

**MINUTES**  
**Spokane Public Facilities District - Board of Directors Meeting Via Webinar**  
**& at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Board Room | Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 12:30pm**

**ITEM #1 TO ORDER**

Board Chair Read convened the September 10th Board Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

**ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE**

In attendance was Chair Paul Read, along with Board Members Cami Eakins and Jon Neill. Vice Chair Ed Bruya attended virtually. District personnel attending in-person included, CEO Stephanie Curran, Jessica Deri, Mike Gaffaney, Matt Meyer, Paul Christiansen, Melissa Coulter, Jude Lamour, Jennifer Kletke, Shaundra Scott, Michelle McIntyre, Freddie Mercer, Holly Williams, Antwone Whaley, and Ryan Gallagher. District personnel attending virtually included Kaila Jones, Chelsey Buffum, Nic Lawrence, and Tina Gallegos.

Guests attending in person included Chris Varallo with Kutak Rock, Mark Miles, Dave Pier, and Otta Klein with Brett Sports & Entertainment, along with Matt Bardsley (GM of Spokane Chiefs) and Scott Taylor and Aiden Hubbard with The Car Park. Guests attending virtually is Jay Stewart with Spokane Chiefs.

Chair Read opened the PFD Board of Director's meeting expressing appreciation to those present as well as to the entire PFD team, PFD Board, and PFD partners.

**ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Read presented the Consent Agenda items:

- PFD Board Minutes from August 27 and Legal Invoices from Pain Hamblen
  - *Mr. Neill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Ms. Eakins seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Numerica Sponsorship Agreement, Resolution 25-04**

- Ms. Curran stated this is the first naming rights sponsor for the Arena, which will become "Numerica Veterans Arena". The agreement is \$10 million over 10 years with \$1 million going to veterans (\$100,000 per year to the Heroes Fund).
- Mr. Klein explained that the Heroes Fund will be administered through the Spokane County Veterans Advisory Council to support veterans' initiatives.
- Mr. Pier communicated that the intention is for veterans to be honored and, in the spotlight.
- The Board commented that this is a "win" for both local veterans and the PFD's revenue and, adding they appreciated that veterans were consulted first, and will remain prominent in the name.
- Chair Read added that the Arena is 30 years old and it is a win-win to invest and honor veterans while investing in the Arena.
- Discussion: It is due to staff and partners that the facility does not appear 30 years old.
  - *Ms. Eakins moved to approve Resolution 25-04 and authorize the PFD CEO to enter into Naming Rights with Numerica Credit Union, Mr. Neill seconded and motion was approved unanimously.*

**Momentum Technology Agreement**

- Ms. Deri explained this is a three-year agreement and is the primary software used across all departments further nothing that Momentum is "the only real player in our industry". Momentum extended a three-year agreement at a five-year price.
  - *Mr. Neill moved to approve the Momentum Agreement, Ms. Eakins seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**Spokane Chiefs Hockey - Brett Sports Annual Recap Presentation**

- Mr. Miles presented the Spokane Chiefs' mission statement and community involvement, noting a highlight is the Youth Hockey Program the Chiefs sponsor.
- The Chiefs were the Western Conference Champions this past season while celebrating 40 years of hockey. The Chiefs had 11 home playoff games averaging over 6,500 fans per game, the highest since 2009.

- Seven players are off to NHL camps, and it is anticipated four or five to come back to Chiefs.
- Two local players have gone through the youth program, to Chiefs, to NHL, and have just retired. They will be highlighted this 2025-2026 season.
- For every year a player is with the Chiefs, a year of education is provided. (50/50 and Jersey sales at games go to this education fund).
- Sponsorships: Mr. Miles stated that Brett Sports generated \$845,000 in sponsorship sales for the PFD (not including the new naming rights deals) and that total revenue generated for the PFD was \$3.9 million, with projections to exceed \$5 million next year.
- The Chiefs had a successful season both on and off the ice. The partnership between Brett Sports and the PFD continues to be strong and financially beneficial. The Chiefs appreciate the PFD staff from building maintenance to game execution, and more, making it a team environment.
- Arena Suites and Club are in the renewal process.
- Mr. Bardsley, Chiefs General Manager, thanked the PFD for the quality of the facility, which helps with player recruitment. He oversees all from recruiting to games.
- The NCA changed ruling that players can play college hockey that are in our league.

#### **ITEM #5      CEO UPDATE**

- Ms. Curran recounted efforts and expressed appreciation for the successful naming rights agreements for both the Spokane Convention Center and Arena.
- Events/Games: All anchor tenants are returning as summer ends (Chiefs, Broadway Shows, soccer, high school sports)
- 2026 Budget: The PFD team is working on the budget process and the PFD is within approximately \$100,000 of the projected budget for the year. The Board first reading is November 12, and the second reading is December 10.
- Finances: The PFD will be separating restricted and non-restricted funds to provide more clarity.
- Pavillion: The booking RFP has been pulled.
- LTAC: A meeting is expected to be scheduled in October.
- PFD Board: One County position and one City position expire in October. Stephanie is meeting with the Mayor and working with the County.
- New Operations Manager: Ms. Coulter introduced Jude Lamour, our new Operations Manager.

#### **ITEM #6      PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Read calls for any public comments. There are none.

#### **ITEM #7      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:09PM.

Shaundra Scott, Clerk of the Board

Approved by the Board of Directors at following meeting.