

MINUTES
GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM and by ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
APRIL 27, 2021
12:30 p.m.

The following thirteen out of fourteen Board Members were present:

Don Balfour	Jeff Payne
Stan Conway (Zoom)	Bill Rice (Zoom)
Brian Daniel	Brian Robinson
Ben Garrett (Zoom)	Bill Russell
Glenn Hicks, Chair	Doug Tollett
Bill Jones	Dexter Warrior (Zoom)
Aaron McWhorter	

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 30, 2021 Board of Governors Meeting

A motion to approve the March 30, 2021 Board of Governors meeting minutes was made by Doug Tollett, seconded by Stan Conway, and unanimously approved.

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT and FY21 UPDATED FORECAST

Frank Poe called on Janet Arsenault, Director of Finance, for the review of the March 2021 Financial Reports and present the FY21 Updated Forecast.

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Lindsay Strickland, GWCCA Director of Government Relations, provided an update of the 2021 Legislative Session to include the following

- FY21 Amended and FY22 Budgets
- Notable legislation
- American Rescue Plan (Federal)
- Legislative Overview Committee Support

CUSTOMER SURVEY DATA UPDATE

Mark Koeninger, GWCCA Director of Business Intelligence and Process Improvement, presented a customer survey update which included the following.

- FY21 Overall Satisfaction Scores
- Major categories seeing increased scores or holding steady
- Customer feedback

LEGACY GARDENS DEDICATION

Holly Richmond, GWCCA Director of Marketing Communications, informed the Board about the Legacy Gardens Dedication held Friday, April 23, 2021.

RESOLUTION – FIRST AMENDMENT TO SITE COORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH FALCONS

A motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to the Site Coordination Agreement, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A, was made by Bill Russell, seconded by Doug Tollett, and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION – EDLEN ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING SERVICES AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Agreement with Edlen Electrical Exhibition Services of Georgia, LLC for electrical and plumbing services, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B, was made by Jeff Payne, seconded by Brian Daniel, and unanimously approved

RESOLUTION – STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REQUEST

A motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Department of Economic Development submit a request to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission that the Commission undertake to issue \$12,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C, was made by Brian Robinson, seconded by Doug Tollett, and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to move into Executive Session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, or interviewing applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency was made by Brian Daniel, seconded by Bill Jones, and unanimously approved.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:40 p.m.

Glenn Hicks reported the Board recommends approval to implement the following items, which were approved by the Board at the July 28, 2020 Board of Governors meeting, in light of the improvement to the business environment and business volume.

- (1) To award to Executive Director, as per his contract, an Annual Performance-Based Compensation of 20% of his base salary for his successful FY20 performance.
- (2) To approve a 5% increase in the Executive Director's base salary effective July 1, 2020.

A motion to approve implementing the action taken by the Board at the July 28, 2020 Board of Governors meeting as it relates to the Executive Director's FY20 annual performance-based compensation and base salary increase was made by Bill Jones, seconded by Doug Tollett, and unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Robinson, seconded by Bill Jones, and unanimously approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Dale Aiken
Assistant Secretary

Doug Tollett
Secretary