

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

**January 29, 2013**

**A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on January 29, 2013, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Chairman, Jim Bennett, Paul MacDonald, Scott Gunn, Bernie Buonanno and Joe DeLorenzo.**

**Also in attendance were Kim Keough and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Nancy Beauchamp and Debbie Tuton, RICC; Larry Lepore and Beth Johnson, DDC; Dan Schwartz, VETS; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel; Amber Ilcisko, Jim Bennett's Assistant and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM.**

**Mr. Bennett recognized Mr. Muldoon and asked that he address the Committee. Mr. Muldoon stated that the unfavorable variance for the month of December is due to the loss of the Dog Show. Mr. Muldoon noted that December is historically not a good month for the Convention Center but this is the first time in a long time that we haven't made our numbers. Mr. Muldoon stated that January started**

**off well.**

**Mr. Muldoon reported that the new fire alarm project is going well and has been approved by the Fire Marshall. Mr. Muldoon said that the repairs to the exterior are nearing completion and the RD Preservation had done a great job for us. Mr. Muldoon noted that an RFP had been issued for a new sound system for the Convention Center. Mr. Muldoon announced that Ambient Sound was the low bidder and he asked for approval to continue. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. DeLorenzo it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to award the contract for a new sound system to Ambient Sound.**

## **VETS**

**Mr. Schwartz presented the financial information for the VETS. He stated that the variance for the month was due to the fact that the Nutcracker was budgeted at the theater and did not move from PPAC as we anticipated. Mr. Schwartz noted that the sets are being redesigned and should now fit at VETS. Mr. Schwartz said that the VETS has shown significant signs of improvement and attendance is up as well as food and beverage.**

**Mr. Schwartz reported that they are switching ticketing systems. Mr.**

**Schwartz stated that construction is moving along and the loading dock was poured today.**

**Mr. MacDonald questioned \$12,000 added for police during the construction. He asked if that shouldn't be a cost to the construction company. Discussion ensued regarding the contract and who is responsible for the cost. Mr. Leach said that he would check the contract.**

**Mr. Bennett asked if there was any further business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. DeLorenzo it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:30 PM**