

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

September 27, 2011

A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on September 27, 2011, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Committee Chairman, Jeffrey Hirsh, Commissioners, Dale Venturini, James Bennett, Scott Gunn, Letitia Carter and Patrick Butler.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Donald Nadeau, RICCA; Tim Muldoon and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, Hank Abate and Bob Cappalli, DDC; Steve Habi, VETS; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 3:28 PM.

Mr. Hirsh entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Gunn it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the August meeting

Mr. Hirsh recognized Mr. Muldoon and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Muldoon reported that for the month of August, the Convention Center finished down to budget due to the timing of events. He said that September should be better than last year.

Mr. Muldoon reported that the fire alarm system for the Garage needs to be replaced. He said that it is the original system that was installed in 1992. Discussion ensued regarding the Convention Center's renewal and replacement account. Mr. McCarvill noted that the account is running low and that we are looking at ways to fund projects. Mr. McCarvill stated that perhaps we should look to RICAP for help in January with jobs that are ready to go. It was suggested that meetings should be set up with Ron Renaud from the Department of Administration and Tom Mullaney from the Budget Office and anyone else from finance to come up with a plan to fund capital projects this fiscal year. Mr. Muldoon reported that the concessions stands have been completed and invited everyone to take a look. Mr. Muldoon also reported that the wireless internet connection on level 5 is complete.

VETS

Mr. Hahl reported that renovations at the VETS are moving along. He said that the windows have been delayed but otherwise things are on schedule.

Mr. Hahl noted that filling the seats remains an issue but with new dressing rooms and support equipment he expects more successes. Mr. Butler asked if SMG could help with concerts and performances. Mr. Abate said that SMG can help and will take a look at what would be a good fit for VETS.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 3:58 PM