

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

**December 22, 2008**

**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 December 22, 2008, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Committee Chairman Bernie Buonanno and Commissioners Jeff Hirsh, Jason Fowler, Dave Duffy and Paul MacDonald.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Deb Tuton and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, Cheryl Cohen, Lisa Coelho, Jodi Duclos and Eleanor SanAntonio, Dunkin' Donuts Center; Steve Habl, VMA; Tom Crocker, Sportservice; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel; Bob Bromley, Senate Fiscal Office and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm and noted that the schedule for next year's meetings is included in today's handout.**

**Mr. Buonanno asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the**

**November meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Fowler it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the November meeting.**

**Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. Lepore to update the Committee on the Dunkin' Donuts Center operations. Mr. Lepore reported that November was a great month and that he expects December to be good as well. Mr. Lepore said that the P Bruins held their own. He also said that although Providence College attendance was less than expected it will increase as the Big East schedule gets underway. Mr. Lepore was pleased to report that a solution to the issue of the risers had been found that did not necessitate removal and that a savings of approximately \$6,000 was realized. Mr. Lepore reported that expenses are being looked at every day to find any possible savings.**

**Mr. Duffy asked how the snow storm was handled. Mr. Lepore said that the weekend was a disaster. He said that the hockey game was moved to the afternoon in anticipation of the Governor calling for a State of Emergency. Mr. Lepore noted that some fans showed up at night and were not pleased. Mr. Lepore reported that Midget Car Racing would be held at the Dunk the weekend following Monster Trucks. Mr. Lepore stated that the Boston Pops is interested in a performance at the arena in 2009. Mr. Lepore reported that SMG had located a promoter for Barry Manilow. He said that this is the first**

show for this promoter and we hope that he is successful. Mr. Lepore said that the area lacks an independent promoter. Mr. Duffy asked if Frank J. Russo was still in the business. Mr. Lepore said that he is still around but is more interested in doing movies. Mrs. Cohen reported that marketing will pick up after the Holidays. Mr. Lepore said that we cannot afford bad weather that keeps people away. Mr. Lepore said that there is a possibility that URI will move their game with Oklahoma State from the Ryan Center to the Dunkin' Donuts Center.

Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. Crocker to address the Committee. Mr. Crocker reported that the restaurant did very well for TSO. Mr. Crocker also reported that a Providence Bruins patron has reserved a table in the restaurant for every game for the remaining season. Ms. Sullivan noted that a very hard look was taken at the proposed changes to the restaurant. She said that the new design is tastefully done and will be well under the budget originally proposed. Mr. MacDonald asked if there would be a menu posted downstairs. Mr. Crocker responded that a menu would be placed in a prominent spot in the lobby.

Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any other business. Hearing none he sought a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

**VOTED: to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.**