), Evan Lasseter (Savannah Morning News), Gifton Passley (GSFIC-via Zoom), Jeff Bleam (GSFIC), Jeff Hewitt (Visit Savannah), Gene Maria (Hansen Architects), Victor Alfieri (GWCCA), Michael Garcia (Matthews Southwest), David Snell (Matthews Southwest), Todd Nocerini (Songy Highroads), Kendall Golightly (Impact Development), Molly Arbogast (POV Sports Marketing), Maggie Harney (Hotel Development Team), Taylor Carr (Hotel Development Team) Erhard Koehler (N.S. Savannah) and SCC staff: Kelvin Moore, Ronnie Hickman, Angela Daniels, Jamie Parks, Holly Jenkins, Gail Terrell, Al Rojas and Jackie Mitchell

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 11:00am.

Chairman Smith acknowledged the victims of 9/11/01 and asked for a moment of silence.

Secretary/Treasurer Brantley introduced Mr. Erhard Koehler, Maritime Administration and Senior Technical Advisor, N.S. Savannah. Mr. Koehler provided a brief overview of the NS Savannah decommissioned nuclear ship currently located in Baltimore. Mr. Koehler commented on seeking a preservation outcome for the functional static ship which is equipped for self-guided tours, meetings and events.

Chairman Smith asked for approval of the Minutes and Treasurer's report. Motion made by Vice-Chairman Marinelli; seconded by Ms. Quattlebaum Edwards and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Counsel Report. Mr. Threlkeld stated no report at this time.

External Affairs Report. Mr. Choe commented on Congressman Buddy Carter's expressed appreciation to the board members during his recent visit and tour of the expansion at the Convention Center. Mr. Choe also commented on upcoming meetings in Washington, DC with Senior Staff of the Appropriations Committee, Senior Staff of Senator Warnock and Senior Staff of Senator Ossoff in which Mr. Hughes will also be in attendance. Chairman Smith made favorable remarks of Congressman Carter's recent visit and tour of the SCC expansion area. Mr. Choe commented on potential funding strategies discussions to be held in Washington, DC. Mr. Moore commented on concurrent strategies being discussed with GWCC, VP of Government Relations, Lindsay Strickland and Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Moore commented on the revised reporting process to the board members.

Financial Report. Ms. Jenkins reported an unfavorable month for August due to utilities. Ms. Jenkins then continued to report an unfavorable variance to the Authority budget for the month of August and forecasted to meet budget at fiscal year-end for the Authority's budget.

Events Report. Ms. Mitchell provided an overview of the August and September event highlights and statistics.

Operations Report. Mr. Hickman provided an update on ferry landing repairs, escalator repairs, riverwalk repairs and Bryan Square repairs. Mr. Hickman then reviewed a savings update on FY'25 Capital Project Funding of the audio-visual upgrades. Mr. Hickman reviewed the Bulkhead repair – TIC Awardee

at a cost of \$5,264,401.20. Motion to accept and move forward with TIC made by Mr. Miller; seconded by Mr. Singh and approved by unanimous voice vote. Comments and clarification to the bulkhead repair work made by Mr. Nocerini, President of Songy Highroads. Mr. Hickman then reviewed the Chiller #2 Motor Repair and Chiller Rental at a cost of \$323,467.00. Motion by Mr. Tollison; seconded by Mr. Singh and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Hotel Development Report. Mr. Duvall provided an introduction of Mr. Todd Nocerini and his team. Presentation of future convention center hotel, Savannah Signia, made by Mr. Nocerini and the development team of Songy Highroads. Chairman Smith commented on extending the road along Area 7 to connect back to Shackleford Road to allow more seamless ingress and egress of the convention center hotel traffic.

Attorney Threlkeld provided an overview of the board reimbursement resolution which allows the board to reimburse planned expenditures for the savannah convention center hotel project with proceeds of tax-exempt financing. Motion by Mr. Tollison; seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Parking Operations update. Mr. Rojas introduced GWCC Director of Parking, Mr. Victor Alfieri. Mr. Alfieri introduced the Metropolis team (formerly SP+), Vice-President, Andrew May, Director of Business Development, Connor Gray, and Regional Vice-President of Development, Travis Jarrett. Overview of the new parking digital system presented by Mr. Jarrett.

Chairman's Report. Chairman Smith commented on an upcoming meeting on Friday September 20, 2024 at 9am with Engineering and Architect company, Hussey Gay Bell and the board members, Road Committee. Chairman Smith also commented on Governor Kemp's reappointment of Anne Scheer, Pat Farrell and Ansley Williams to the SGCCA board.

Chairman Smith then requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential real estate transactions with Chatham County and to discuss portions of a commercial sponsorships study. Motion by Ms. Quattlebaum Edwards; seconded by Mr. Singh and approved by unanimous voice vote. Executive Session convened at 12:59pm and ended at 1:47pm with a motion by Secretary/Treasurer Brantley; seconded by Mr. Polote Jr and approved with unanimous voice vote. Regular board meeting session reconvened at 1:47pm.

Chairman Smith asked for any other business; hearing none, then adjourned the meeting at 1:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bert Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer