



**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING 16-14
December 6, 2016**

PRESIDING: Vice-Chair, Robert Mulcahy

PRESENT: Edward Gant, Mark Giannantonio, Mayor Don Guardian,
Michael I. Hanley, Gary Hill, Howard Kyle, Matthew Levinson,
William Mullen, David Rebeck for Christopher S. Porrino,
Robert Shaughnessy for Ford M. Scudder, Frank Spencer,
John Terry for Charles A. Richman, Richard Tolson

ABSENT: Debra DiLorenzo

STAFF: John F. Palmieri, Lisa Britt, Christopher Howard, Oriana
Mondragon, Donna Pless, Paul G. Weiss, Esq., Carl Wentzell

**OTHER
ATTENDEES:** Mary Maples, Governor's Authority Unit

OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:00 pm. Ms. Britt read a statement of compliance with the notice requirements of the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act and called the roll.

**EXCEPT AS NOTED, ITEMS LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND
RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE FOR MEMBER APPROVAL**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APPROVING THE 2017 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF MEET AC, INC**

Item was tabled in Committee, pending further review.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APPROVING THE 2017 CONVENTION CENTER AND BOARDWALK HALL
FACILITIES BUDGET**

The Resolution was read by title. The Acting Chair described the proposed action, and requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Upon hearing no public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Resolution 16-131 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.



RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING THE CONVENTION CENTER DIVISION 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

The Resolution was read by title. The Acting Chair described the proposed action, and requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Upon hearing no public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Shaughnessy. Resolution 16-132 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ADOPTING THE 2017 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

The Resolution was read by title. The Acting Chair described the proposed action, and requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Upon hearing no public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Gant and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Resolution 16-133 was approved by unanimous vote of the members

PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to Mr. William Cheatham's question about whether the budgets must be approved by the Governor, Mr. Mulcahy responded in the affirmative. Mr. Cheatham further questioned whether the newly appointed State fiscal monitor, Mr. Jeffrey Chiesa also had approval rights over the Authority's budgets. Mr. Mulcahy responded that Mr. Chiesa did not have approval rights over the budgets. Mr. Cheatham expressed concern about the removal of certain trees on Indiana Ave between Pacific and Atlantic Avenue, the deteriorating condition of Trump Plaza, and the need to repurpose empty casino properties along the Boardwalk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATION MATTERS



The resolution was read by title. The Acting Chair requested a motion to go into the executive session portion of the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Mullen and seconded by Mr. Tolson Resolution 16-134 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

MATTERS COMING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon returning to the open public session portion of the meeting, the Acting Chair requested consideration of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING THE PROCUREMENT OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, PERIPHERALS, RELATED SERVICES AND DATA COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE AUTHORITY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS UNDER STATEWIDE CONTRACTS M0483 AND M7000, WITH A SPENDING AUTHORIZATION NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FUNDED FROM THE AUTHORITY'S GENERAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

The Resolution was read by title. The Acting Chair described the proposed action, and requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Upon hearing no public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Shaughnessy and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Resolution 16-135 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

The Acting Chair then announced that Mr. John Palmieri would be leaving the Authority effective December 31, 2016, and that consistent with his employment agreement dated October 3, 2011, Mr. Palmieri would receive a severance equal to one-year of base salary, but without continuation of benefits. The Acting Chair shared with the Board and the public the Authority's press statement that would be released after the meeting, and further stated that action by the members was not required given the prior Board approval of an employment agreement. The members expressed support for execution of a separation and release agreement, which was part of the previously approved employment agreement signed by the Authority when Mr. Palmieri was hired in 2011. A motion in response to the Chair's request for support was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Tolson. The Acting Chair's request for support was approved by unanimous vote of the members.



The Acting Chair then announced that Mr. Christopher M. Howard, the current Deputy Executive Director, was appointed by the Administration and Personnel Committee to succeed Mr. Palmieri effective January 1, 2017, and requested member consideration of the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APPROVING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER M HOWARD AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017**

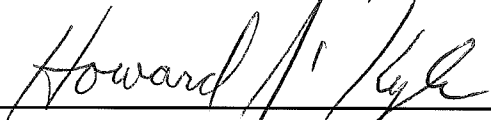
The Resolution was read by title. The Acting Chair requested member discussion, and upon hearing none, opened the matter for public comment. Upon hearing no public comment, the Acting Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Kyle and seconded by Mr. Rebeck. Resolution 16-136 was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

Upon determining that all business of the Authority was concluded, the Acting Chair requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, and upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM by unanimous vote of the members.

CERTIFICATION

I, HOWARD J. KYLE, Secretary of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Open Session of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority conducted on:

December 6, 2016



HOWARD J. KYLE, SECRETARY