

Savannah Georgia Convention Center Authority

Minutes of the Hotel Development Committee Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025, 3:00pm

Via teleconference ~ Savannah Convention Center

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

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 3:00pm.

Mr. Rojas provided a brief review of the monthly construction report and executive summary. Mr. Rojas affirmed Chairman Smith's request to circulate the monthly construction reports to the board after completion.

Mr. Nocerini commented that the hotel project continues to be on budget and on schedule. Mr. Nocerini also stated that three slabs of grade have been completed with the first elevated slab on grade to start within a week. Mr. Knowles confirmed one thousand auger piles completed with approximately one hundred piles remaining. A review of completed activities, ongoing activities, budget and change orders continued. Ms. Harney provided a status update of the model rooms being built on the loading dock.

Mr. Poe briefly mentioned the recent meeting with the Hilton Sales and Marketing team, Mr. Michael Garcia, Visit Savannah and SCC staff with an anticipated Hilton immersion meeting with Visit Savannah and SCC to be held in mid-January. Mr. Poe introduced Mr. Andy Paschke, Senior Director of Sales, with Hilton's Growth and Openings Commercial Team. Mr. Paschke provided an overview of the priority to secure lead demand and worldwide sales in addition to highlighting the Hilton Operations and Regional Support Teams. Mr. Paschke then reviewed the commercial timeline and key milestones through the anticipated 2028 grand opening.

To Chairman Smith's question regarding the ability to book events, Mr. Poe and Mr. Paschke confirmed that booking events for 2028-2031 will be part of the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday December 11.

Mr. Poe suggested a future conversation for the board and Attorney Threlkeld to discuss hotel legal counsel support to which Chairman Smith affirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bert Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer