

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

Thursday, June 24, 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, June 24, 2021, and was called to order at 2:33 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
Ms. Holly J. Mitchell (Arrived at 3:00 P.M.)
Ms. Anita L. DeFrantz

Four (4) and a quorum

ABSENT: 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
Mr. Robert P. Moore, Co-Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:	Mr. David Galaviz	Mr. Mike Castillo
	Mr. Joe Furin	Mr. Peter Villegas
	Ms. Tiffany Tse	Ms. Vanessa Esparza
	Ms. Lorayne Lingat	Mr. Rodrigo Castro-Silva
	Ms. Anjeanette Arakawa	Ms. Dawyn Harrison
	Ms. Claudia Gutierrez	Ms. Nicole Davis Tinkham
	Ms. Jung Son	Mr. Scott Kuhn
	Ms. Rachelle Anema	Mr. Dan Stimmler
	Mr. Benny Tran	Ms. Linda Leung

3. President **PLA** noted that the Commission was unable to meet in person. He thanked Coliseum General Manager Joe Furin and USC for their assistance in arranging for the meeting to take place at the Lou Galen Club in the Coliseum, and that he looks forward to having the next in person Commission meeting there.

President **PLA** mentioned that he is happy to see that events are again taking place at the Coliseum. He noted that graduations have taken place along with a rugby match and that an international soccer match between Mexico and Nigeria will take place July 3rd. He also mentioned that the Los Angeles Football Club hosted a sold-out home game with 23,000 spectators.

President **PLA** reported that he is in contact with the Governor's Office about filling the State vacancies on the Commission. President **PLA** also noted that he spoke with City Council President Nury Martinez about filling the City alternate vacancy on the Commission.

President **PLA** reported that the partnership with USC is continuing in a positive manner and thanked Dan Stimmler, Joe Furin, and David Galaviz. He made note of a proposed agreement with USC, including the budget, the outstanding loan, and signage. President **PLA** stated that these items would be discussed further.

President **PLA** mentioned that he has ideas on how to resolve the CalPERS issue, by planning to engage and coordinate with the State Natural Resources Agency, the Governor's Office, and CalPERS to resolve the issue.

President **PLA** was reported that conversations have been held with USC and the California Science Center regarding a possible Visitor's Center at the Coliseum. His goal is to create a Visitor's Center that is interactive and more than just a place to walk through and view artifacts. He noted that the California Science Center has done an excellent job developing exhibits in this manner.

President **PLA** reported that he is already in discussions with USC and others regarding the Coliseum Centennial in 2023. He specifically noted that the Commission would be front and center during the process.

President **PLA** mentioned conversations with USC's Dan Stimmler about hosting high school football games at the Coliseum this season.

President **PLA** thanked co-counsel Sonia Chan and her team for the work they have done in finding a path forward for the Coliseum Foundation.

President **PLA** noted that it's not too soon to start preparations for the 2028 Olympics and asked that CAO **NAIPO** place the Olympics on the Commission agenda for future meetings to provide a status report on progress made. He thanked Commissioner **HAHN** and Los Angeles METRO for speaking with him regarding the infrastructure that will be crucial to hosting the Olympics.

President **PLA** noted that Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** is on the International Organizing Committee for the Olympics and will be in Tokyo for the 2021 Olympics. He asked that she speak to the Commission about what is taking place there.

Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** noted that athletes will be tested seventy-two hours before their departure to Tokyo and will be tested everyday once they arrive. She also mentioned that members of the International Organizing Committee, including herself, will be in Tokyo to attend Olympic events.

Commissioner **HAHN** mentioned that she was unable to attend the proposed in-person meeting because of a conflict with the Los Angeles METRO Board of Directors meeting. She asked if moving the Commission meeting to another date is being considered. President **PLA** noted that CAO **NAIPO** will discuss it in his report, but that the next Commission meeting will be moved to a different date, so it does not conflict with METRO Board meetings.

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 April 22, 2021.

Aye: DeFRANTZ, HAHN, PRICE, RIVERA, PLA

Absent: MITCHELL

Abstain:

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

President **PLA** asked if CAO **NAIPO** is in contact with the manufacturer of the Coliseum Court of Honor plaques under order. CAO **NAIPO** responded that he spoke with the company's President and received assurance that the plaques would be completed as soon as possible. Commissioner **HAHN** noted that she was upset to learn that completion might be delayed due to a backlog which the company failed to disclose when the orders were submitted. CAO **NAIPO** confirmed that possible delays were not communicated to him and that he expressed his frustration and that of the Commission's with the company.

7. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **DeFRANTZ**, seconded by Commissioner **HAHN** to allow the Make-A-Wish Foundation to hold its 2022 Walk for Wishes event at the Coliseum and waive the facility rental fee.

Aye: DeFRANTZ, HAHN, PRICE, RIVERA, PLA

Absent: MITCHELL

Abstain:

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.

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

President **PLA** complimented **MR. BENNY TRAN** on everything he and the Los Angeles Football Club have done in terms of community outreach and making ticket prices affordable to increase access to the matches.

Commissioner **HAHN** noted her support of the Los Angeles Football Club's requirement of vaccine verification. **MR. BENNY TRAN** noted that they required it before June 15 and have now moved to self-attestation. Commissioner **HAHN** expressed that she was impressed by the Los Angeles Football Club's commitment to ensure the safety of spectators and the community.

Commissioner **MITCHELL** agreed with Commissioner **HAHN** noting her support of those efforts by the Los Angeles Football Club.

President **PLA** asked **MR. DAVID GALAVIZ** what USC is doing regarding COVID vaccines and attendance at events. **MR. DAVID GALAVIZ** noted that they are trying to emulate what the Los Angeles Football Club has done and have distributed an estimated 500,000 vaccines. **MR. DAVID GALAVIZ** also noted that they are trying to arrange for a raffle off tickets to events much like the Los Angeles Football Club's promotion.

MR. BENNY TRAN thanked **MR. DAVID GALAVIZ** and USC for offering the use of the Coliseum to conduct a vaccine clinic, and thanked USC Pharmacology and the Department of Public Health for helping to administer the vaccines.

The Commission entered closed session at 3:15 P.M.

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS RE POTENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH USC (GOVERNMENT SECTION 54956.8)

There was no reportable action.

The Commission entered open session at 4:06 P.M.

10. **CONTINUED**, Consideration of Terms and Conditions of Agreement with USC Regarding Operating Budget FY 22-26 and Loan Agreement

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

12. **APPROVED**, a motion by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by President **PLA**, the Coliseum Commission FY 2021-2022 Budget.

Aye: HAHN, MITCHELL, PRICE, RIVERA, PLA

Absent:

Abstain:

13. **APPROVED**, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, to acquire Coliseum and Sports Arena artifacts.

Aye: Hahn, MITCHELL, PRICE, RIVERA, PLA

Absent:

Abstain:

14. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, the update on Coliseum Trademark Registrations

15. **APPROVED**, a motion by Vice President **RIVERA**, seconded by Commissioner **HAHN**, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 P.M.

Aye: HAHN, MITCHEL, PRICE, RIVERA, PLA

Absent:

Abstain:


Secretary