

MINUTES

Spokane Public Facilities District - Board of Directors Meeting Via Webinar & at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Board Room | Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 12:30pm

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Read convened 855th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:34 PM.

ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance was Board Chair Paul Read, Vice Chair Marty Dickinson, Board Member Ed Bruya. Board Member Harry Sladich attended virtually and Board Member Cami Eakins was excused. CEO Stephanie Curran attended virtually. District personnel attending in-person included, Mike Gaffaney, Matt Meyer, Jessica Deri, Paul Christiansen, and Ryan Gallagher. District personnel attending virtually included Jennifer Kletke, Steve Marsh, Melissa Coulter, Nic Lawrence, Andrew Dolan, Kaila Jones, Tina Gallegos, Shaundra Scott, and Kamie Gylling. Guests attending in person included Chris Varallo with Hawley-Troxell, and Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment. Guests attending virtual included Ryan Nackers with Levy, Scott Taylor and Aiden Hubbard with The Car Park, and Jon Bransford with Velociti.

Board Chair Read provided congratulation for The Podium story featuring the floor and Stadium concert announcement. He added that he attended the Convention Center Market Forum event, with 500-600 attendees. The new screens in the ballrooms provide more clarity and are easier to see.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Read presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2024**
- **Approval of Minutes for February 28, 2024**
- **Approval for Hawley-Troxell Invoices for January 2024**

Ms. Dickinson moved to approve the February 14 and 28 minutes as presented, Mr. Bruya seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

2023 Q4 - Spokane Veteran's Memorial Arena & First Interstate for the Arts:

Mr. Meyer presented Q4 2023:

Arena: Q4 highlights included Adam Sandler, Jonas Brothers, WSU/Boise St., Disney On Ice. Jonas Brothers added Spokane after Shania Twain show. Shows announced included Gonzaga Basketball, NCAA Pre-Sale, Blake Shelton, Cody Johnson, Nate Bargatze, and Bryan Adams. And January 2024 was the busiest January to date with events and announcements.

FICA: Q4 events included Derek Hough, Taylor Tomlinson, Grinch Rehearsals (3 weeks), To Kill A Mockingbird. Announced: Jim Jefferies, Dancing with the Stars, David Spade, World Ballet Festival.

The Podium: Q4 concerts included Alice In Chains, Black Veil Brides, Skillet and Theory of a Deadman.

Year In Review:

Arena: Most million-dollar gross shows in one year ever at (6). One of (2) Arenas on Foo Fighters tour.

FICA: Most comedy shows ever at (8) and kids shows at (7).

Overall: +45k in attendance compared to 2022.

What's Next:

Great Outdoor Comedy Festival in the Summer 2024. Friday and Sunday on sale now.

PFD Re-brand.

Music Festival: Moved to 2025.

50th Anniversary of Theater.

Continue booking Stadium.

Arena shutdown and remodel and renovations. After Lil Wayne; in May to mid-August.

Committees:

Finance:

No report.

Operations:

No report.

Project:

- Ms. Curran reported that USL invested \$4m in the Stadium which SPS had run through the PFD. The expenses are over by \$400k. The USL was notified last week with request to pay the overage to the PFD promptly. The overage may have been sales tax the USL had not taken into account. The PFD is assisting by working with Garco to provide the list of expenses to the USL.

ITEM #5 MISCELLANEOUS

CEO Update:

Arena: SOQ meeting tomorrow.

The Podium: The Podium won an AIA Awards; event is next week.

Capital Budget: Senator Billig was proponent of venues; PFD awarded \$3m. Will assist in Department of Commerce Climate Commitment.

STA Downtown Shuttle:

STA board approved route. Work is ongoing with DSP, Visit Spokane and others on marketing.

Traffic Study: PFD work is ongoing with a traffic consultant.

ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chair Read opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion. There was no discussion.

Mr. Pier stated the Spokane Chiefs wrap-up their regular season this weekend at home and look to playoffs needing one point. And happy to partner with Spokane Sports and PFD for the Watch Party, Selection Sunday with the Chiefs game following. Playoff would guarantee at least two games.

ITEM #7 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Read adjourned the Board to an Executive Session at 1:03PM per RCW 42.30.110 (i) regarding Personnel for approximately (45) minutes with action expected. The board returned to the board room at 1:38PM with the following action taken. Ms. Dickinson stated "I hereby move that the board adopt and approve the Chief Executive Officer compensation terms for 2024 dated March 13, 2024 as submitted into the record today". Mr. Bruya seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:39PM.

Michelle McIntyre, Clerk of the Board

Approved by the Board of Directors at following meeting.

The SPFD Board's minutes are intended to be a reasonable summary of the Board's deliberations and actions. The minutes are not a verbatim record of everything said at the meeting. The minutes include all actions taken by the Board.