

**ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

July 11, 2017

A Special Board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senator Sam Solon Board Room. In attendance were Chair Jay Seiler, Vice Chair Yvonne Prettner Solon, Secretary Crystal Pelkey, Mary Finnegan-Ongaro, Greg Fox, Carrie Heffernan, Deb Messer, Don Ness, Karen Pionk, Roger Reinert, and David Ross. Staff member Dan Russell was present.

Seiler called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. and noted that a quorum had been met. Seiler briefly reviewed the agenda.

Ness arrived at 4:27 p.m.

Old Business

Reinert presented the following resolution to the DECC Board of Directors. Background: A Search Committee was established by the DECC Board of Directors, and has spent the past six months conducting a search and screening process for a new DECC Executive Director. Brad Ballinger with Cincinnatus was engaged to assist with the search process. A successful regional search was conducted, and several strong candidates emerged as a result of this process. Consultant Brad Ballinger interviewed eight prospective candidates in early June. The Search Committee narrowed that list to four and conducted in-person interviews of these candidates on June 19, 2017.

Another Search Committee meeting held on June 30 to discuss each of the final candidates. As a result of the interviews and the ensuing discussion, the Search Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. The Search Committee recommends that Rochelle Townsend be offered the position of DECC Executive Director, contingent upon successful completion of criminal and credit background checks.
2. The Search Committee further moves that the DECC Board form a subcommittee of three representatives to negotiate the terms of an employment contract with Ms. Townsend. The subcommittee should report back to the full Board at the regular July meeting.

Seiler asked for a motion for the first point of the resolution, to approve the recommendation of Ms. Townsend pending background checks. Reinert made the motion to approve, and Ross seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

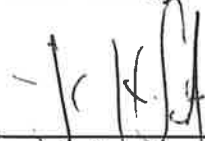
Seiler asked for a motion for the second point of the resolution, to form a subcommittee of Seiler, Reinert, and Messer to move forward with the contract for Ms. Townsend. Pionk made the motion to approve, and Pelkey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

A press release has been drafted and will be sent to the media later today.

The next regular meeting is on July 25, 2017 at 4 p.m. in the Senator Sam Solon Board Room.

Seiler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pionk made the motion to adjourn, and Heffernan seconded the motion. Seiler adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Submitted by:



Jay Seiler, President



Crystal Pelkey, Secretary