

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

Thursday, February 10, 2022

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (the "Commission") was held virtually and via teleconference on Thursday, February 10, 2022, and was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President **PLA**.

**2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. George L. Pla, President  
Mr. Solomon Rivera, Vice President  
Ms. Janice Hahn  
Mr. Curren D. Price, Jr  
Mr. Michael Fleming  
Ms. Anita DeFrantz (arrived at 2:45 p.m.)

Five (5) and a quorum

ABSENT: Mr. Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (Non-voting)  
Ms. Sydney Kamlager (Non-voting)  
Ms. Holly J. Mitchell

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. David Galaviz  
Mr. Joe Furin  
Mr. Dan Stimmler  
Mr. Benny Tran  
Ms. Rachelle Anima  
Ms. Melisa Salazar  
Ms. Son Jung  
Mr. Courtland Jindra

- 3. APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **FLEMING**, to have the Commission meet remotely for the next 30 days, due to the state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner **HAHN** asked if the public had appropriate access to participate in the Commission meeting. CAO **NAIPO** answered that the public has various methods by which to access and participate in the meeting., including written comments, calling in and or online.

Commissioner **HAHN** asked if the Commission is prepared for translation for anyone participating. CAO **NAIPO** answered that the Commission is prepared for Spanish translation but not for other languages. President **PLA** asked CAO **NAIPO** to investigate translation options for languages other than Spanish.

**Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA**

**Absent: MITCHELL, DeFRANTZ**

**Abstain:**

- 4.** President **PLA** thanked the firm of AlvaradoSmith, specifically Raul Salinas, for donating their time to help create the new Friends of the Coliseum Foundation. He also thanked Commission Counsel for its guidance. President **PLA** asked Commissioners to submit their nominations for individuals to serve on the board of the new foundation. Commissioner **PRICE** asked if the current goal is to fill all available spaces on the board or if there was another strategy. President **PLA** responded that as of now, the goal is to solicit names of nominees and proceed from there.

President **PLA** noted that he, CAO **NAIPO**, Mr. **DAN STIMMLER**, and Mr. **JOE FURIN** have been meeting to discuss the proposed Coliseum welcome center. President **PLA** reported that the Smithsonian Institution is very interested in partnering with the Commission on the welcome center and has offered the services of Dr. Margaret Salazar-Porzio at no cost. President **PLA** mentioned that Commission staff is currently reviewing an MOU between the Commission and the Smithsonian. President **PLA** also mentioned that Dr. Salazar-Porzio is a USC alumnus and Los Angeles area native.

Commissioner **HAHN** mentioned that the California Contract Cities Association inquired if someone from LA28 and/or the Commission would be able speak at their next conference. Commissioner **HAHN** noted that it would be good to inform the organization of how cities might benefit from the Olympics being held in Los Angeles. President **PLA** said that the Commission will facilitate that.

- 5.** There was no public comment.
- 6. APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **FLEMING**, seconded by Commissioner **HAHN**, to accept the Minutes of the Commission's Special Meeting on December 9, 2021.

**Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA**

**Absent: MITCHELL, DeFRANTZ**

**Abstain:**

7. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Chief Administrative Officer's Report.
8. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission Financial Report.
9. **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.

Coliseum General Manager **JOE FURIN** gave a presentation on what transpired throughout the NASCAR Clash event at the Coliseum February 4 – 6, 2022.

President **PLA** commended Mr. **JOE FURIN** for his work and congratulated him on an amazing event. He also asked if NASCAR is considering any future events at the Coliseum. Mr. **JOE FURIN** responded that they should be hearing from NASCAR soon. Vice President **RIVERA** asked if vaccination or recent test result was required for entry. Mr. **JOE FURIN** responded that they followed the County health guidelines for mega events, and everyone was required to show either proof of vaccination or a negative test within 48 hours. He noted that this applied to everyone, including attendees, performers, and drivers.

Commissioner **PRICE** asked if the Coliseum might host noted a celebration if the Los Angeles Rams win the Super Bowl. Mr. **JOE FURIN** reported that no plans have been finalized but that the Rams organization is considering such an event.

10. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, an update from the Los Angeles Football Club.
11. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Vice President **RIVERA**, seconded by Commissioner **FLEMING**, to allow the American Lung Association an event set-up day on February 18, 2022, and designate that day as a public interest event and waive the facility rental fee.

**Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, DeFRANTZ, RIVERA, PLA**

**Absent: MITCHELL**

**Abstain:**

12. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Vice President **RIVERA**, seconded by Commissioner **FLEMING**, to allow Make A Wish Greater Los Angeles an event set-up day on April 1, 2022, and designate that day as a public interest event and waive the facility rental fee.

Vice President **RIVERA** asked what fees the Commission is waiving when they approve a waiver for a public interest event. CAO **NAIPO** answered that the Commission waives the rental facility fee for the use of the Coliseum.

**Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, DeFRANTZ, RIVERA, PLA**

**Absent: MITCHELL**

**Abstain:**

13. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the report providing an update on activities regarding the 2028 Olympic Games.

Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** reported on her experience at the Tokyo Olympics. She also noted that LA28 has members in Beijing to observe operations. Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** also reported that planning for the 2028 Olympic Games is going well and that the committee is starting to move towards creating the plans for organizing and operating the Games.

President **PLA** reminded everyone that Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** is on the International Olympic Committee in addition to being a member of LA28.

14. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, to nominate and re-elect President **PLA** as President of the Commission.

**Aye: FLEMING, RIVERA, PRICE, HAHN, DeFRANTZ, PLA**

**Absent: MITCHELL**

**Abstain:**

**APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, to nominate and re-elect Vice-President **RIVERA** as Vice-President of the Commission.

**Aye: FLEMING, RIVERA, PRICE, HAHN, DeFRANTZ, PLA**

**Absent: MITCHELL**

**Abstain:**

The Commission entered closed session at 3:35 P.M.

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS RE  
POTENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH USC (GOVERNMENT SECTION  
54956.8) (Discussion and possible action)**

Property: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

Agency Negotiators: Commission President George Pla and Chief Administrative Officer Al Naipo

Negotiating Parties: Coliseum Commission; University of Southern California

Under Negotiation: Both Price and Terms of Payment

There was no reportable action.

The Commission entered open session at 4:18 P.M.

15. **ADJOURNED** at 4:20 P.M.

  
Secretary