

MATERIALS INNOVATION AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY

FIVE HUNDRED AND TWELVE

MARCH 11, 2020

A Regular Board meeting of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in the Board Room at Suite 202, 200 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Those present were:

Directors:

Chairman Stein (on the Telephone)
Vice-Chairman Dick Barlow (on the Telephone)
John Adams (on the Telephone)
Edward Bailey (on the Telephone)
Carl Fortuna, Jr. (on the Telephone)
Jim Hayden (on the Telephone)
Bob Painter (on the Telephone)
Scott Shanley (on the Telephone)
Pat Widlitz (on the Telephone)
Thomas Swarr, CSWS Project Ad Hoc (on the Telephone)

Present from MIRA:

Tom Kirk, President
Mark Daley, Chief Financial Officer
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services
Peter Egan, Director of Operations and Environmental Affairs
Jeff Duvall, Director of Budgets and Forecasting
Thomas Gaffey, Director of Recycling & Enforcement
Cheryl Kaminsky, Manager of Accounting and Financial Reporting
Vicki Arnum, Buyer/Administrative Assistant

Public Present:

Ann Catino, General Counsel, H&S
Attorney Ed Spinella
Luis De La Parte, SRRT
Jennifer Weymoth, DEEP

Chairman Stein called the meeting officially to order at 9:35 a.m. and said that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Stein said the agenda allowed for a public portion in which the Board would accept written testimony and allow individuals to speak for a limit of three minutes. As there were no members of the public who wished to address the Board, the meeting commenced.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Stein requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Board meeting. Director Adams made the motion, which was seconded by Director Bailey.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call vote. Chairman Stein, Vice-Chairman Barlow, Director Adams, Director Bailey, Director Hayden, Director Fortuna, Director Shanley, Director Painter, Director Widlitz and Ad Hoc Swarr voted yes.

Directors	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chairman Stein	X		
Vice Chairman Barlow	X		
John Adams	X		
Edward Bailey	X		
Jim Hayden	X		
Scott Shanley	X		
Bob Painter	X		
Carl Fortuna	X		
Pat Widlitz	X		
Ad Hoc Members	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Tom Swarr, CSWS Ad Hoc	X		

CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENTS REPORT

Chairman Stein said there are no reports from any of the committees. Moving on to the chairman's and president's reports, he said he just found out today that, although he was scheduled to be reconfirmed during this session, the legislature is in a state of flux and there may be no confirmation hearings this year, or this session. The woman who reached out to schedule said she wasn't 100% sure but she suspects there won't be any more nominations or confirmations this session. Kevin Witkos held a conference call for his district this morning -- Jim Hayden was on it, I know -- he says there's a good possibility that no bills will get passed except for those that have a direct financial impact or public health impact. I don't know what that means for Governor's Bill 11, or anything else to do with us, but it may be that we get a get out of jail free card this year.

Mr. Kirk presented the Board with information on operations and financial data, reflecting the performance of the organization. He said the facility operated without any public health and safety risk throughout the period. Mr. Kirk provided a brief update on the status of turbine issues, repairs, and property insurance, including business interruption and extra expense coverage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Stein requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and pending RFP responses, potential lease of MIRA real estate, trade secrets, personnel matters, security matters, and feasibility estimates and evaluations. The motion was made by Director Adams and seconded by Director Hayden. Chairman Stein requested that the following people remain for the Executive Session, in addition to the Board members:

Tom Kirk
Mark Daley
Peter Egan
Laurie Hunt
Tom Gaffey
Thomas Edstrom
Ann Catino, Legal Counsel

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call vote. Chairman Stein, Vice-Chairman Barlow, Director Adams, Director Bailey, Director Hayden, Director Fortuna, Director Shanley, Director Painter, Director Widlitz and Ad Hoc Swarr.

Directors	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chairman Stein	X		
Vice Chairman Barlow	X		
John Adams	X		
Edward Bailey	X		
Jim Hayden	X		
Scott Shanley	X		
Bob Painter	X		
Carl Fortuna	X		
Pat Widlitz	X		
Ad Hoc Members	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Tom Swarr, CSWS Ad Hoc	X		

The Executive Session commenced at 10:05 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:54 a.m. The door was opened, and the Board Secretary and all members of the public (of which there were none) were invited back in for the continuation of public session. Chairman Stein noted that no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stein requested a motion on the above-referenced item. The motion was made by Director Bailey and seconded by Director Adams.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously. Chairman Stein, Vice-Chairman Barlow, Director Bailey, Director Adams, Director Fortuna, Director Hayden, Director Shanley, Director Painter, Director Widlitz, and Ad Hoc Member Swarr voted yes.

Directors	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chairman Stein	X		
Vice Chairman Barlow	X		
Edward Bailey	X		
John Adams	X		
Carl Fortuna, Jr	X		
Jim Hayden	X		
Scott Shanley	X		
Bob Painter	X		
Pat Widlitz	X		
Ad Hoc Members	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Tom Swarr, CSWS Ad Hoc	X		

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kanchan Arora
Consultant