

**Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau
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The Board of Directors of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Met in a **REGULAR MEETING**

Dean and Barbara White Community Center
6600 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410
Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM (CST)

PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

I. Roll Call

Chairman Andy Qunell called the March 18, 2021 meeting of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau to order at 12:02 P.M. (CST). President/CEO Speros A. Batistatos called the roll.

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Brent Brashier, Christine Cash, Tom Dabertin (via phone), Sal Espino, Bernie Grisolia, Nikki Lopez, Darnail Lyles, Matt Maloney, Andy Qunell, Patrick Reardon, Chris Rich, Doug Spencer, Larry Tucker and Chareice White.

Absent: Paul Anderson, Jahnae Erpenbach, Matthew Schuffert, Ed Welch and W.F. "Bill" Wellman.

Also present were President/CEO Speros A. Batistatos, Executive VP Katie Holderby, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Svetanoff, Chief Marketing Officer Heather Becerra, Chief Technology Officer Luke Weinman, Director of Communications Erika Dahl, Parliamentarian Andrew Kyres and Attorney Jim Magrames.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

A. The pledge was recited.

III. Report of the Executive Committee

A. None to present.

IV. Report of Standing Committee

A. None to present.

V. Staff Report

A. Staff reports were emailed prior to the meeting and presentation was given by Executive VP Katie Holderby.

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VI. Old Business

A. None to present.

VII. New Business

A. Addition of New Items to Agenda

1. Chairman Andy Qunell asked for a motion to add the President/CEO's contract notification to agenda
 - a. Hearing no further questions, Treasurer Matthew Maloney motioned and Vice Chairman Brent Brashier seconded to approve the motion as submitted.
 - b. Motion carries by voice vote: Yes 14 - No 0 - Abstain 0

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Paul Anderson	___	___	___	_x_
Brent Brashier	_x_	___	___	___
Christine Cash	_x_	___	___	___
Tom Dabertin	_x_	___	___	___
Jahnae Erpenbach	___	___	___	_x_
Sal Espino	_x_	___	___	___
Bernie Grisolia	_x_	___	___	___
Nikki Lopez	_x_	___	___	___
Darnail Lyles	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Maloney	_x_	___	___	___
Patrick Reardon	_x_	___	___	___
Chris Rich	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Schuffert	___	___	___	_x_
Douglas Spencer	_x_	___	___	___
Larry Tucker	_x_	___	___	___
Ed Welch	___	___	___	_x_
Dr. W.F. "Bill" Wellman	___	___	___	_x_
Chareice White	_x_	___	___	___
Andy Qunell	_x_	___	___	___
Chairman				

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B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2021
 - a. Chairman Qunell sought approval of the Regular Meeting minutes from February 18, 2021.
 - b. Hearing no further questions, Vice Chairman Brent Brashier motioned and Member Chris Cash seconded to approve the motion as submitted.
 - c. Motion carries by voice vote: Yes 14 – No 0 – Abstain 0

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Paul Anderson	___	___	___	_x_
Brent Brashier	_x_	___	___	___
Christine Cash	_x_	___	___	___
Tom Dabertin	_x_	___	___	___
Jahnae Erpenbach	___	___	___	_x_
Sal Espino	_x_	___	___	___
Bernie Grisolia	_x_	___	___	___
Nikki Lopez	_x_	___	___	___
Darnail Lyles	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Maloney	_x_	___	___	___
Patrick Reardon	_x_	___	___	___
Chris Rich	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Schuffert	___	___	___	_x_
Douglas Spencer	_x_	___	___	___
Larry Tucker	_x_	___	___	___
Ed Welch	___	___	___	_x_
Dr. W.F. "Bill" Wellman	___	___	___	_x_
Chareice White	_x_	___	___	___
Andy Qunell	_x_	___	___	___
Chairman				

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C. Finance Report

1. Chairman Qunell sought approval for vouchers #24973 through #25050 in the amount of \$455,262.74 for March 18, 2021.
 - a. Hearing no further question, Treasurer Matthew Maloney motioned and Vice Chairman Brent Brashier seconded to approve the motion as submitted.
 - b. Motion carries: Yes 13 - No 0 - Abstain 1.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Paul Anderson	___	___	___	_x_
Brent Brashier	_x_	___	___	___
Christine Cash	_x_	___	___	___
Tom Dabertin	___	___	_x_	___
Jahnae Erpenbach	___	___	___	_x_
Sal Espino	_x_	___	___	___
Bernie Grisolia	_x_	___	___	___
Nikki Lopez	_x_	___	___	___
Darnail Lyles	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Maloney	_x_	___	___	___
Patrick Reardon	_x_	___	___	___
Chris Rich	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Schuffert	___	___	___	_x_
Douglas Spencer	_x_	___	___	___
Larry Tucker	_x_	___	___	___
Ed Welch	___	___	___	_x_
Dr. W.F. "Bill" Wellman	___	___	___	_x_
Chareice White	_x_	___	___	___
Andy Qunell	_x_	___	___	___
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D. Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 2021-03-05: - A Resolution Authorizing Dormant Fund Balance Transfers
 - a. Chairman Qunell sought approval to approve Resolution No. 2021-03-05 as presented.
 - b. Hearing no further questions, Member Nikki Lopez motioned and Vice Chairman Brent Brashier seconded to approve the motion as submitted.
 - c. Motion carries: Yes 14 - No 0 - Abstain 0.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Paul Anderson	___	___	___	_x_
Brent Brashier	_x_	___	___	___
Christine Cash	_x_	___	___	___
Tom Dabertin	_x_	___	___	___
Jahnae Erpenbach	___	___	___	_x_
Sal Espino	_x_	___	___	___
Bernie Grisolia	_x_	___	___	___
Nikki Lopez	_x_	___	___	___
Darnail Lyles	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Maloney	_x_	___	___	___
Patrick Reardon	_x_	___	___	___
Chris Rich	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Schuffert	___	___	___	_x_
Douglas Spencer	_x_	___	___	___
Larry Tucker	_x_	___	___	___
Ed Welch	___	___	___	_x_
Dr. W.F. "Bill" Wellman	___	___	___	_x_
Chareice White	_x_	___	___	___
Andy Qunell	_x_	___	___	___
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E. Other New Business

1. Contract Notification

- a. Chairman Qunell sought approval for notification of President/CEO's contract.
- b. Hearing no further questions, Treasurer Matthew Maloney motioned and Member Larry Tucker seconded to approve the motion as submitted.
- c. Motion carries: Yes 14 - No 0 - Abstain 0.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Paul Anderson	___	___	___	_x_
Brent Brashier	_x_	___	___	___
Christine Cash	_x_	___	___	___
Tom Dabertin	_x_	___	___	___
Jahnae Erpenbach	___	___	___	_x_
Sal Espino	_x_	___	___	___
Bernie Grisolia	_x_	___	___	___
Nikki Lopez	_x_	___	___	___
Darnail Lyles	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Maloney	_x_	___	___	___
Patrick Reardon	_x_	___	___	___
Chris Rich	_x_	___	___	___
Matthew Schuffert	___	___	___	_x_
Douglas Spencer	_x_	___	___	___
Larry Tucker	_x_	___	___	___
Ed Welch	___	___	___	_x_
Dr. W.F. "Bill" Wellman	___	___	___	_x_
Chareice White	_x_	___	___	___
Andy Qunell	_x_	___	___	___
Chairman				

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VIII. Public Presentations

A. Rick Bella, President, Merrillville Town Council

IX. Miscellaneous Matters

A. Dates to Remember

1. **Next Regular Meeting** – Thursday, April 15, 2021 at noon – Location TBD

X. 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 at any time and may end the Public Comment Session. All speakers will be timed. This portion of the meeting shall not exceed then (10) minutes.

No public attendees were present for the meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Hearing of no other business to come before the board, Chairman Qunell adjourned the meeting. Motioned by Vice Chairman Brent Brashier, seconded by Member Chris Rich. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. (CST).

Approved:

Andy Qunell, Chairman

Attest:

Chareice White, Secretary