

RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
470th MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 17, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as “Authority”. The “CCA” or the “Board”) was held on February 17, 2022, pursuant to notice at the Dunkin’ Donuts Center, One LaSalle Square, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members attending were Bernie Buonanno, Edward Feldstein, Peter Mancini, Patrick Butler, Paul MacDonald and Jeff Hirsh.

Board members in attendance via Zoom were Peri Ann Aptaker, George Nee and John Hooper.

Others participating were Daniel McConaghy and Dana Peltier, Convention Center Authority; Dan Schwartz and Michael Gravison, VETS; Antonio, Alan Chille and Lyn Singleton, PFM; Veronica VanJura, Dunkin’ Donuts Center; Larry Lepore, Cheryl Cohen and Chris Spolidoro, Convention Center; Kristen Adamo, PWCVB; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel; Mike Crawley, Citrin Cooperman and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 9:00 and asked for approval of the January Board meeting. **Ms. Aptaker** noted that the minutes reported that **Mr. Nee** was listed as being both in person and via zoom. **Mr. Nee** attended via zoon. Upon a motion made by **Mr. Butler** and seconded by **Mr. MacDonald** it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the January meeting after this correction.

Mr. Buonanno recognized Ms. Adamo and asked that she report on PWCVB’s outlook for the coming months. Ms. Adamo reported that the CVB and the sales team at the Convention Center have been working together to come out of this pandemic stronger than going in. The January sales activity indicates definite RICC bookings include American Alliance for Theater & Education, Northeast American Chinese Invitational Volleyball Tournament, American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and the North American Society for Trenchless Technology. Ms. Adamo stated that the economic impact of RICC definite bookings for the month of December was \$3,655,032.52.

Mr. McConaghy stated that the team is gearing up for the legislative session. He said that the Governor and Legislature appear to be supportive.

A monthly report on marketing efforts and results at the Convention Center and Dunkin’ Donuts Center was included in the package distributed to the Board. Ms. Cohen reported thin the package at the Van Gogh exhibit will be huge and Michael Angelo exhibit will be announced soon. Ms. Cohen said that we will try to maximize those exhibits with food & beverage sales. Ms. Cohen reported on upcoming events that include a WWE event that will be a Pay Preview

event. Also Casting Crowns and Stars on Ice will be performing in March. Ms. Cohen noted the inclusion of an events calendar in the distributed package. .

Mr. Gravison's monthly report included upcoming on sales. He noted six new Fall events and Spring is looking good with comedy and dance competitions. Mr. Gravison noted that comedy works well in that venue. M. Chile said that comedy is doing well all over the country.

Mr. Buonanno asked for a motion to convene in executive session pursuant to Section 42-46-5(a)(7) of the Rhode Island General laws as to a matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest.

Upon a motion duly made by **Mr. Nee** and seconded by **Mr. Mancini** and by a roll call vote it was unanimously

VOTED: to Convene in Executive Closed Session pursuant to RI General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(7) to discuss a matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest.

Vote:

Bernie Buonanno – yes

Jeff Hirsh - yes

Paul MacDonald, yes

Patrick Butler - yes

George Nee - yes

Peri Ann Aptaker – yes

John Hooper – yes

Peter Mancini - yes

Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any new business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by **Mr. Butler** and seconded by **Mr. Hirsh** it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 10:55 AM