

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (the "Commission") was held virtually and via teleconference on Thursday, April 22, 2021, and was called to order at 2:34 p.m. by President **PLA**.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. George L. Pla, President
Mr. Solomon Rivera, Vice President (Arrived at 2:34 P.M.)
Ms. Janice Hahn
Mr. Curren D. Price, Jr (Arrived at 2:34 P.M.)
Ms. Holly J. Mitchell
Ms. Anita L. DeFrantz

Five (5) and a quorum

ABSENT: Ms. Suzy Shuster
Mr. Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (Non-voting)

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Al Naipo, CAO and Secretary
Ms. Sonia Chan, Co-Counsel
Mr. Parjack Ghaderi, Co-Counsel
Mr. Michael Custodio, Co-Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:	Mr. David Galaviz	Mr. Rachelle Anema
	Mr. Courtland Jindra	Mr. Matt Johnson
	Mr. Joe Furin	Mr. David Galaviz
	Mr. Lorayne Lingat	Mr. Mike Castillo
	Ms. Anjeanette Arakawa	Ms. Hillary Ash
	Mr. Bryce Brown	Mr. John Harper
	Ms. Claudia Gutierrez	
	Ms. Melisa Salazar	Mr. Brian Lafemina
	Mr. Benny Tran	Mr. Peter Villegas
	Ms. Dan Stimmler	Ms. Vanessa Esparza
	Ms. Linda Leung	Mr. Thomas Faughnan

3. President **PLA** reported that he and the Commission have reached an agreement with USC regarding the budget. President **PLA** thanked USC for their cooperation and for undertaking the renovation of the Commission board room bathrooms to make them ADA compliant.

President **PLA** noted that he is excited that the Coliseum will begin to host high school playoff games. President **PLA** also noted that he was pleased to learn that USC will be hosting live commencement exercises in the Coliseum for the classes of 2020 and 2021.

President **PLA** mentioned that members from the LA28 Olympics organizing committee would have a presentation to show later in the meeting. He also noted that Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** is currently the First Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee.

President **PLA** made note of developing a Visitors Center at the Coliseum.

President **PLA** mentioned that the Coliseum Centennial is coming up soon and that the Commission should begin to make plans for that.

President **PLA** noted that he is working with Commission Vice-President and Coliseum Foundation President **RIVERA** on recruiting individuals for the Foundation's Board of Directors.

President **PLA** announced that there is a possibility that the next Commission meeting might be conducted in person.

Commissioner **HAHN** thanked President **PLA** for all the work he's done with USC and for the Commission since his appointment. **HAHN** also noted that there is a new and exciting spirit of cooperation between the Commission and USC.

4. No Public Comment.

5. **APPROVED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** to accept the Minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on February 25, 2021.

6. **RECEIVED** and **FILED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission CAO's Report.

Commissioner **HAHN** noted that the Commission should make a concerted effort to commemorate and mark the Coliseum Centennial anniversary. She also mentioned that it would be a great opportunity to showcase the Coliseum and its history.

Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** suggested that staff reach out to the LA84 Foundation because it has a collection of items that may be useful in the celebration of the centennial. President **PLA** added that such items would also be great in a visitor center.

7. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission Financial Report.

Commissioner **HAHN** asked if the funds for the Court of Honor plaques cover the full ceremony. CAO **NAIPO** answered that the funds cover the manufacture and induction ceremony for each nominee.

President **PLA** noted that under his watch there will not be a deficit. He also noted that he has some ideas on how to deal with CalPERS and the USC loan.

Commissioner **MITCHELL** inquired about the Commission costs being absorbed by the Coliseum Foundation. Auditor-Controller Chief Accountant **MS. RACHELLE ANEMA** noted that the Commission CAO and Counsel are discussing that issue.

Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** asked that next year the Foundation tax returns be reviewed by the Board of Directors. CAO **NAIPO** noted that hard copies of the audit report would be distributed.

8. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum General Manager's Report from David Galaviz, USC Associate Vice President for Community and Local Government Partnerships.

David Galaviz thanked President **PLA** and the Commission's efforts in working with USC.

MS. HILLARY ASH, MR. JOHN HARPER, and **MR. BRIAN LAFEMINA** from the LA28 Foundation presented an early overview of the plans for the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

President **PLA** noted that there weren't any activities on the eastside of Los Angeles in LA28's presentation. He mentioned that he hopes there will be consideration to include the eastside of Los Angeles in future plans.

President **PLA** inquired about the Olympic Torch relay. **MR. JOHN HARPER** informed the Commission that the details of the Torch relay are not yet complete but that LA28 does have plans for a Torch relay and to engage all Los Angeles communities.

Commissioner **PRICE** inquired about how LA28 plans to engage minority and local businesses. **MR. JOHN HARPER** noted that there are plans to engage and include minority, small, and local businesses once their procurement functions are up and running.

Commissioner **HAHN** briefly mentioned experiences her father had at the 1932 Olympics, and experiences she had at the 1984 Olympics. Commissioner **HAHN** asked if the venues shown in the presentation are the final list of venues or if there is an opportunity to look at and include other venues like those on the eastside of Los Angeles. **MR. BRIAN LAFEMINA** noted that venues are not final and that there is time to include others. He also noted that they plan to have practice facilities and others throughout Los Angeles.

Commissioner **MITCHELL** encouraged the LA28 team to review some of the local hire policies that are implemented by local governments in Los Angeles.

Commissioner **MITCHELL** also mentioned that LA28 could set an example for the world and have very aggressive local hire and procurement goals.

9. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, an update from the Los Angeles Football Club.

President **PLA** commended **MR. BENNY TRAN** on his constant pursuit of best practices.

Commissioner **MITCHELL** asked about how vaccinations are being verified and if masks will still be required. **MR. BENNY TRAN** noted that since there are only a few hundred spectators, they use a third party to verify vaccinations. As LAFC prepares for more fans, they are trying to figure out how to verify those on a larger scale. **MR. BENNY TRAN** also noted that fans are required to wear masks unless they are eating or drinking.

10. **APPROVED**, a motion, by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **MITCHELL**, to approve the language for the Court of Honor plaques for Tom LaBonge and Roz Wyman.

Ayes: PLA, RIVERA, HAHN, PRICE, MITCHELL, DeFRANTZ

Absent: SHUSTER

Abstain:

Vice-President **RIVERA** commended and thanked Commissioner **HAHN** for taking the lead with development of both plaques.

Commissioner **HAHN** asked about the timeline for the completion of the plaques. CAO **NAIPO** noted that it takes between 6-8 weeks.

11. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Coliseum Foundation update.

The Commission entered closed session at 3:50 P.M.

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(GOVERNMENT SECTION 54957.6)** (Discussion and possible action)

There was no reportable action.

The Commission entered open session at 4:49 P.M

12. ADJOURNED at 4:49 P.M.


Secretary