

LOS ANGELES CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTER AUTHORITY

Meeting
Wednesday
November 12, 2014
10:30 a.m.
Los Angeles Convention Center

The Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Authority (Authority) convened a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 10:40 a.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC), located at 1201 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015, in Meeting Room 510.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Susan Rodriguez, President
Wayne Avrashow
Ray Bishop
Dennis Hernandez
J. Richard Leyner
Robert Mallicoat
Keith Martin
Courtney Reum
Jason Seward
Majib Siddique
Cheryl Turner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Martin Cooper
David Cunningham
Peter Gravett

DEPARTMENT STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT

Bud Ovrom, Executive Director –

Los Angeles Department of Convention & Tourism Development (CTD)
Tom Fields, Assistant General Manager & Chief Operating Officer - CTD
Marla Bleavins, Assistant General Manager – Finance and Administration - CTD
Terry Martin Brown, Assistant City Attorney – Office of the City Attorney
Diana Mangioglu, Sr. Administrative Analyst II – Office of the City Administrative Officer
John Wickham, Legislative Analyst – Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
Barbara Kirklighter, Vice President, Revenue Strategy –
Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board (LATCB)
Cristine Villorante, Executive Administrative Assistant - CTD

Item 1. Call to Order – President Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Public Comment – Initial call for Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting had a negative response. Later during the presentation of Item No. 6, Powers and Duties of the Authority Commission, Ms. Dillard expressed her concerns on the use of Housing and Urban Development funds, Prop 1C funds, and air rights. She asked the Authority to look more closely at the financial aspects of the Convention Center.

Commissioner Bishop stated that it would be a good idea to develop bullet points on the powers and duties of the Authority and to identify all the issues brought about in Ms. Dillard's public comment to see if they are within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Commissioners Bishop and Leyner requested that any issues with air rights under the jurisdiction of the Authority should be identified and asked Mr. Bud Ovrom if staff can assist with his request.

Ms. Martin-Brown commented that the City has land use attorneys and real property attorneys who are investigating those issues and other commissions that are involved on those topics.

Commissioner Seward followed up on Commissioner Bishop's earlier request to provide quarterly reports on the state of the assets, to which, Ms. Mangioglou responded it would not be a quarterly report, but a bi-annual report on topics such as standing principal, commercial paper program, and general discussion on facility itself.

Item 3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes –

September 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2014, seconded by President Rodriguez, as amended. President Rodriguez requested a review of the recording to confirm the second motion to approve the meeting time of 10:30 a.m.

Approved

Yes: Pres. Rodriguez, Commissioners Avrashow, Bishop, Hernandez, Leyner, Mallicoat, Martin, Reum, Seward, Siddiquee, and Turner

No: None

Absent: Commissioners Cooper, Cunningham, and Gravett

October 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 15, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Leyner.

Approved

Yes: Pres. Rodriguez, Commissioners Avrashow, Bishop, Hernandez, Leyner, Mallicoat, Martin, Reum, Seward, Siddiquee, and Turner

No: None

Absent: Commissioners Cooper, Cunningham, and Gravett

Item 4. President's Comments – President Rodriguez thanked everyone for coming and extended her appreciation to Ms. Terry Martin Brown for providing the Authority with today's overview of the Brown Act and the Authority's powers and duties.

Note: A portion of Item 7 was taken out of order due to presenter's time constraints.

Item 7. Executive Director's Report –

Mr. John Wickham provided a status update on AEG's extension to the Implementation Agreement for the New Hall and Event Center Project (Council File No. 14-1383). The process is currently on hold. Staff and Principals meetings have been set up to resolve administrative and background issues.

Item 5. Brown Act Overview &

Item 6. Powers and Duties of the Authority –

Ms. Martin Brown gave the Authority an overview of the Brown Act (California's open meeting law) and the Authority's powers and duties (Joint Exercise Powers Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles).

President Rodriguez took agenda items out of order to welcome our newly appointed Commissioners, Keith Martin and Ray Bishop.

Discussion ensued with regards to funds and accounts under the name of the Authority and the process in which debt services are paid.

Commissioner Bishop asked if the Authority receives an accounting of rents that come in and are distributed. Ms. Bleavins responded historically, she doesn't believe that the Authority has received those records, but it's something that can be made available to the Authority. Ms. Mangioglu also added that the CAO has a schedule of debt payments that can also be made available to the Authority. To which Commissioner Bishop requested to make the reports available in the future so there is some review process by the Authority.

The Authority specifically asked for information related to powers and duties related to design, input on design, decision making on design. Ms. Martin-Brown informed the Authority that the designs must adhere to the minimum requirements of all City regulations and all buildings and structures must be approved by the Cultural Affairs Commission. The Cultural Affairs Commission has the final design approval and authority of all buildings and structures in the City of Los Angeles.

Item 7. Executive Director's Report –

Mr. Ovrom reported on the Task Order Solicitation (TOS) for Plan B and distributed TOS information for the Authority to review.

Item 8. Proposed Future Monthly Meeting Schedule –

December 10, 2014 Meeting

Due to a conflict in President Rodriguez's schedule, coupled with the lack of relevant agenda items for December's meeting, Commissioner Leyner moved to cancel the meeting on December 10, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Avrashow.

Approved

Yes: Pres. Rodriguez, Commissioners Avrashow, Hernandez, Leyner, Mallicoat, Martin, Reum, and Siddiquee

Abstain: Vice President Turner, Commissioners Bishop and Seward
(Noted as a Yes vote)

No: None

Absent: Commissioners Cooper, Cunningham, and Gravett

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2015.

Item 9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.