

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE ILLINOIS SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

September 20, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority was held on September 20, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the offices of Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman at 333 West Wacker, Suite 500, Chicago, IL.

Item 1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Item 2. Roll Call

Call of the Roll was taken and the following members of the Authority were present: Manuel Sanchez, Jeff Yordon, Norm Bobins, Jim Reynolds, Rosemarie Andolino and Richard Price. Also present were Greg Bedalov, P.J. Frayer, Dana Phillips Goodum, Maureen Gorski, Maria Saldaña and Russell Levine of the Authority's staff. In addition, John Corvino from the Chicago White Sox attended the meeting.

Item 3. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Sanchez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 10, 2018. Mr. Reynolds moved to approve and Mr. Yordon seconded. Motion to approve was unanimously approved.

Item 4. CEO Report

Mr. Bedalov reported that ISFA was hosting a golf type of event at Guaranteed Rate Field on October 5th, 6th and 7th and that we were anticipating that approximately 4,000 people would participate. He stated that the promoter, Stadiumlinks, was paying rent to ISFA of \$10,000 a day plus expenses. Accordingly ISFA, was not taking any financial risks related to this event. Mr. Bedalov also reported that we had been approached by the promoter for Chance the Rapper regarding possible concert in September. We made a proposal to the promoter with a base rent amount that was significantly higher than base rent for previous Chance concert and the White Sox staff worked with us and the promoter to come up with estimate of cost for operating expenses. Unfortunately, we were informed that Chance suffered some kind of injury and the promoter proposed that concert be moved to October. Accordingly, we are working with the promoter on possible concert for October 13th. The Board expressed their support for this event even if we had to reduce the rent, given that the expenses for an October concert were higher than the originally proposed concert in September. Mr. Sanchez stated that the White Sox are fully on board on working with ISFA to assist us with hosting this concert.

Lastly, Mr. Bedalov reported that he had met with Board members individually to go over strategic planning and marketing issues and to get some guidance. He reported that Board members had concurred with overall plans and recommendations.

Item 5. Amendments to the Employee Handbook

Mr. Bedalov reported that after some discussion with some Board members he was recommending some changes to the personnel policies contained in Employee Handbook that were adopted at the last Board meeting. Mr. Bedalov referred Board members to Exhibit A of Resolution 19-01 that described the proposed changes. There followed a brief discussion of some of the proposed changes. Mr. Sanchez called for a motion to adopt Resolution 19-01, a resolution approving amendments to the Employee Handbook. Ms. Andolino moved to adopt and Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 6. Policy Regarding Key Roles within ISFA

Mr. Reynolds reported that Resolution 19-02, a resolution adopting a policy regarding segregation of responsibilities was discussed in the AFI Committee and that committee was recommending that full Board adopt Resolution 19-02. He stated that the Resolution adopts a policy that would prevent one person from performing more than one key role within the organization. Mr. Sanchez called for a motion to adopt Resolution 19-02. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Yordon and was seconded by Mr. Price; and motion was unanimously approved.

Item 7. Audit Finance & Investment Committee Charter

Mr. Reynolds reported that Resolution 19-03, a resolution adopting a charter for the Audit, Finance and Investment Committee was discussed in the AFI Committee and that the committee voted to recommend the resolution to the full Board. Mr. Reynolds explained that the resolution adopts a charter for the AFI committee and that the charter outlines in detail the role and responsibilities of the AFI Committee. Mr. Sanchez called for a motion to adopt Resolution 19-03; Mr. Yordon moved to adopt and Mr. Price seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 8. Prevailing Wage Determinations

Mr. Reynolds reported that Resolution 19-04 was also discussed in the AFI committee and that the committee voted to recommend that resolution 19-04 be adopted by the full Board. He explained that the resolution retroactively sets forth prevailing wages to be in effect from August 15, 2018 for construction tradesmen. Mr. Sanchez called for a motion to adopt resolution 19-04; Ms. Andolino moved to adopt and Mr. Price seconded, motion was unanimously approved.

Item 9. Fiscal Year 2018 Unaudited ISFA Operating Results

Ms. Phillips Goodum gave a report on the FY 2018 year end unaudited financial results. She stated that ISFA ended the year with approximately \$850,000 in excess revenue over expenditures and that actual hotel tax revenues were close to \$1.2 million over budgeted amount. She reported that investment income was also higher than budgeted. In connection with expenses she reported that there was a net savings in our construction expenditures of approximately \$984,000. She indicated that of that amount approximately \$590,000 is for projects that were deferred and were rolled over into FY2019.

Ms. Phillips Goodum also reported that for first quarter of FY 2019, the hotel tax is 8.6% over the FY 2018 first quarter. She stated that there were a record numbers of hotel stays in Chicago through the September reporting period which includes hotel stays through the end of June.

Item 10. Guaranteed Rate Field Capital Repairs

Ms. Gorski reported that over half of the FY 2019 Capital Projects have been awarded and that we were ready to start construction either on October 8th or after, depending on whether or not we were going to host a concert on October 13th.

Item 11. Executive Session

Mr. Sanchez asked for an Executive Session to discuss Litigation Matters Pursuant to Section 2 (c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and to discuss Personnel Matters Pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. A Roll call was taken for the Executive Session.

Item 12. Matters Arising Out of Executive Session


None

Item 13. Other Business


None

Item 19. Adjournment

Mr. Sanchez adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:02 p.m.



Chairman, Manuel Sanchez

ATTEST:


Assistant Secretary, Richard Price