



**SSCVA Regular Board of Directors Meeting
7770 Corinne Dr. Hammond, IN
August 21, 2025**

1. WELCOME

a. Roll Call

In attendance: BLACKWELL, BRASHIER, CASH, ESPINO, EVANS, GRISOLIA, KLIDERIS, HOLMES, MALONEY, PATENA, QUNELL, ROBERTS, SCHUFFERT, SEGARRA, SPENCER, VELLIGAN, WHITE

Absent: BONDS, BUSHEMI

Staff in attendance: PHIL TAILLON, STEPHANIE SMITH, HEATHER BECERRA, KRISTIN TAYLOR, NICOLE WOLVERTON, NIKKI LOPEZ

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. REPORTS

a. CEO Report

- i. The Gary Air Show Weekend was a great success. Thanks to all who came out and supported the event.
- ii. October 1 is the first Tourism Today speaker series with guest Leonard Hoops, CEO and President of Visit Indy.
- iii. Since the last meeting Phil has spoken to the Munster Chamber of Commerce, the St. John/Dyer Chamber of Commerce and the Northwest Indiana Realtor Association.
- iv. August 12 was the first sports development commission meeting. They are looking to do market studies or feasibility studies, and Mayor Tom McDermott w/ City of Hammond put in \$5,000 toward the study.
- v. John Bushemi has stepped down as the Schererville representative on the SSCVA board. Thanked for service.
- vi. Schererville has appointed Jim Weezer as their new representative.

b. CFO Report

i. Innkeepers

1. Received \$30,000 more in innkeepers this year than last, and last year was a record-breaking year/month.
2. We've balanced the books through June, and we're started working on our 2026 budget.

