

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OF THE ILLINOIS SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY  
December 8, 2015**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority was held on December 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority located at 333 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois.

**Item 1. Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**Item 2. Roll Call**

Call of the Roll was taken and the following members of the Authority were present: Manny Sanchez, Jeffrey Yordon, Rosemarie Andolino, Timothy Rand and Richard Price. Jim Reynolds and Norm Bobins were absent. Also present were Lou Bertuca, Dana Phillips Goodum, Maureen Gorski, Michael Orr, Jeannie Romas and P.J. Frayer of Authority staff; John Corvino of the Chicago White Sox.

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Rand the minutes of the Board's September 30, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Item 4. 2016 Office Business**

Ms. Frayer presented the Board a memo with proposed 2016 ISFA Board meeting dates and ISFA 2016 Office holidays. Upon motion by Ms. Andolino and seconded by Mr. Price, the Board unanimously approved the ISFA 2016 Office Holiday calendar.

**Item 5. Fiscal Year 2016 ISFA Operating Results through September 30, 2015**

Ms. Phillips Goodum stated that there has been a nice increase for 2016 hotel tax revenue but that this will start to trail off in January. Chairman Sanchez asked when the new Cook County tax becomes effective and Ms. Phillips Goodum indicated it starts May 1, 2016 and that she is waiting on information from Choose Chicago to assist in assessing the impact of that tax increase on revenue. She stated that hotel tax is higher than last year and as of November is trending at 13.4%. Chairman Sanchez then acknowledged the role that Choose Chicago has on ISFA by enhancing hospitality. He then asked when the bond refunding occurred. Ms. Phillips Goodum indicated it occurred on August 20, 2014 with certain bonds repaid on September 15, 2014 and the remainder on June 15, 2015. Ms. Phillips Goodum indicated that there are some savings from not filling the marketing position and some professional fees.

Ms. Phillips Goodum then indicated that, as a general rule and barring one-time City events, 60% of hotel tax revenue is generated in the first 6 months of the year and that this is used to evaluate the year-end estimate. Chairman Sanchez stated that although the state still does not have a budget he believes there are signs that ISFA will get its \$10M subsidy and that he is greatly appreciative of staff's efforts and praised all the excellent work done by Mr. Bertuca and Ms. Phillips Goodum.

Item 6. **ISFA Audited Financials as of June 30, 2015**

Ms. Phillips Goodum introduced Irene Davis and Krunal Shah of Mitchell Titus. Ms. Davis stated that there are two opinions: the first, an adverse opinion which is because ISFA's financial statements are prepared on the bond indenture basis (as per ISFA's bond indenture) and therefore not in accordance with GAAP; and the second was a clean opinion, which means the Authority is in compliance with its requirements under the indentures and those of the Auditor General. Ms. Davis also indicated she received full cooperation from all staff. She indicated that one area of focus was understanding the Authority's use of a different basis of accounting. Ms. Phillips Goodum stated that the Auditor General implemented the requirement and therefore would need to approve changes. Ms. Davis stated they also focused on the refunding and the state budgeting process. Chairman Sanchez indicated that the explanation of the adverse opinion was helpful. Upon motion made by Mr. Yordon and seconded by Mr. Rand, the Board unanimously accepted the audit report.

Item 7. **2015 Capital Repairs/Improvements**

Mr. Orr stated that the Authority's ongoing projects such as HVAC and waste and vent piping should all be completed by February 2015. Mr. Orr stated that the concrete repair project has been completed and further stated that the surveillance upgrade will be a phased project. Mr. Rand stated that the Board needs to be proactive in building security. Ms. Andolino indicated that the stadium needs to be upgraded and maintain the highest standards for security/safety. Ms. Andolino introduced two Resolutions and stated they are both a redirection of funds that does not increase the budget and does not include new money. Upon motion by Ms. Andolino and seconded by Mr. Price, the Board unanimously adopted **Resolution 16-03 – A Resolution Relating to U.S. Cellular Field Fiscal Year 2016 Redirection of Funds.**

Upon motion by Mr. Price and seconded by Ms. Andolino, the Board unanimously adopted **Resolution 16-04 – A Resolution Relating to U.S. Cellular Field Fiscal Year 2016 Supplemental Funding Requests.**

Item 8. **Executive Session**

The Board did not adjourn into Executive Session.

Item 9. **Matters Arising Out of Executive Session**

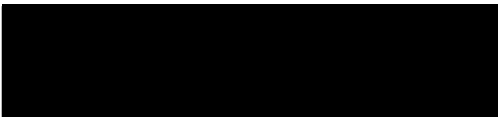
There were no such matters.

Item 10. Other Business

Ms. Andolino asked for a concert updates and Mr. Bertuca indicated that the prospects are promising and thanked Chairman Sanchez and Mr. Yordon for their support. He stated that ISFA has secured another concession by the team, which has guaranteed the Authority \$400K if they were unable to assist the Authority in securing a concert. Mr. Bertuca stated that both the Authority and the team are working together to try and bring concerts. Chairman Sanchez indicated he was impressed with Mr. Bertuca, who is working extremely hard and is very dedicated to getting this done. Ms. Andolino agreed and applauded the efforts of the both the Chairman and Mr. Bertuca. There was no other business brought before the Board.

Item 11. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made Mr. Yordon and seconded Mr. Rand the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Chairman, Manuel Sanchez

ATTEST



Secretary, Jeffrey Yordon

