



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

August 19, 2021

Meetings for the Board of Directors of ECGRA can begin meeting in a physical location per Governor Wolf's proclamation of June 11, 2021. However, each member and ex-officio has the option to attend in person or virtually. Members of the public can now speak at the physical location of 5240 Knowledge Parkway.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on August 19, 2021 at 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510. Legal Notice of the meeting was given through an advertisement appearing in the Erie Times-News. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Barney, Ms. Hess, Ms. Loll, and Mr. Sample are present via Zoom. Mr. Paris is present in person. Mr. Wachter, Mr. Lee are present via Zoom, and Dr. Wood is present in person.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Sample makes a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Hess seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 2021

Mr. Sample makes a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Paris seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There are no comments at this time.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Barney has no comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public present for comments.

PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations scheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Dr. Wood: I just got off the phone with Mr. Cleaver; he is not feeling well so he asked me to present the Treasurer's Report. Has everyone had a chance to review the financials? Are there any questions about the financials?

Mr. Sample makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ms. Hess seconds the motion. There are no questions or discussion of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 5-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: There was no meeting held, so there is nothing to report.
- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Anderson is not present to give an update.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Lee: Good morning, everyone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to give an update on the Summer Jobs and More Program. GECAC is completing our program this week. We had a total of 134 students participate, 48 employers. The breakdown was 56% outside the City of Erie and 44% inside the City of Erie. Our goal is to try to get an even 50/50. In prior years, with the exception of last year, it was always a little higher in the City, and less outside the City. The last two years we have seen that reverse, mainly because, I believe, because of the pandemic. Again, we will continue to strive to get that 50/50%.

I am very pleased in how GECAC has conducted the program. In saying that, I would ask that Board if there are any questions of me in reference to the Summer Jobs and More Program? That concludes my update. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Good morning, everyone. If you look in your Executive Director's Report, you'll see it contains a progress report of Parker Philips, a summary of Anchor Building projects that we're going to vote on today in Resolution Number 11. Next you will see some testimonials, one specifically in here on the Beehive project, and then a series of news and media clippings in which ECGRA-funded

projects were highlighted. Does anyone have any questions of me of the Director's Report? Things continue to progress well; the train is running on time.

I will give you a preview of next month's meeting. Tim and I are working on the details of the money that was awarded to us from Erie County. If you missed it in the news, there is \$26 Million in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money coming; of that \$26 million, County government has tasked us with administering \$4 million of it for something that they call transformative grants. As Tim and I look at both the policy and legal aspects of those funds, we will be communicating with you on what we find. In addition, we will have a second layer of compliance available to us through Maher Duessel, which has been selected as the CPA firm to act as compliance on behalf of Erie County, so we will be interacting with them as well. Does anyone have any questions? Thank you for your time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter: I just wanted to reiterate what Dr. Wood said about ARPA funds. I have nothing further to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no Old Business to cover at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 11, 2021 – Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2021 Anchor Building Program

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Paris makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

- b. Resolution Number 12, 2021 – Resolution to enter into agreements with thirteen (13) additional Erie County Special Events Grant applicants for the Supplemental Extension

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Sample makes a motion to accept the resolution. Ms. Hess seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paris moves to adjourn.