

**GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
MEETING
September 8, 2023
Greater Richmond Convention Center
Administrative Offices
401 N. 3rd Street, Richmond, VA 23219
9:00 a.m.**

Mr. Lincoln Saunders, Chairman, called the Greater Richmond Convention Center Authority Annual Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present. Due to the recent storm damage in the region overnight, Chairman Saunders asked that the meeting be kept as brief as possible and that all verbal updates be submitted in writing.

Mr. Jack Berry announced that Jeremy Phillips, Assistant General Manager, will be relocating back to West Palm Beach later in September to take a new role with OVG with a company called TMRW Sports. Mr. Phillips addressed the Authority and expressed his gratitude of appreciation during his 13-year tenure with the facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes from the July 21st meeting. A motion was made by Mr. John Vithoukaskas, which motion was seconded by Dr. Joe Casey. **The Board approved the motion by the following vote:**

Ayes:	Budesky, Casey, Saunders, Vithoukaskas
Nays:	None
Absent:	Thomas

Mr. Jack Berry, President & CEO, introduced two rental waivers for consideration:

1) Teen Regional Summit – February 2024

The regional teen summit will be held on February 3, 2024. Mr. Berry reported that another teen cheer event will be held in the center at the same time. It was suggested that parking be complimentary on a first-come, first-served basis for the date of the summit. It was also suggested by Dr. Casey that this waiver be treated like other regional waivers since the Teen Regional Summit will become an annual event. The motion was made to adopt this perpetual waiver by Dr. Joe Casey, motion seconded by Mr. John Vithoukaskas.

The Board approved the motion by the following vote:

Ayes:	Budesky, Casey, Saunders, Vithoukaskas
Nays:	None
Absent:	Thomas

2) USA Boxing 2024 National Championship – Mr. Berry presented the waiver requesting 50% facility license fee waiver in the amount of \$37,792. Richmond Region Tourism will cover the other 50% to net zero rent for the client. Mr. John Vithoukaskas made a motion to accept the waiver request, seconded by Mr. John Budesky. **The Board approved the motion by the following vote:**

Ayes:	Budesky, Casey, Saunders, Vithoukaskas
Nays:	None
Absent:	Thomas

CLOSED SESSION
GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
General Meeting
8 September 2023

Pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(3), (5), (6), and (7) and Section 2.2-3712 of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3700 et. seq.), I move that the Board go into closed session to consult with legal counsel and staff for the following purposes:

- (1) To the possible acquisition or disposition of real property;
- (2) To discuss a prospective business or industry;
- (3) To discuss potential investment of public funds where competition or bargaining may be involved; and
- (4) To discuss specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel.

Motion -- John Vithoukaskas
Second – John Budesky

Vote:

	Ayes	Nays
John A. Budesky	X	
Joseph P. Casey	X	
Lincoln Saunders	X	
Nancy C. Thomas		
John A. Vithoukaskas	X	

Absent During Session: Nancy C. Thomas

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) for the Greater Richmond Convention Center Authority (the “Authority”) convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered by the Authority.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Vote:

	Ayes	Nays
John A. Budesky	X	
Joseph P. Casey	X	
Lincoln Saunders	X	
Nancy C. Thomas		
John A. Vithoukas	X	

Absent during session: Nancy C. Thomas

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting date is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.