

**LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2015 MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Bill Windham

**ABSENT:** Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson

**I. ROLL CALL and WELCOME**

Chairman Forman called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Brignac, Bruno, Roberts, Windham and Forman. Absent were Commissioners Melara and Patterson. 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 Windham, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the Minutes of the May 20, 2015 Board Meeting were adopted. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson.

**II. SMG REPORT**

Doug Thornton took the lead for the SMG Report. He addressed a number of key topics including: a growth in the hotel/motel tax this fiscal year; increased event activity across the campus; cost containment measures; future capital and infrastructure projects; Capital Outlay funding; the Energy Efficiency Project; the retention of ADG to conduct an independent evaluation; and other cost reduction measures.

Evan Holmes and Pat Tobler then addressed the process relative to the Energy Efficiency Project that lead to the presentation to the Commissioners. Mr. Holmes presented the slide presentation to provide context on the Project, the Proposals received, the analysis by ADG and the recommendation of Siemens to receive the Contract Award. The legal oversight for the process was provided by Lori Mince of the Fishman Haygood firm. The Commissioners were provided with a packet of information to demonstrate projected utility savings.

ADG representatives (Tom VanDeventer and Craig Campbell) were available to provide comments concerning the recommendation of Siemens as having the best cost savings ratio; the best financial package; and the commitment to work at the Superdome for the next 10 years to help achieve the savings goals contained in the Proposals. The ADG representatives answered questions from the Commissioners to the satisfaction of the LSED. Lori Mince then provided a legal overview of the process and the options available to the LSED including the Award of a Contract.

Because the Fishman Haygood firm handled the legal process, Mr. Roedel introduced a Resolution to authorize and approve the retention of the Fishman Haygood law firm to provide these legal services and to authorize Chairman Forman to sign the Retention Agreement with Fishman Haygood for the LSED. On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Windham, that Resolution was adopted. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson. The **motion 15-58** passed.

Thereafter, Lori Mince presented a Resolution that her firm had drafted relative to the Project. On motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved the recommendation by Associated Design Group as the third party evaluation consultant in favor of Siemens. The LSED awarded the Project to Siemens pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4547.2(D) and directed ADG to participate on behalf of the LSED to negotiate a Contract/Agreement with Siemens which Chairman Forman will be authorized to sign and subject to ratification by the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson. The **motion 15-59** passed.

Mr. Thornton then provided additional information concerning: a bid for WrestleMania; the college football playoff proposal process; an opportunity to bid on the 2019 and 2020 Super Bowls; the departure of Randy Philipson after 15 years with SMG. Mr. Philipson will become the Director of Capital Projects for Tulane University. Brian Brocato will assume the position of Director of Engineering and Operations. Chairman Forman recognized the excellent work done by Randy Philipson for SMG and LSED.

Alan Freeman then provided his monthly report which included: recent event activity; congratulating Jennifer Cooke and her staff for successful corporate events; concert activity at the Smoothie King Center; the International Beer Festival at Champions Square; UFC Fight Night; VooDoo Games, Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus; the upcoming Essence Music Festival; the Garth Brooks concert series; the Super Bowl bid process; WrestleMania; the Smoothie King Concession Stand Build-Out; and the celebration of the Superdome's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, which is August 3, 2015.

### **III. FINANCE REPORT**

David Weidler then provided the Financial Report which included the successful hotel/motel tax revenues for this fiscal year; the slot and license plate revenue numbers with everything tracking on or better than budget.

### **IV. CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

Pat Tobler deferred his Construction Report given the Energy Efficiency presentation and the Resolutions that covered these topics.

### **V. LEGAL REPORT**

Larry Roedel then covered the Legal Report and the Resolutions on the Agenda for today's meeting. These included:

On motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved three Agreements/Contracts with the LaPorte CPA Firm to provide: General Accounting Services for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; to provide the Annual Basic Financial Statements for the LSED for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; and to compile and finalize the Annual Fiscal Report that the LSED must provide to the Division of Administration. Chairman Forman will be authorized the Agreements on behalf of the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson. The **motions 15-60, 15-61 and 15-62** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved a Contract with the Roedel Parsons Firm for legal services to cover the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, at the Attorney General Rate Schedule, with Chairman Forman authorized to sign on behalf of the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson. The **motion 15-63** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Windham, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and ratified two Contacts that were signed since the last public meeting including: the LSED Contract with Comprehensive Technical Group for the Superdome HD Control Room, previously signed by Chairman Forman with an effective date of May 26, 2015 and the Professional Services Agreement with HNTB Corporation, signed by Pat Tobler on behalf of the LSED. Both Contracts are ratified by the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson. The **motions 15-64 and 15-65** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved an Agreement with Eskew+Dumez+Ripple for the Sports District Programming and Master Planning Project, for a not to exceed fee of \$109,000, with funding through the Capital Reserve Account to be reimbursed from fiscal year 2016 Capital Outlay funding. The Resolution has the Staff Support of The Tobler Company and SMG and Pat Tobler's signature is authorized and ratified on the Agreement. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson. The **motion 15-66** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved a Capital Reserve Account appropriation of \$1,854,707 to fund 24 capital projects as listed in the Resolution for upgrades and equipment purchase at the Superdome, the Smoothie King Center and Champions Square for the coming fiscal year. This Resolution has the Staff Support of SMG. The LSED's Capital Reserve Account is the source of funding and sufficient funds exist to support the Resolution. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson. The **motion 15-67** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Thornton and Mr. Freeman, on motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved the Capital Reserve appropriation of \$1,377,806 to cover the purchase of IT equipment, Server and Storage Components, a Disaster Recovery Component; a Desktop Refresh Component; Network Switches and an Uninterruptable Power Supply. This Resolution has the SMG Staff Support. The funding source is the LSED Capital Reserve Account and there are sufficient funds to support the Resolution. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts and Bill Windham. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara and Gregg Patterson. The **motion 15-68** passed.

## **VI. BOARD REPORTS**

None.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no need for an Executive Session. The Louisiana Sports and Entertainment District meeting was cancelled.

No one spoke from the public audience.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Commissioner Bruno, the meeting was adjourned.