

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE
DUNKIN DONUTS CENTER COMMITTEE**

March 21, 2005

A meeting of the Dunkin Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as “Authority”, the “CCA” or the “Board”) was held on March 21, 2005, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Committee members present were Chairman, David R. Gavitt, Commissioners David A. Duffy and Jeffrey Hirsh. Also present were James P. McCarvill, Executive Director and Theodore J. Przybyla, RICCA; John Simmons, City of Providence; Alisa Gallo, Local 217, H.E.R.E.; Richard Beretta, Adler Pollock & Sheehan and Bruce Leach, Legal Council.

Chairman Gavitt called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Hirsch was welcomed to the committee by Chairman Duffy who advised the committee that he had appointed Mr. Hirsh to the subcommittee.

Mr. McCarvill distributed an executive poll and editorial from the March 21st issue of the Providence Business News that supported State involvement in substantial improvements to the Dunkin Donuts

Center. Mr. McCarvill briefed the committee on the March 9th presentation to the House Finance Committee. Mr. McCarvill advised the committee that the power point presentation that they were about to review is the same that had been recently presented to the Committee. He said that the presentation had been prepared by Ellerbe Becket and was generally received favorably by the Committee and in follow-up media stories.

Upon completion of the presentation Chairman Duffy recognized Mr. John Simmons who advised the committee that Commissioner Mello was unable to attend, but he had been asked to attend in his place. Conversations ensued regarding the merits of the proposed renovations to the Dunkin Donut Center and its importance to the City of Providence.

Commissioner Gavitt reiterated his position that a renovated facility is an essential part of any city. He further proposed that a combined Civic Center /Convention Center facility would once again place Providence and Rhode Island in a unique leadership position to compete for significant amateur sporting events that draw parents and participants as well as NCAA and AAU events.

Noting no further items on the agenda, the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it

was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.