

LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2014 MEETING

PRESENT: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson
(Bill Windham attending by phone but not voting)

ABSENT: Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts

I. ROLL CALL and WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Forman and there was a quorum for the meeting.

Chairman Forman advised the public of its right to speak between each agenda item and at the end of the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Melara, the Minutes of the February 25, 2014 Board Meeting were adopted. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts (Bill Windham attending by phone but not voting).

II. SMG REPORT

Doug Thornton took the lead for the SMG Report. He covered the following topics: the bid by New Orleans for Super Bowl 2018 is due on April 1st and the NFL Owners meeting is May 22nd at which time the vote on the Proposals will be held; New Orleans, Minneapolis and Indianapolis are competing for the 2018 game; bids are also being prepared for future NCAA Final Four events; from a hotel tax revenue standpoint, this is a very good fiscal year for the LSED; Zephyr Field improvements are underway; the Memorandum of Understanding with Centerplate has been finalized which will lead to food service improvements at the Superdome and the Smoothie King Center.

Evan Holmes then addressed the following items: the strategic plan for Zephyr Stadium and potential for projects to enhance revenue opportunities and make capital improvements; David Weidler and Evan Holmes have been involved with the Legislative Session for House Bill 1, which is the Appropriations Bill, and House Bill 2, which is the Capital Outlay Bill; and finalization of the Agreement with Centerplate.

Alan Freeman then provided the SMG Operations Report concerning event activity on the LSED campus; 5 home basketball games for the Pelicans; concerts at the Smoothie King Center; the Home and Garden Show; Nuclear Cowboyz; the Miley Cyrus concert; the Elton John concert; and the WrestleMania events in early April. The Champions Square concert series is on schedule. Final Four bid packages are being finalized both for the men and women; Phase II renovations at the Smoothie King Center are underway; and the International Beer Festival is a big event set for Champions Square.

III. FINANCE REPORT

David Weidler provided the Financial Report for SMG/LSED. The hotel tax is approximately \$4.8M above the prior fiscal year. Other tax revenues are running close to budget. The Superdome is tracking better than budget with revenues up approximately \$829,000. The Smoothie King Center is also on budget. Mr. Weidler and Mr. Holmes are scheduled to make appearances at the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee concerning the budget. The LSED is not seeking for general fund appropriations from the State for this fiscal year.

IV. CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Pat Tobler then provided the Construction Report for the LSED including introductions of and thanks to his Project Management Team of Steve Sponge, Jonathan Tobler, Alexander Page, John Tobler, Palmer Rinehart, Jeannine Ford, Michelle McHughes, Kelly Aikens, and Angela Tobler. Mr. Tobler then provided an update on the Contract with Trahan Architects for the Roof Recoating Project. Mr. Thornton provided context and background concerning the need to recoat the roof to preserve its useful life.

V. LEGAL REPORT

Larry Roedel then provided the Legal Report to the LSED. The following Resolutions were considered and adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Melara, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved GMP Price Adjustments, Batch Nos. 19 and 20, pursuant to the Contract between Citadel Builders and the LSED for the 2012 New Orleans Arena Enhancement Project. Each GMP Adjustment is subject to the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Contract. This Resolution has the support of The Tobler Company and the signatures of Pat Tobler are hereby authorized and ratified. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts (Bill Windham attending by phone but not voting). The **motion 14-26** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Melara, the LSED authorized and approved Change Order Nos. 001 and 002 under the Contract between the LSED and Roof Technology, Inc. for the Alario Center Hall "A" Re-roofing Project. Chairman Forman is hereby authorized to sign these Change Orders, after which recordation in the public records of Jefferson Parish will take place. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts (Bill Windham attending by phone but not voting). The **motion 14-27** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, the LSED authorized and approved a no cost Change Order to extend the warranty on the HVAC system pursuant to the Contract between the LSED and Roofing Solutions, Inc. for the Hall "B" Re-roofing Project at the Alario Center. This Resolution has the support of The Tobler Company and both Pat Tobler and Chairman Forman are hereby authorized to sign this Change Order. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts (Bill Windham attending by phone but not voting). The **motion 14-28** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Melara, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved Change Order Nos. 001 through 011 pursuant to the Contract between the LSED and All Star Electric, Inc. for Zephyr Stadium Repairs – Electrical Packages. This Resolution has the support of The Tobler Company and Chairman Forman will be authorized to sign these Change Orders, after which recordation in the public records of Jefferson Parish will take place. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts (Bill Windham attending by phone but not voting). The **motion 14-29** passed.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

None.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Luke Farabaugh provided a TPC-Louisiana update including the upcoming Zurich Classic. Player commitments have been strong including several Louisiana professionals. Improvements and enhancements have been made to the Golf Course since 2013. Chairman Forman thanked Luke Farabaugh and his staff for their excellent work and the upcoming tournament.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no need for an Executive Session today. On motion of Commissioner Brignac and seconded by Commissioner Melara, the Public Meeting was adjourned.