

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the  
DETROIT REGIONAL CONVENTION FACILITY AUTHORITY  
Cobo Conference & Exhibition Center**

**March 13, 2014**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority (the "Authority"), was held at 8:30 a.m. on March 13, 2014, pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Regional Convention Facility Authority Act at MCL 141.1351, et seq.

**I. ROLL CALL.** The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman L. Alexander at 8:38 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Director J. Abdo, Director L. Alexander, Director M. Carroll, Director W. Guillebeaux, and Director J. Okotie-Eboh

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** P. Bero, T. Connors of SMG, T. Tuskey, E. Duff, Esq. of Garan Lucow Miller, P.C., and M. Powers of DMCVB

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Authority held February 27, 2014 by J. Abdo.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**III. CEO/CFO REPORT.** No report.

**IV. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER.** Facility General Manager Thom Connors of SMG presented his report which included the following:

- A. Cobo Events Summary
- B. Events Attendee Survey Results
- C. Operations Report
- D. Sales Update

**V. REPORT OF CHAIR OF DRCFA SUB-COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & UPGRADES.** Committee Chair W. Guillebeaux presented a summary of the pertinent items addressed in the Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda dated March 10, 2014.

- A. Statue Relocation - Discussion held regarding relocation cost summary for Joe Louis and Spirit of Detroit. Subcommittee recommendation to leave statues in current location pending receipt of an additional funding source to pay for the move.

- B. Resolution 2014-03-13-01 to Amend Construction Contract with Madias Brothers, Inc. Incorporating Authority Directed Extra Work & Approve the Final Contract Reconciliation. Motion for approval of Resolution as presented by J. Abdoo.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- C. Resolution 2014-03-13-02 to Approve Acceptance of Final Angelo lafrate Construction Co. Subcontract SA-053 Reconciliation & Summary. Motion for approval of Resolution as presented by M. Carroll.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- D. Resolution 2014-03-13-03 to Approve Acceptance of Final Detroit Automatic Sprinkler, SA-029 - Contract Reconciliation & Summary. Motion for approval of Resolution as presented by M. Carroll.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- E. Resolution 2014-03-13-04 to Approve Acceptance of Final De-Cal Mechanical - Contract SA-028 Reconciliation & Summary. Motion for approval of Resolution as presented by J. Okotie-Eboh.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- F. Phase IIIb Project C-4 Washington Blvd. Main Concourse Exterior Improvements. Discussion held.

- G. Resolution 2014-03-13-07 to Amend Professional Consulting Services Agreements with SDG Associates & Robert Darvas Associates to Re-Engineer the Stabilization of the Atwater Street Garage in Order to Defer Renovation as a Parking Garage. Motion for approval of Resolution as presented by M. Carroll.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- H. Report on Installation of Shinola Clock.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- A. Joe Louis Arena Site development - Presented by L. Alexander. Conversations held with local and state representatives regarding potential future use and development.

- B. Energy concerns at Cobo Center - Presented by L. Alexander. Members of the Board will meet with DTE to discuss energy costs at Cobo.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. April meetings of the Authority changed as follows:

Sub-Committee Meeting from April 7 to April 14, 2014  
Board Meeting from April 10 to April 17, 2014

New calendar will be published.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT.** A motion for adjournment of the regular meeting at 9:40 a.m. by J. Okotie-Eboh.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,



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Joseph Abdoo, Secretary

**Approved: March 27, 2014**