

LOS ANGELES CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTER AUTHORITY

Meeting
Wednesday
January 14, 2015
10:30 a.m.
Los Angeles Convention Center

The Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Authority convened a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 10:45 a.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC), located at 1201 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015, in Meeting Room 503.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Susan Rodriguez, President (outgoing)
Wayne Avrashow, President (incoming)
Cheryl Turner, Vice President (incoming)

Ray Bishop
Martin Cooper
David Cunningham
Dennis Hernandez
J. Richard Leyner
Robert Mallicoat
Keith Martin
Jason Seward

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Peter Gravett
Courtney Reum
Majib Siddiquee

DEPARTMENT STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

Tom Fields, Assistant General Manager and COO –
Los Angeles Department of Convention & Tourism Development (CTD)
Glyn Milburn, Business Representative – Office of the Mayor
John Wickham, Legislative Analyst – Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
Renee Stadel, Deputy City Attorney – Office of the City Attorney
Barbara Kirklighter, Vice President, Revenue Strategy –
Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board (LATCB)
Cristine Villorante, Executive Administrative Assistant – CTD

Item 1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Rodriguez.

Item 2. Public Comment – Ms. Joyce Dillard commented on her testimony in front of the Board of Public Works Commission relative to the Task Order Solicitation for the

LACC Renovation and Expansion Project and how it is not under Public Work's jurisdiction, but that of the Authority.

Item 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2014

Moved by: Commissioner Leyner
Seconded by: Commissioner Cooper

Approved

Yes: Commissioners Avrashow, Bishop, Cooper, Cunningham, Hernandez, Leyner, Mallicoat, Martin, Rodriguez, and Seward

No: Commissioner Turner

Absent: Commissioners Gravett, Reum, and Siddiquee

Item 4. President's Comments – President Rodriguez expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as President and for the Commissioners she has served with.

Item 5. Election of Officers

Commissioner Cunningham, Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided a brief history of the Nominating Committee and its custom to nominate one City appointee and one County appointee for the purpose of rotating the President's seat between the City and County appointees for continuity. The Nominating Committee consists of former Presidents of the Authority.

The Nominating Committee announced their nomination of Wayne Avrashow for President and Susan Rodriguez for Vice President and requested Commissioners to move forward with acceptance, seconded by Commissioner Mallicoat.

A discussion ensued about the Nominating Committee's logic and election process.

Commissioner Avrashow clarified that the election process is not addressed in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA); the election process has been a tradition.

There was further discussion with regards to who participates in the Nominating Committee, how many terms one can serve, if there were years when there was no rotation between City and County, and what the process has been when a vacancy of the officers occurs.

Commissioner Bishop commented, and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, that the Authority should select those who are willing to serve, who have leadership abilities, and are willing do a good job.

Commissioner Bishop asked what other members were nominated, but not recommended by the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Cunningham stated that Commissioners Leyner, Martin, Reum, and Turner also expressed interest in being an officer.

Upon the conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Bishop moved to nominate Cheryl Turner as Vice President. After clarification of process, the motion was subsequently withdrawn and replaced with a substitute motion (replacing Commissioner Cunningham's motion) to nominate Cheryl Turner as Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

Mr. Milburn added that the Mayor is in support of the current nomination recommendations which reflect continuity.

Further discussion ensued and upon conclusion, Commissioner Bishop's substitute motion was withdrawn from the floor and Commissioner Cunningham's motion was amended to open the floor for nominations.

Mr. Milburn wanted to clarify it really isn't a question why the recommendations wouldn't be accepted and there should be a compelling reason why someone is more qualified. This is a starting point and a recommendation, but not a mandate.

Nominees for President

Wayne Avrashow

Moved by: Commissioner Bishop
Seconded by: Commissioner Rodriguez and Leyner

9 Votes: Commissioners Avrashow, Bishop, Cooper, Cunningham, Hernandez, Leyner, Mallicoat, Rodriguez, Seward

Absent: Commissioners Gravett, Reum, and Siddiquee

Cheryl Turner

Moved by: Commissioner Martin
Seconded by: Commissioner Hernandez

2 Votes: Commissioners Martin and Turner

Absent: Commissioners Gravett, Reum, and Siddiquee

Nominees for Vice President

Susan Rodriguez

Moved by: Commissioner Cunningham
Seconded by: Commissioner Hernandez

2 Votes: Commissioners Mallicoat and Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioners Gravett, Reum, and Siddiquee

Cheryl Turner

Moved by: Commissioner Cooper
Seconded by: Commissioner Seward

7 Votes: Commissioners Bishop, Cooper, Hernandez, Leyner, Martin, Seward, and Turner

2 Abstain: Commissioners Avrashow and Cunningham

Absent: Commissioners Gravett, Reum, and Siddiquee

Note: Results fell short of majority vote of eight (8) to pass.

Motion for another vote

Moved by: Commissioner Avrashow
Seconded by: Commissioner Hernandez.

Susan Rodriguez

2 Votes: Commissioners Mallicoat and Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioners Gravett, Reum, and Siddiquee

Cheryl Turner

9 Votes: Commissioners Avrashow, Bishop, Cooper, Cunningham, Hernandez, Leyner, Martin, Seward, and Turner.

Absent: Commissioners Gravett, Reum, and Siddiquee

The newly elected officers are Wayne Avrashow for President and Cheryl Turner for Vice President.

Item 6. Ethics Training – Ms. Renee Stadel, Deputy City Attorney, gave a presentation on Ethics rules and regulations as it relates to the Authority.

Item 7. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Tom Fields reported on the current fiscal year's capital improvement projects and the White Paper which outlines the expansion and futurization of the Convention Center.

Commissioner Bishop asked CTD staff to report any issues that may impact the Authority's roles and responsibilities.

Commissioner Cooper moved for CTD staff to be directed to provide an economic benefit analysis, which was seconded by Commissioner Leyner. The motion fell short of the majority vote of eight (8).

Yes: Vice President Turner, Commissioners Bishop, Cooper, Leyner, Mallicoat, and Seward

No: President Avrashow and Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioners Gravett, Reum, and Siddiquee

Note: Commissioners Cunningham, Hernandez, and Martin departed prior to this motion's voting process.

Item 8. Agenda Forecast and Special Topics

Commissioner Bishop would like a clearer understanding of the Authority's roles as it relates to the accounting of lease payments and financials.

Commissioner Bishop requested that requests from Commissioners be added to the meeting minutes.

Vice President Turner moved to have the Authority be given access to income, expense, and lease payment reports on a regular basis.

President Avrashow asked that Vice President Turner to withdraw her motion and see if his request encompasses her requests.

President Avrashow requested the following:

- A White Paper for the Authority to include duties or roles and responsibilities, along with financials.
- Service on Committees
- After an understanding of the Authority's roles and responsibilities, revisit meeting time and frequency.

Item 9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.