

WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC FACILITIES  
DISTRICT

Monday, September 12, 2022, 2:30 P.M.  
Public Facilities District, Conference Room  
110 Edgar Martinez Drive South, Seattle, Washington 98134

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The PFD held its Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors in-person and in a manner consistent with guidance from the Attorney General's office. The meeting was conducted as a special meeting because the meeting was held one hour earlier than regular meetings of the Board. Notice of the special meeting was provided as required. Virtual access was provided via a Microsoft Teams conference system (video or phone) upon request. Members of the public desiring to leave a comment but not able to attend the meeting in person were asked to submit comments to [curtisj@ballpark.org](mailto:curtisj@ballpark.org) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting start time.

**CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME**

Board Chair Stacy Graven called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. pursuant to notice. Board Members joining the meeting in person: Carol Nelson, R. Omar Riojas, and Chris Marr. Member Andrea Sato joined the meeting at 2:43 p.m. Joining via Teams was Board Member Mike Fong. Under the Board's current rules, Member Fong did not participate in any of the votes of the Board. Board Member Brian Surratt was absent but excused. Staff and consultants present: Joshua Curtis (Executive Director), Tom Backer (Legal Counsel, via Teams), Sandeep Kaushik (Consultant), and Pat Dunn (Legislative). Consultant joining by Teams was Bryan Slater (CAA ICON). Also joining were Trevor Gooby (Mariners SVP, Ballpark Operations), Fred Rivera (Mariners EVP, Legal Counsel) and Tom Goff (King County).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No written public comment was received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Chair Graven asked for a motion to approve the June 27, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. Member Nelson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Marr. Motion carried 4-0. (Member Sato arrived after the vote and Member Fong not voting).

**BOARD BRIEFINGS AND POTENTIAL ACTIONS**

1. Mariners Update

A. Ballpark Management Plan (Trevor Gooby) – *Materials at Meeting*  
Mr. Gooby presented the PPT appended to the June 27 board packet, and he described updates to the capital improvement plan since then. Member Nelson asked if the threefold increase in sales experienced at the Grab-n-Go store had cannibalized any of the other concessions. Mr. Gooby answered that it had not – revenue had been raised across the board. The Mariners plan to add three more Grab-n-Go stores prior to the next season. He additionally reported that while Houston was the first ballpark to implement Grab-n-Go stores, T-Mobile Park was

the second. Member Riojas asked whether the Grab-n-Go model was fully tested. Mr. Gooby responded that it had been piloted and was now fully tested.

- B. All Star Game Update (Fred Rivera) – Mr. Rivera reported that the 2023 All Star Game would start on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This will be a MLB-run event. The Mariners joined representatives from the City of Seattle, Seattle Sports Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce that traveled to Los Angeles to attend the 2022 All Star Game. Last week, MLB traveled to Seattle for a planning trip, at which members of the Mayor’s Office, SDOT, and all other planning agencies were present. The Mariners will be focusing on security planning for the event. The week of events will include concerts, a youth tournament, and many other activities both in the ballpark and in city-wide venues. In addition, some activities may be held in Tukwila, Kent, and/or Everett.

Mr. Gooby offered a preview of the post-season schedule, should the Mariners be successful in making post-season play. They are anticipating the presence of major broadcast networks should that occur. Member Marr noted that he and other board members on the ballpark reference trips heard that providing access to media trucks and infrastructure had been challenging in other ballparks. Mr. Trevor responded that this had been their concern, as well, but that MLB doesn’t anticipate an issue.

Member Nelson asked Mr. Rivera for any updates on the Hatback Bar and Grille’s first month of business. Mr. Rivera responded that the restaurant had hosted events almost every day and that the business was successful so far.

2. Reference Ballpark Trips Report Out (Joshua Curtis) – *Materials at Meeting*

Mr. Curtis presented the Reference Ballpark Trips Report Out PPT appended to the September 12<sup>th</sup> board packet.

3. Review of Vouchers (Chris Marr)- *Materials Included*

- a. Proposed Resolution 22-008

*Refer to materials.* Member Marr introduced Proposed Resolution 22-008 to approve the regular voucher payments. Board member Marr noted that he met with Joshua to discuss all the items included in the vouchers and to answer more detailed questions on voucher or expense-related inquiries. Following discussion, Member Marr moved to approve Resolution 22-008, seconded by Member Nelson. Resolution approved 5-0.

## REPORTS

### Chair’s Report

Chair Graven thanked the Mariners for inviting PFD board and staff to the opening of the Hatback Bar and Grille and congratulated them on the impressive venue. She then raised with the board that it was time to start planning for new leadership. She encouraged board members to consider submitting their names for Chair, Vice Chair, or Treasurer positions.

Executive Director's Report

Joshua Curtis summarized the Executive Director's report included in the Board packet.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 3:44 p.m. The session lasted 14 minutes. No board action was taken following the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Graven declared the meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.



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Joshua Curtis,  
Recording Clerk



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Stacy Graven, Chair  
Board of Directors, Public Facilities District