

WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC FACILITIES  
DISTRICT

Monday, October 31, 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. 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 2:34 p.m. pursuant to notice. Board Members joining the meeting in person: R. Omar Riojas, Chris Marr, Andrea Sato and Mike Fong. Joining via Teams was Board Member Carol Nelson. Under the Board's current rules, Member Nelson 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), and Pat Dunn (Legislative). Also joining were Fred Rivera (Mariners EVP, Legal Counsel), Carmela Ennis (King County), and joining via Teams was Trevor Gooby (Mariners SVP, Ballpark Operations).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No written public comment was received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Chair Graven asked for a motion to approve the September 12, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. Member Marr moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Riojas. Motion carried 5-0 (Member Nelson not voting).

**BOARD BRIEFINGS AND POTENTIAL ACTIONS**

1. Mariners Update
  - A. 2021 Season Recap and Off-Season Preview (Trevor Gooby) – *Presentation and Materials Provided at Meeting*

Mr. Gooby presented the PPT appended to the October 31 board packet. Member Marr asked if the Club had considered operational impacts resulting from the increase in attendance and with the upcoming All-Star Game and possible post-season play in 2023. Mr. Gooby responded that the Club had, and that it surveys fans at every game. That feedback has led to operational improvements at the ballpark to handle the increased attendance. Mr. Gooby also noted that the Mariners received some of the best overall fan survey scores in the MLB, with individual game scores improving over the course of the 2022 season. He also noted that these scores are impacted by whether the Mariners win or lose. Member Nelson asked if

the Club's goal of 3 million annual visitors in 2023 included the All-Star Game. Mr. Gooby stated that it did not. Member Graven asked if the event space at the Pyramid Building would be completed by opening day. Mr. Gooby replied that it would.

2. Approval of 2023 Ballpark Management Plan (Joshua Curtis) – *Materials Presented and Board Action Anticipated*

Mr. Curtis presented the PFD's proposed letter of approval for the 2023 Ballpark Management Plan. Following discussion, member Riojas moved to approve and Member Sato seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

3. 2023 Legislative Preview (Pat Dunn) – *Presentation Only*

Mr. Dunn provided to a state legislative preview for 2023. He stated that he was monitoring for any proposals that would have an impact on the PFD or the ballpark, including potential changes to the admissions tax. Pat noted that a group of Minor League and other non-professional baseball teams from around the state would be requesting \$24 million from the legislature for capital improvements to their ballparks. This proposal would not impact T-Mobile Park. He also noted that 2023 would be a "long session" and that it was unclear if the legislature would be meeting in-person or virtually.

4. Review of Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule and Reference Ballpark Trip (Joshua Curtis) – *Materials Included and Board Action Anticipated*

Mr. Curtis presented to the Board the proposed 2023 meeting and reference ballpark trip schedule. Member Marr thanked Mr. Curtis for including the reference ballpark trips and stated that the trips are an important part of the Board's duties. He encouraged Board Members to attend. Mr. Backer reminded the Board that it can schedule Special Meetings should matters arise that required their attention in between regularly scheduled Board Meetings. Member Marr moved to approve the schedule, seconded by Member Riojas. Motion carried 5-0.

5. 2022 Q1/Q2 Budget to Actuals (Chris Marr/Joshua Curtis) – *Materials Included*

Mr. Curtis presented to the board the 2022 Q1/Q2 Budget to Actuals included in the packet.

6. Draft 2023 Operating Budget (Chris Marr/Joshua Curtis) – *Materials Included*

Mr. Curtis presented to the board the Draft 2023 Operating Budget included in the packet.

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

a. Proposed Resolution 22-009

Member Marr introduced Proposed Resolution 22-009 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 22-009, seconded by Member Sato. Resolution carried 5-0.

**REPORTS**

Chair's Report

Chair Graven stated she had reached out to Board Members individually to inquire as to their interest in serving in a Board leadership role, stating additionally that she felt it was important and healthy for the organization for there to be leadership turnover on the Board. She also stated that she would be remaining on the board and available to help with the transition. Member Nelson thanked Chair Graven for her leadership. Chair Graven then presented a leadership roster of Member Nelson (Chair), Member Marr (Vice-Chair) and Member Fong (Treasurer) for consideration to the Board. Member Riojas moved to approve, with Member Sato seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Director's Report

Joshua Curtis summarized the Executive Director's report included in the Board packet. He requested a motion to approve a contract amendment with Boots Construction for \$32,295 for the replacement of PFD office lighting and ceiling panels. Member Marr moved to approve, with Member Riojas seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Curtis additionally requested a motion to approve an amendment to the Heartland contract of \$17,500 (subject to the 50/50 cost sharing agreement with the Public Stadium Authority) to allow for additional analysis relating to the City's Maritime and Industrial policy updates. Member Graven moved to approve, with Member Sato seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors entered into Executive Session at 3:44 p.m. to discuss matters as identified in the meeting notice. The Executive Session was expected to last 15 minutes. At 3:58 p.m. the Executive Session concluded. 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.



Joshua Curtis,  
Recording Clerk



Stacy Graven, Chair  
Board of Directors, Public Facilities District