

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**
Indiana Welcome Center
7770 Corinne Dr., Hammond, IN 46323
Thursday, September 17, 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 (via Zoom), Tom Dabertin, Jahnae Erpenbach, Bernie Grisolia (via Zoom), Nicole Lopez, Darnail Lyles (left meeting at 1:16 p.m.), Matt Maloney, Andy Qunell, Chris Rich, Matt Schuffert, Douglas Spencer, Bridget Streck, Larry Tucker, W.F. "Bill" Wellman (joined via phone at 12:12 p.m.) and Chareice White.

Absent: Paul Anderson, Christine Cash, Kyle Ropac and Ed Welch

Also present 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, Director of Human Resources Rik Brankle-Piszczek Parliamentarian Andrew Kyres and Attorney Ryan Shoffelmeer.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

A. The pledge was recited.

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 and presentation was given.

VI. Old Business

A. None to present

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VII. New Business

A. Addition of New Items to the Agenda

1. Chairman Andy Qunell asked if there were additional items to add to the agenda.
 - a. Motion was made by Member Tom Dabertin authorize the chairman to engage an independent auditor to examine the President/CEO current contract vs. compensation and benefits as part of the board’s due diligence. Member Dabertin also noted that the Chairman could choose the independent auditor for such an engagement. Motion was seconded by Member Matthew Maloney. Discussion ensued. Chairman Andy Qunell asked for a vote.
 - b. Motion failed to pass: Yes 6 - No 9 - Abstain 0.

	YES	NO	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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2. Member Tom Dabertin made a motion to provide the public with a listing of compensation and benefits for all employees on the SSCVA website. Discussion ensued.
- a. Chairman Andy Qunell asked for Member Tom Dabertin to amend motion. Member Tom Dabertin amended the motion to seek transparency by providing this information on the website and/or through Gateway 100R employee compensation; therefore, directing the CFO to consult with SBOA on employee compensation and benefits reported on Gateway 100R. Member Tom Dabertin made a motion. Member Matthew Maloney seconded the motion.

Member W.F. "Bill" Wellman departed the meeting via phone before this discussion was completed and the vote was taken.

- b. Motion carries: Yes 12 - No 2 - Abstain 0

	YES	NO	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			

3. Member Tom Dabertin asked to make motion to have public access to credit card statements. CFO Cathy Svetanoff reviewed Resolution 2016-01-01: A Resolution Amending Resolution 2005-10-06 A Resolution Authorizing Credit Card Usage to provide information on credit card procedures. Member Tom Dabertin rescinded his motion.

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4. Member Tom Dabertin made a motion on personnel issue. Attorney Ryan Shoffelmeer and Parliamentarian Andrew Kyres noted that personnel issues be discussed at executive session. Discussion ensued. There was no second on this motion.

Member Darnail Lyles left the meeting before this discussion concluded.

B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Chairman Qunell sought approval of the Regular Meeting minutes from August 20, 2020.
- a. Hearing no further questions, Member Douglas Spencer motioned and Treasurer Nikki Lopez seconded to approve the motion as submitted. Member Darnail Lyles left at 1:16 p.m. and before the vote was taken.
- b. Motion carries: Yes 13 - No 0 - Abstain 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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C. Finance Report

1. Chairman Qunell sought approval for vouchers #24477 through #24538 in the amount of \$782,085.68 for September 17, 2020.
 - a. Hearing no further questions, Member Matthew Schuffert motioned and Member Chris Rich seconded to approve the motion as submitted.
 - b. Motion carries: Yes 13 - No 0 - Abstain 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. Director of Human Resources Rik Brankle-Piszczek provided an update on the 2021 Anthem health insurance renewal.
 - a. Chairman Qunell sought approval for recommendation for renewal of Anthem health insurance.
 - b. Hearing no further questions, Member Matthew Schuffert motioned and Member Jahnae Erpenbach seconded
 - c. Motion carries: Yes 13 - No 0 - Abstain 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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VIII. Public Presentations

A. None to present.

IX. Miscellaneous Matters

A. Dates to Remember

1. Meetings

1. **Next Regular Meeting** – Wednesday, October 14, 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.

Public comments were made by Perry Stabler and Michael McInerney.

XI. Adjournment

Hearing of no other business to come before the board, Chairman Qunell adjourned the meeting. Motioned by Member Matthew Maloney, seconded by Member Tom Dabertin. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. (C.S.T.).

Approved:

Andy Qunell, Chairman

Attest:

Chareice White, Secretary