

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

June 28, 2011

A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on June 28, 2011, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Dale Venturini, Bernie Buonanno and Jeff Hirsh.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Kim Keough, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, DDC; Steve Habl, VETS; Michael Nugent, House of Representatives; Bruce Leach, Legal Council and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

Mr. Hirsh entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Buonanno and seconded by Ms. Venturini it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the May meeting

Mr. Hirsh recognized Mr. Muldoon and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Muldoon reported that May was a good month. He noted that IEEE had held three events in 14 months. Discussions ensued regarding May events. Ms. Venturini asked if there were any negative comments regarding the Miriam Hospital Gala. She said that there was a 1 ½ hour dinner delay because of the auction. Mr. Muldoon said that he hadn't heard of any negative feedback so the kitchen must have been able to adjust their food preparation. Mr. Hirsh noted that there was no rent recorded for Miriam Hospital and asked why. Mr. Muldoon said that rent is waived for large food & beverage events when the overall package makes up for lost rent. Mr. Muldoon also noted the success of the Dunkin' Donuts Brands Restaurant Managers Rally.

Mr. Muldoon stated that parking appears to be on the rebound. He said that there was a meeting with Hasbro, Economic Development and Convention Center Parking to look into ways that we can be of assistance to Hasbro if they move into the former Blue Cross space at 15 LaSalle Square. Mr. Muldoon said that we will have to look into how many spaces we have available. Mr. McCarvill reported that we are looking at doing something with the Fogarty Building. He said if it works out we might not run out of space.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:30 PM