

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

**February 21, 2012**

**A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on February 21, 2012, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Committee Chairman, Bernie Buonanno, Jeff Hirsh, Dale Venturini, Jim Bennett and Patrick Butler.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Steve Habl, VETS; Larry Lepore, DDC; Michael Nugent, House Fiscal Office and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Mr. Buonanno asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hirsh and seconded by Mr. Butler it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the January meeting**

**Mr. Buonanno recognized Mr. Lepore and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Lepore presented the financial report for the Dunk.**

**Mr. Lepore noted that January's net income was favorable to budget due to strong attendance for PC and the Bruins. He also noted that the timing of other events, Disney and concerts, helped to make January a good month.**

**Mr. Lepore was pleased to announce that X Factor has agreed to dates in May and again in June. He said that this will have a great economic impact on the City. Mr. Lepore explained that X-Factor is a talent show similar to American Idol and that it is a Simon Cowell show. Mr. Lepore noted that the press announcing that the City is nearing bankruptcy made negotiation for the show more difficult.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that some Dunkin' Donuts Center staff have suggested that the stage be moved to the opposite end of the arena. He said that the move would increase by 1,400 the number of seats in the arena. Mr. Lepore stated that doors would need to be cut at that end of the arena but the additional capacity would allow us to attract more events. Discussion ensued regarding the stage and the impact the move would have on the building.**

**Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any new business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hirsh and seconded by Mr. Butler it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:15 PM**