

SSCVA Regular Board of Directors Meeting
7770 Corinne Dr. Hammond, IN
February 19, 2026

1. WELCOME

a. Roll Call

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. REPORTS

a. CEO Report

- i. Announces the unanimous passage of the SB 27 bill, which authorizes the stadium authority to finance the construction of a new Bear stadium in Northwest Indiana.
 1. The bill is expected to go for second and third readings early next week, with potential Senate approval on Thursday.
- ii. Shares that the CVA's Facebook page has reached 50,000 followers.
- iii. Had a meeting with Chairman Thompson of the Ways and Means committee about the innkeepers tax, which could be raised from 5% to 10% for stadium construction financing.
- iv. Humane Indiana Groundhogs Day event and the second tourism today event was successful, with positive feedback from attendees.

b. CFO Report

i. Innkeepers

1. \$260,000 was collected in innkeeper taxes in January, a \$9,000 increase from the previous year.

ii. Financial Update

1. The Q4 supplemental casino revenue for January was deposited, but it was \$60,000 less than the previous year.

c. Approval of Claims # 2906-2907,31294-32175 in the amount of \$998,401.46

- i. Motion made by **BRASHIER** to approve claims, seconded by **VELLIGAN**. Approved unanimously.

d. Staff Reports – In BOD packet

e. Committee Reports

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Nomination of the 2026 Slate of Officers
- 4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes January 15, 2026
 - i. Motion made by **MALONEY** to approve minutes, seconded by **VELLIGAN**. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Approval of 2026 BOSE Agreement in the amount of \$78,000
 - i. Motion made by **SCHUFFERT** to approve BOSE Agreement, seconded by **PATENA**. Approved unanimously.
 - c. Approval of Resolution No 2026-02-19: An update to Resolution 2002-11-22 & 2024-2-13 Concerning Contract & Expenditure Limits Without Board Pre-approval
 - i. Motion made by **BRASHIER** to approve Resolution Numbers 2026-02-19 and 2002-11-22, seconded by **HOLMES**. Approved unanimously.
 - d. Approval of Starlight Aerial Production Service Agreement in the amount of \$30,000
 - i. Motion made by **VALLIGAN** to approve Starlight Aerial Production Service Agreement, seconded by **EVANS**. Approved unanimously.
 - e. Approval of the Printing Partners quote not to exceed \$40,000 as the selected printer for our 2026 Area Guide
 - i. Motion made by **CASH** to approve Printing Partners quote, seconded by **BLACKWELL**. Approved unanimously.
- 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. New Regular Meeting- Date: March 19, 2026 at 12:00 pm at the Indiana Welcome Center.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. Motion made by **BRASHIER** to adjourn, seconded by **HOLMES**.