

# Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Hotel Development Committee Meeting  
**Monday, April 6, 2026, 3:00pm**

Via teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

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**Members present:** Bert Brantley, Joe Marinelli, Mark Smith and Ansley Williams **Members absent:** Ben Polote, Jr., and Pritpal Singh Also present: Paul Threlkeld, Frank Poe (consultant), Bobby Knowles (Songy Highroads), Todd Nocerini (Songy Highroads), Maggie Harney, Michael Garcia, Kevin Duvall (GWCCA), and SCC staff: Kelvin Moore, Al Rojas, Ronnie Hickman, Fredia Brady, Jackie Mitchell and Gail Terrell

Vice-Chairman Marinelli convened the meeting at 3:05pm with Chairman Smith's arrival following shortly afterwards.

Mr. Poe provided a hotel administrative update of the timeline and key milestones completed items within Phases 1 and 2 of the hotel project. Mr. Poe also commented on the hotel's leads/opportunities review process in addition to current and upcoming commercial activity.

Mr. Nocerini commented on The Grey restaurant becoming the Hilton's Chef Consultant to assist with menu planning, training and marketing which will also be presented at the SGCCA May board meeting.

Mr. Knowles and Mr. Nocerini provided a review of construction aerial pictures, model rooms and construction updates. Mr. Nocerini stated the project continues to be on schedule and on budget.

To Mr. Nocerini's question on the pending Tomochichi Park/Square land transfer, Mr. Smith commented on an upcoming call with the Civil Engineering department of the City of Savannah to discuss the road to the hotel as well as Mr. Brantley's upcoming meeting with Mr. Gerald Pilgrim, Chief of Staff and Deputy Executive Director of Georgia Building Authority.

Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bert Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer