



1 Convention Center Plaza  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Phone: 217.788.8800  
Fax: 217.788.0811  
www.theboscenter.com

Jodi Davis  
*General Manager*

**SMEAA OFFICERS**  
Mike Coffey, Jr.  
*Chairman*  
Mary Frances Squires  
*Vice-Chairman*  
Brad Mills  
*Secretary*  
Jeanette Goza  
*Treasurer*

**SMEAA MEMBERS**  
Deborah Grant  
Marissa Lesko  
Jason Loftus  
Gail Simpson  
Tony Smarjesse  
Bill Taft  
Terry Young

***Springfield  
Metropolitan  
Exposition &  
Auditorium  
Authority***

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 16, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

The regular Board Meeting of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority was called to order at 12:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Bank of Springfield Center by Chairman Mike Coffey, Jr..

A roll call was taken and the following Board Members were present, representing a quorum:

Ms. Goza  
Ms. Grant  
Ms. Lesko  
Mr. Loftus  
Mr. Mills  
Ms. Simpson  
Mr. Smarjesse  
Ms. Squires  
Mr. Taft  
Mr. Young

Also present were Jodi Davis, General Manager; Janet Jennings, Dir. of Finance; Bridgette Fox, UIS-Springfield; Steve Spearie, SJR; Jim Dickey.

Mr. Coffey lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Coffey asked if there were any statements from visitors or guests.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve Action Items A & B, which were the Board Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2024 and the Lease Contracts. A motion was made by Ms. Simpson, and seconded by Mr. Mills. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

There was no Chairman's report presented at this meeting.

Mr. Coffey called upon Ms. Goza to give the Finance Committee Report. Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee met at 11:50 AM.

Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee approved the list of bills as presented, but needed full Board approval.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the list of bills. A motion was made by Mr. Mills, and seconded by Ms. Simpson. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

***Board Meeting Minutes***

September 16, 2024

Page 2 of 2

Ms. Goza stated that there were two (2) expenditures over \$1,000.00, but needed full Board approval.

1. Enecon - \$1,150.00...Roof Sealer
2. EL Pruitt - \$4,187.00...4" check valve for ground water ejector pump

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the expenditures over \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Taft, and seconded by Mr. Smarjesse. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

There was no General Counsel report presented at this meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the General Managers report. Ms. Davis stated that September started off with three back-to-back events. And it has continued to be very busy.

Ms. Davis stated that The Center has added another ticketed event to the schedule. Along with Zach Williams and the Ansar Shrine Circus, the Harlem Globetrotters will be returning in January. Tickets will be going on sale by the end of the month.

Ms. Davis stated that she has reached out to both Coke and Pepsi regarding sponsorships. She has received a reply from Pepsi but not yet from Coke due to a family emergency.

Ms. Simpson inquired as to whether we reached out to Harlem Globetrotters or if they reached out to us for booking their event. Ms. Davis stated that they are repeat business have been coming for many years and they reach out when scheduling their event.

Ms. Squires inquired about the contract for Gather'25 and what it was. Ms. Davis stated that she will look it up and will let the Board know what it is, since she was not sure.

Mr. Young stated that there is some vandalism on the west side of the parking garage on the top level. Ms. Davis stated that she will have Maintenance take care of it right away.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Mills, and seconded by Ms. Goza. A voice vote was taken, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

---

Tracy Motter  
Office Manager

---

Mr. Mike Coffey, Jr.  
Chairman