

# **THE LORAIN COUNTY CONVENTION FACILITIES AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

The tape of this meeting is on file in the Lorain County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
located at 226 Middle Avenue, Room #532, Elyria 44035

**Present:** Ron Billings; Garry Gibbs; Martin Heberling; Mary Siwierka; David Larson; LePreece  
Thomas; Patrick Hastings; Kreig Brusnahan, Vassie Scott

**Absent:** Neil Lynch; Deena Williams

**Legal Counsel:** Greg Peltz

**Guests:** Commissioner David J. Moore; Dave O'Brien

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## **ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Garry Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. noting that a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Garry Gibbs welcomed everyone to the second Lorain County Convention Facilities Authority meeting. Mr. Gibbs introduced Vassie Scott to the group who was not present at the first meeting due to a family commitment. Mr. Scott then introduced himself sharing where he resides, job background and community involvement. Roll call was taken.

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Previous meeting minutes were read and reviewed. Corrections that were made to the previous minutes are:

\*The correct name of the Authority: The Lorain County Convention Facilities Authority.

\*Under "New Business", Mr. Martin was changed to Mr. Heberling. No other corrections were made. Mr. Heberling moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Larson.

The motion **passed** unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Review of Bylaws** - On February 24, 2022, Dan Peticord & Greg Peltz from the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office, presented the bylaws/outline which will govern the Lorain County Convention Facilities Authority. Upon review of the bylaws/outline, committee members offered questions and comments to Greg Peltz, Lorain County Assistant Prosecutor, for consideration. Mr. Peltz collated the questions/comments submitted and presented a revised version of the Bylaws that were briefly shared regarding language and general questions. The board discussed and agreed upon a code of conduct document for board members to sign that will be established and presented later. Ms. Siwierka moved to accept the Bylaws as revised, seconded by Mr. Brusnahan. The motion **passed** unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

General discussion ensued of how a Convention Center in Lorain County could thrive and coexist with nearby convention facilities. Mr. Gibbs presented the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh and the Monroeville Convention Center in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. These properties were specifically highlighted to illustrate what could be established here in Lorain County as Allegheny County's economic and population growth is similar to that of Lorain County. For more detail of the discussion, please refer to the audio tape of this meeting.

Mr. Gibbs invited the Authority Members and Commissioner Moore to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing real property. Prior to executive session, Commissioner David Moore offered background on how and why the Authority was established and thanked all Members for serving. For more detail, please refer to the audio tape of this meeting. Mr. Heberling moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Larson. The motion **passed** unanimously. Roll call was taken. The Authority went into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Authority Members reconvened out of Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

**CALL FOR OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None.

No action was taken on discussion of topics only that next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at Transportation Center, 40 East Avenue, Elyria at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Larson moved to adjourn. Mr. Heberling seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by: LePreece Thomas, Secretary