

# Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

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

Via onsite Jasper Boardroom and teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

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

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 11:02am.

Mr. Moore recognized SCC Sales Manager Kim Homansky as the recent recipient of the Tourism Leadership Council's Member of the Year award.

Mr. Moore then introduced Sodexo Live, Senior Vice President of Operations, Doug Conner, Regional Vice President, Beth Williamson, General Manager for Sodexo Live SCC, Andrew Brailsford, Sodexo Live Regional Executive Chef, George McClain and Executive Chef for Sodexo Live SCC, Dustin Ricker.

Chairman Smith asked for approval of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Mr. Marinelli; seconded by Mr. Farrell and approved by unanimous voice vote.

External Affairs Report. Mr. Hughes stated that escalator repairs have been submitted to Congressman Carter, Senator Warnock and Senator Ossoff for FY 2027. Mr. Hughes continued by stating the Pooler municipality has requested the local delegation to alter how hotel/motel tax is allocated noting that the legislation would not impact current or future distribution of the hotel/motel taxes. Mr. Hughes also stated Governor Kemp has signed the supplemental budget which included \$5 million dollars for the repair of the seawall and riverwalk.

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

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

Hotel Development Update. Mr. Rojas reviewed the construction site photos in addition to citing that the hotel construction continues to be on budget and on time. Brief discussion was held on the independent views of the construction project adherence to construction work, budget and timing. Mr. Hickman confirmed that the Project Manager position was posted and resumes are currently under review. Mr. Rojas commented on the earliest timeframe to review the completion date is approximately October 2026. Mr. Poe provided a review of the commercial timeline and milestones.

Facility Operations Update. Mr. Hickman provided an update on the bulkhead repair and Westin Bulkhead Design RFP. Moffat and Nichol Engineering to provide a design on the connectivity of the old riverwalk and the new Slip 3 riverwalk. Mr. Hickman commented that the traffic coating on the top deck of the garage is still in progress with an anticipated completion time to be the end of March.

General Manager Update. Mr. Moore commented on his participation in the Customer Advisory Board (CAB) last week at GWCC. Mr. Duvall provided additional details and benefits of CAB meetings. Mr. Moore then provided a FY '27 budget process overview noting the SGCCA Budget workshop to be held on April 15, 2026, at 8:30am.

Chairman Report. Mr. Smith commented on the upcoming SGCCA Budget Workshop on April 15, 2026, and appointed Mr. Williams to chair the budget committee.

Mr. Smith asked for any other business; hearing none, then adjourned the meeting at 12:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bert Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer