

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
274th MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

October 6, 2004

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Authority", the "CCA" or the "Board") was held on October 6, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island. Board members present were Chairman, David A. Duffy, Commissioners, Paul MacDonald, Jerry Massa, Brad Waugh, Dale Venturini, Dave Gavitt and George Nee. Commissioner Judge was unable to attend and the City of Providence has not as yet appointed a replacement for Commissioner Joan Countryman. Also present were James P. McCarvill, Executive Director, Theodore J. Przybyla, RICCA; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairman Duffy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Noting that the purpose of the special meeting was to select an advisor/broker for the potential sale of the Westin Providence and the development of the adjacent parcel, Chairman Duffy entertained a motion to convene in Executive Closed Session. Upon a motion duly

made by Mr. Nee and seconded by Mr. Massa and by role call it was unanimously

VOTED: to convene in executive session in accordance with R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a) at 4:03 p.m.

Mr. Waugh - yes, Mr. Nee - yes, Mr. Duffy - yes, Mr. MacDonald – yes, Mr. Massa – yes, Ms. Venturini – yes, Dave Gavitt - yes

Open session resumed at 4:30 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Mr. Nee it was unanimously

VOTED: to select Pinnacle Real Estate to serve as our advisor/broker for the potential sale of the Westin Providence and the development of the adjacent parcel.

Mr. Waugh cautioned that we should check on Pinnacle's errors and omissions insurance prior to signing a contract.

Mr. Nee informed the Board that he would like to revisit the issue of employees. He said that there is a high level of concern among the hotel workers. He said that he would like the question put to Pinnacle and asked that they inform any potential buyers that the Board wants

to see the workers rights protected. Mr. Massa said that he agreed with Mr. Nee and we don't want to leave people hanging. Mr. MacDonald stated that we have an obligation to the employees. Mr. Waugh said that he thought his first responsibility was to the taxpayers. Mr. Massa suggested that we ask our advisor. Mr. MacDonald said that he thought the Governor and the Mayor would want to protect these people. Mr. Nee noted that the uncertainty surrounding this transaction could be very disruptive and we have an obligation to communicate our support. Mr. Massa commented that we have to find a way to help our workers and not impede the process. Mr. Nee said that he was concerned with the whole workforce not just the union employees. Mr. Massa said that he was sure that Pinnacle had dealt with this in the past and we should ask their advice.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Venturini and seconded by Mr. Massa it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.