



AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Date/Time: Thursday, August 21, 2025; 3:00 P.M.

Location: BMO Center Club Lounge
300 Elm Street, Rockford, IL 61101

MINUTES

Board Members Present:	Craig Thomas	Staci Brown	Kevin Schwitters
	Rudy Valdez	Tom Walsh	Miles Nielsen
	John Phelps	Bobbie Holzwarth	Megan McCoy

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Alderman Frank Beach
Alderman Chad Tuneberg
Kevin McCarthy, Winnebago County Liaison
Anthony Ferretti, WIFR TV

Staff Present: Gretchen Gilmore, General Manager, ASM Rockford
Doug Johnson, Assistant GM & Regional Booking Director, ASM Global
Jackie Powers, Finance Coordinator/RAVE Board Secretary, ASM Rockford
Bethany Bohn, Director of Marketing & Private Event Sales, ASM Rockford

Chairman Craig Thomas calls the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

MINUTES – The minutes from the July 23, 2025, meeting are approved.

MOTION: To approve July 23, 2025, minutes made by Rudy Valdez, second by Tom Walsh. Motion passes unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Tom Walsh, Treasurer

Tom Walsh defers to Gretchen Gilmore. Gretchen Gilmore reviews the July 2025 financials. Doug Johnson reviews market trends and their effect on ticket sales and pricing.

MOTION: To approve the July 2025 financials made by Bobbie Holzwarth, second by John Phelps. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – The Authority Board adjourned at 3:13 P.M.

MOTION: To end the business portion of the meeting and begin a strategic planning session made by Bobbie Holzwarth, second by Tom Walsh. Motion passes unanimously.

At 3:13 P.M., the Board ended the business portion of its meeting and began a strategic planning session, during which board members and staff discussed in general terms the following topics: a historical review of facilities management, the ASM/Legends Leadership Conference, an update from the City of Rockford Public Works Department on the work at Davis Park, a facility tour, a review of the Annual Report, and a review of market competition and other challenges. The retreat portion of the meeting concluded at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Powers, Authority Board Secretary/ FOIA Officer