



**SSCVA Regular Board of Directors Meeting
7770 Corinne Dr. Hammond, IN
November 20, 2025**

1. WELCOME

a. Roll Call

- i. In attendance: BRASHIER, CASH, ESPINO, EVANS, GRISOLIA, HOLMES, MALONEY, PATENA, QUNELL, SCHUFFERT, SPENCER, WHITE, WIESER
- ii. Absent: BLACKWELL, BONDS, KLIDERIS, ROBERTS, SEGARRA, VELLIGAN
- iii. Staff in attendance: PHIL TAILLON, STEPHANIE SMITH, HEATHER BECERRA, KRISTIN TAYLOR, NIKKI LOPEZ, NICOLE WOLVERTON

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. REPORTS

a. CEO Report

- i. The Lake County Council unanimously passed the budget, with Nicole Wolverton, the CFO, playing a crucial role.
- ii. Reminded the BOD the importance of responding to board meeting invites to maintain a quorum.
- iii. The Lake County Council pledged \$50,000 to the sports development commission, highlighting the focus on bringing pro sports to Northwest Indiana.
- iv. The City of Hammond contributed \$5,000, and other tourism organizations have committed to additional funds.
- v. The Christmas Story exhibit opened successfully, with new AV and lighting enhancements.
- vi. Attended the Indiana Chamber Legislative Preview Session, focusing on healthcare, Medicaid, SEA 1, and housing challenges.
- vii. Annual marketing reports will be emailed to all members this year.
- viii. The Partnership Summit went well, with positive feedback and suggestions for future improvements.
- ix. Albanese Candy Bowl football game will be held 12/6 at Hobart High School.
- x. South Shore in the City event is scheduled for 12/6 in Chicago, with 90% sponsorship secured.

b. CFO Report

- i. Innkeepers

1. October's revenue is \$2,000 more than last year, with a total of \$4.2 million collected so far.
 2. 5% of appropriations remain for the rest of the year, and adjustments will be made as needed.
 - ii. Financial Update
 - c. Approval of Claims #2898-2900, 30990-32015 in the amount of \$1,320,039.16.
 - i. Motion made by **BRASHIER** to approve claims, seconded by **ESPINO**.
Approved unanimously.
 - d. Staff Reports – In BOD packet
 - e. Committee Reports
 3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. None
 4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes October 16, 2025
 - i. Motion made by **PATENA** to approve minutes, seconded by **SHUFFERT**.
Approved unanimously
 - b. Approval of Air Show Consultant Contract in the amount of \$99,000
 - i. Motion made by **MALONEY** to approve Air Show consultant, seconded by **BRASHIER**. Approved unanimously
 - c. Approval of Opportunity Enterprise Cleaning Contract in the amount of \$21,600
 - i. Motion made by **CASH** to approve Opportunity Enterprise contract, seconded by **SCHUFFERT**. Approved unanimously
 - d. Nomination of 2026 Slate of Officers
 - i. Motion to table nominations made by **BRASHIER**, seconded by **GRISOLIA**.
Approved unanimously. Tabling the nomination of the slate of officers for 2026 to the December meeting.
 5. PRESENTATION
 - a. None
 6. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Two (2) minutes maximum per person or five (5) minutes for a group spokesperson. Please keep your comments civil and constructive to policy issues. The Chair, at his/her sole discretion, may recognize individuals wishing to speak on different topics.
 - b. Next Regular Meeting – December 18, 2025, at 4:30 pm at the Indiana Welcome Center.
 7. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. Motion made by **SHUFFERT** to adjourn, seconded by **ESPINO**.