

MINUTES



REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 17, 2018
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: 2 DeKorte Park Plaza - Lyndhurst, NJ
RE: **REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

Members in Attendance:

John Ballantyne, Chairman
Joseph Buckelew, Vice Chairman
Vincent Prieto, President and CEO
Robert J. Dowd, Member
Armando Fontoura, Member
Michael H. Gluck, Esq., Member (via phone / in person)
Michael Griffin, NJ State Treasurer's Representative (via phone)
George Kolber, Member (via phone)
Steven Plofker, Member
Andrew Scala, Member
Anthony Scardino, Member
Robert Yudin, Member

Absent:

Michael Gonnelli, Member
Michael Ferguson, Member

Also Attending:

Ralph J. Marra, Jr., Sr. Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs
Christine Sanz, Sr. Vice President/Chief Operating Officer
Adam Levy, Vice President of Legal & Regulatory Affairs
John Yarenis, Director of Finance/CFO
Sara Sundell, Director of Land Use Management and Chief Engineer
John Duffy, Sr. Vice President of Sports Complex operations and facilities
Steven Cattuna, Chief of Staff
Wayne Hasenbalg
Lisa LeBoeuf, Senior Legal Specialist
Lauren Nathan-LaRusso, Assistant Counsel, Governor's Authorities Unit
Christine Ferrante, Executive Assistant/Paralegal

Chairman Ballantyne called the meeting to order.

Chairman Ballantyne stated that the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority gave notice of the time, place, and date of this meeting by providing such notice to the Secretary of State for the State of New Jersey, The Star-Ledger, The Record, and other newspapers and by posting the notice at the offices of the Authority.

Chairman Ballantyne noted Treasury Representative Michael Griffin, Commissioner Kolber and Commissioner Gluck are participating via phone.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Ballantyne presented the minutes of the Regular Session Board Meeting held on April 19, 2018.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Scardino and seconded by Commissioner Scala, the minutes of the Regular Session Board Meeting held on April 19, 2018 were unanimously approved.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Rutgers University-Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute (MERI)
 - Michael Stepowyj, GIS Laboratory Researcher with the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute, did a PowerPoint presentation on the MERI Drone Project. Mr. Stepowyj also answered board member questions. Board members commended the MERI staff on the drone project and how it will be a helpful tool for the district municipalities.

- Triple Five – American Dream Project
 - Tony Armlin, Senior Vice President of Development at Triple Five, did a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the American Dream project. Mr. Armlin also answered board member questions. Vice Chairman Buckelew expressed his delight with the presentation and stated how the project is an economic engine for the State of New Jersey and is happy to see the project moving forward. Chairman Ballantyne spoke on how many lives the project will touch and that money spent now on the construction jobs will give dividends in the future. Chairman Ballantyne also spoke in support of the minority participation programs that have been put in place. President Prieto spoke how these are very exciting times and that we can now see a light at the end of the tunnel. He also spoke how putting people back to work is key to the future. Mr. Armlin invited the board members to tour the project.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATING ON RESOLUTIONS - None

IV. APPROVALS

- Approval of Cash Disbursements Over \$100,000 and Professional Invoices

Chairman Ballantyne presented the report of cash disbursements over \$100,000 and Professional Invoices for the month of April 2018.

Upon motion by Commissioner Plofker and seconded by Commissioner Scardino, the cash disbursements over \$100,000 for the month of April 2018 were unanimously approved.

Resolution 2018-19 Resolution Authorizing a Partnership between the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute for the Construction and Use of a Greenhouse.

Ms. Sanz stated that the proposed resolution is the first step in the construction of a research grade greenhouse on the NJSEA campus. Ms. Sanz explained that the greenhouse would facilitate the study, promotion and reestablishment of native grasses, flowers and shrubs in the Meadowlands. She went on to explain that it would also be an educational training tool and create opportunities for education training grants for students. Ms. Sanz indicated that Rutgers-MERI is in the process of applying for a grant from Steven's Institute to fund the purchase and installation of the greenhouse. She also indicated that if the grant is awarded, Rutgers-MERI would procure and install the greenhouse. Ms. Sanz explained that the greenhouse use would be shared between the NJSEA, Stevens Institute and Rutgers-MERI and that NJSEA would agree to contribute up to \$20,000 for utilities, landscaping, signage, security fencing and relocation of existing dumpsters. Ms. Sanz stated that if approved by the board, the resolution would allow the grant application to advance and would permit the NJSEA to enter into an MoU as set forth in the resolution.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Fontoura and seconded by Commissioner Dowd Resolution 2018-19 was approved by a vote of 12-0.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ballantyne stated a need for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, personnel matters and litigation matters.

Resolution 2018-20 Resolution authorizing the NJSEA to enter into a meeting to which the general public shall not be admitted to discuss legal matters, personnel matters and contract negotiations.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Scala and seconded by Commissioner Scardino Resolution 2018-20 was approved by a vote of 12-0.

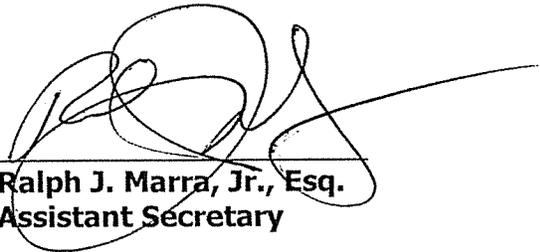
Motion to enter into open session was made and seconded.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Scardino and second by Commissioner Scala with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

I certify that on information and belief this is a true and accurate transcript of the Minutes of the Regular Session of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority Board Meeting held on May 17, 2018.



Ralph J. Marra, Jr., Esq.
Assistant Secretary

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Commissioner	Roll Call	2018-19	2018-20
Ballantyne, Chairman	P	Y	Y
Buckelew, Vice Chairman	P	Y	Y
Prieto	P	Y	Y
Dowd	P	Y	Y
Ferguson	--	--	--
Fontoura	P	Y	Y
Gluck	P (via phone/ in person)	Y	Y
Gonnelli	--	--	--
Kolber	P (via phone)	Y	Y
Plofker	P	Y	Y
Scala	P	Y	Y
Scardino	P	Y	Y
Yudin	P	Y	Y
Treasury Rep Griffin	P (via phone)	Y	Y

P - Present A - Abstain
 -- Absent R = Recuse
 Y = Affirmative N = Negative