

**Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau
D/B/A South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority
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The Board of Directors of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Met in a **REGULAR MEETING**
via Zoom Conference Teleconference due to Gov. Eric Holcomb
Public Health Emergency Declaration
7770 Corinne Dr., Hammond, IN 46323
Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. (C. S. T.)
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

I. Roll Call

Chairman Andy Qunell called the August 20, 2020 meeting of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau to order at 12:00 P.M. (C.S.T.). President/CEO Spero Batistatos called the roll.

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Brent Brashier, Tom Dabertin, Jahnae Erpenbach, Bernie Grisolia, Nicole Lopez (joined meeting at 12:08 p.m.), Matt Maloney, Andy Qunell, Chris Rich, Matt Schuffert, Douglas Spencer, Ed Welch and Chareice White.

Absent: Paul Anderson, Christine Cash, Darnail Lyles, Kyle Ropac, Bridget Streck, Larry Tucker, and W.F. "Bill" Wellman.

Also present via Zoom were President/CEO Speros A. Batistatos, Executive Vice President Katie Holderby, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Svetanoff, Chief Marketing Officer Heather Becerra, Chief Technology Officer Luke Weinman, Director of Communications Erika Dahl and Attorney James Magrames.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

A. The pledge was not recited due to the remote meeting.

III. Report Of The Executive Committees

A. None to present.

IV. Report Of The Standing Committees

A. None to present.

V. Staff Reports

A. Staff reports were emailed prior to the meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. None to present

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VII. New Business

A. Addition of New Items to the Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Chairman Qunell sought approval of the Regular Meeting minutes from July 16, 2020.
 - a. Hearing no further questions, Member Ed Welch motioned and Vice Chairman Brent Brashier seconded to approve the motion as submitted.
 - b. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote 12-0-0.

	YES	ABSENT
Paul Anderson	___	_x__
Brent Brashier	_x__	___
Christine Cash	___	_x__
Tom Dabertin	_x__	___
Jahnae Erpenbach	_x__	___
Bernie Grisolia	_x__	___
Nikki Lopez	_x__	___
Darnail Lyles	___	_x__
Matthew Maloney	_x__	___
Chris Rich	_x__	___
Kyle Ropac	___	_x__
Matthew Schuffert	_x__	___
Douglas Spencer	_x__	___
Bridget Streck	___	_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 #24419 through #24476 in the amount of \$466,262.87 for August 20, 2020.
 - a. Hearing no further questions, Member Bernie Grisolia motioned and Member Matthew Maloney seconded to approve the motion as submitted.
 - b. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote 11-0-0.

	YES	ABSENT
Paul Anderson	___	_x__
Brent Brashier	_x__	___
Christine Cash	___	_x__
Tom Dabertin	_x__	___
Jahnae Erpenbach	_x__	___
Bernie Grisolia	_x__	___
Nikki Lopez	_x__	___
Darnail Lyles	___	_x__
Matthew Maloney	_x__	___
Chris Rich	_x__	___
Kyle Ropac	___	_x__
Matthew Schuffert	_x__	___
Douglas Spencer	_x__	___
Bridget Streck	___	_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. None to present

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E. Other New Business

1. The Board discussed a revised PTO policy for employees that were furloughed from May through September 2020.
 - a. Chairman Qunell sought approval to approve recommendation for PTO for furloughed employees.
 - b. Hearing no further questions, Treasurer Nikki Lopez motioned and Member Chris Rich seconded
 - c. Motion carries 11-0-1.

	YES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Paul Anderson	___	___	_x_
Brent Brashier	_x_	___	___
Christine Cash	___	___	_x_
Tom Dabertin	_x_	___	___
Jahnae Erpenbach	_x_	___	___
Bernie Grisolia	_x_	___	___
Nikki Lopez	_x_	___	___
Darnail Lyles	___	___	_x_
Matthew Maloney	_x_	___	___
Chris Rich	_x_	___	___
Kyle Ropac	___	___	_x_
Matthew Schuffert	_x_	___	___
Douglas Spencer	_x_	___	___
Bridget Streck	___	___	_x_
Larry Tucker	___	___	_x_
Ed Welch	___	_x_	___
Dr. W.F. "Bill" Wellman	___	___	_x_
Chareice White	_x_	___	___
Andy Qunell	_x_	___	___
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2. President/CEO Speros A. Batistatos, FCDME informed Board of Directors that the LCCVB had received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Mayor of Hammond's office on Thursday, August 20th. Discussed ensued.

VIII. Public Presentations

- A. None to present.

IX. Miscellaneous Matters

- A. Dates to Remember
 1. Meetings
 1. **Next Regular Meeting** – Thursday, September 17, 2020 – Noon

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 comments were made.

XI. Adjournment

Hearing of no other business to come before the board, Chairman Qunell adjourned the meeting. Motioned by Member Tom Dabertin, seconded by Member Matthew Schuffert. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. (C.S.T.).

Approved:

Andy Qunell, Chairman

Attest:

Chareice White, Secretary