

Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 11:00am

Via onsite Jasper Boardroom and teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

Members present: Bert Brantley, Pat Farrell, Joe Marinelli, Martin Miller, Ben Polote Jr., Anne Scheer, Mark Smith(via zoom), Trip Tollison(via zoom), Ruth Quattlebaum, Ansley Williams(via zoom) **Members absent:**, Pritpal Singh, Also present: Paul Threlkeld, Frank Poe (Consultant-via zoom), Lee Hughes-via zoom, Yong Choe (YC Consulting-via zoom), Maggie Harney-via zoom, Kevin Duvall (GWCCA), Janet Finlayson (GWCC-via zoom) and SCC staff: Kelvin Moore, Ronnie Hickman, Holly Jenkins, Jackie Mitchell, Al Rojas, Fredia Brady, Marc McDuffie and Jamie Parks

Chairman Smith relinquished the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Marinelli via teleconference due to travel and unable to attend in person. The meeting convened at 11:00am.

Vice-Chairman Marinelli asked for approval of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Mr. Polote; seconded by Ms. Quattlebaum and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Financial Report. Ms. Jenkins presented the financial report for the month of January. Ms. Jenkins reported a favorable month for January and favorable-year end for the facility. Ms. Jenkins then continued to report a favorable variance to the Authority budget for the month of January and favorable year-end to Authority budget.

External Affairs Report. Mr. Hughes commented on the Town of Thunderbolt as the new community partner to Chatham County. Mr. Hughes also stated that \$5 million dollars to assist in the completion of the Riverwalk has been included in the recommended level of the Governor's Amended FY 26 Budget. The House has supported the recommendation, and the Senate is still pending. Mr. Choe commented that Congress passed a government funding bill last week which included the \$4.2 million appropriation funding for the Riverwalk Restoration project. Mr. Choe cited Congressman Buddy Carter's involvement in submitting and securing the funds, in addition to Senator Raphael Warnock's support during the process.

Hotel Development Update. Mr. Rojas reviewed the progress of the Hilton model rooms onsite at the Savannah Convention Center. Mr. Rojas also noted that the hotel construction continues to be on schedule and on budget. Mr. Poe reviewed Hilton deliverables such as the completion of rate guidelines, corporate sales team training and the completion of group proposal and contract templates. Mr. Brantley commented on the recent stay experience at the Signia Hilton in Atlanta during Savannah-Chatham Day which received many favorable comments from attendees of the event. Mr. Farrell affirmed Mr. Brantley's comments as well.

Counsel Report. Mr. Threlkeld stated no report at this time.

Facility Operations Update. Mr. Hickman provided an update on the bulkhead repair, Westin Bulkhead Design RFP date schedule and review of the International Drive utilities. Mr. Hickman continued with a review of the Signia One-Way Road Concept with alternate options currently being drafted by Hussey Gay and Bell to present to the city. Mr. Hickman concluded with a review of the proposed Hilton Signia Project Manager position. Discussion ensued on the merits of hiring a Project Manager to work as an employee of GWCCA versus a contractor. Mr. Hickman then reviewed a location on Hutchinson Island to lease property for potential marshaling, parking and staging. Discussion ensued.

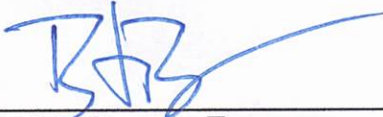
General Manager Update. Mr. Moore commented on the recent presentations that he conducted in the House and Senate in Atlanta. Mr. Moore provided a brief overview of the upcoming April budget workshop. Mr. Moore then stated that the Sodexo Live transition is on schedule with a media and brand announcement coming soon. Mr. Moore acknowledged and presented Director of Food and Beverage,

Jamie Parks with a gift from the SGCCA board for 25 years of service at the Savannah Convention Center and well wishes as Mr. Parks moves on to new endeavors.

Chairman Report. To Vice-Chairman Marinelli's question on the status of the escalator repair, Mr. Hickman confirmed that the repairs were made. Ms. Brady and Mr. Moore commented on the much-anticipated return of Savannah Showdown volleyball event this weekend. Vice-Chairman Marinelli commented on the arrangements for satellite parking for the volleyball event at EnMarket Arena due to the expected high-volume attendees. Mr. Duvall commented on the upcoming GWCC Customer Advisory Board meeting in March that Mr. Moore and Vice-Chairman Marinelli will attend. Vice-Chairman Marinelli then highlighted Visit Savannah's 50th Anniversary this week.

Vice-Chairman Marinelli asked for any other business; Vice-Charmain Marinelli then adjourned the meeting at 12:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bert Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer