

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

September 24, 2013

A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on September 24, 2013, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Jim Bennett, Jeff Hirsh and Paul MacDonald.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, RICC; Daniel Schwartz and Michael Gravison, VETS; Larry Lepore and Beth Johnson, DDC; Tim Muldoon, Nancy Beauchamp and Debbie Tuton, SMG/Convention Center; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM and asked for approval of the minutes of the June meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Bennett it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the June meeting.

Mr. Hirsh asked Mr. Muldoon to update the committee on Convention

Center operations. Mr. Muldoon stated August was a good month and beat expectations. He also stated that September and October look very strong.

Mr. Muldoon reported that he had a productive meeting with National Grid. He stated that they agreed to replace the switch gear and acknowledged that the equipment needed to be replaced. Mr. Muldoon noted that the replacement will have an impact because we will run off the generators or be dark during the replacement.

Mr. Muldoon reported that the Boat Show has been sold to the Marine Trade group. He stated that we have offered to help the new owners grow the show.

Mr. Muldoon said that the new carpeting is 99% installed.

Mr. Muldoon reported that there was a car fire in the South Garage. He was pleased to report that the sprinklers worked and there was no damage to the vehicles in the vicinity. Mr. Muldoon noted that he will meet with the fire department to hear suggestions on making for quicker access. Mr. Muldoon reported that the blaze was on the second level and the fire equipment could not enter the facility. Mr. Muldoon said that the responders did a great job.

Mr. Schwartz addressed the Committee and presented the financial information noting that the future looks brighter for events at the

VETS. Mr. Schwartz reported that, from the stage, Mr. Beauchesne of the Philharmonic thanked the Authority for the new space.

Mr. Schwartz reported that a new trifold brochure is being created to advertise upcoming events at the theater.

Mr. McCarvill noted that Ms. Carter is now Chairman Emeritus of the VMAF and Mr. Paul Brooks is the new Chairman. Mr. McCarvill stated that a fundraiser honoring Ms. Carter is being planned for January. Mr. McCarvill said that Mr. Brooks has a good plan in place to enhance the facility.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:35 PM