

**HARRIS COUNTY – HOUSTON SPORTS AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

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A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Harris County – Houston Sports Authority (the “Authority”), a sports and community venue district, was held in the HFC Board/Training Room on the second floor of Partnership Tower, 701 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010, commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018. Written notices of the meeting, including the date, hour, place and agenda for the meeting, were posted in Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery Counties in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The following Directors participated in the meeting: Chairman J. Kent Friedman, Directors Willie Alexander, Joseph Callier, Lawrence Catuzzi, Cindy Clifford, Jess Fields, Manson Johnson, Laura Murillo, Bruce Oakley, Matt Rogers, Tom Sprague and Robert Woods. Ms. Janis Schmees Burke, Chief Executive Officer for the Authority; Mr. Tom Waggoner, Controller for the Authority; Mr. Mark Arnold, Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP, Counsel for the Authority; and Mr. Trey Cash, First Southwest Company, a division of Hilltop Securities, Financial Advisors for the Authority, were also present.

Guests in attendance were: Mr. Phil Owen, Harris County Judge Emmett’s office; Mr. Steve Dorman, Harris County Commissioner Steve Radack’s office; Ms. Joanye Henderson, Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle’s office; Mr. Adrian Collins, Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation; Houston City Council Member Robert Gallegos; Mr. Jonathan Newport, Houston First Corporation; Mr. Russell Richard, Center for Houston’s Future; Mr. Marcel Braithwaite, Houston Astros; Mr. Chris Canetti and Mr. Juan Rodriguez, BBVA Compass Stadium/Houston Dynamo/Houston Dash; Mr. Troy Kite and Ms. Liz Fagan, Humble Independent School District; Mr. Andre Walker, Ms. Jennifer Ochoa-Vela, Ms. Felician Ceaser-White, and Ms. Annie Wolf, Houston Independent School District; Ms. June Deadrick, Director, Sports Authority Foundation; and Dr. Ignatius Okeze, Houston.

1. **Call to Order.** Recognizing that a quorum was present, Chairman Friedman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. He introduced Rev. Okeze, who then offered the invocation.

2. **Presentation and approval of the minutes from the Board Meeting held on December 7, 2017.** Chairman Friedman presented the draft minutes from the Board meeting held on December 7, 2017, which had been previously circulated for the Board's review, and called for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Director Catuzzi, seconded by Director Fields, and passed unanimously.

3. **Chairman's Report.** Before beginning his report, Chairman Friedman took a moment to express the Board's appreciation and thanks to Ms. Burke and the staff for the dedication and hard work that resulted in the overwhelming success of the Houston Sports Awards.

a. **Mr. Chris Canetti, President & CEO, Houston Dynamo, to address the Board.**

Chairman Friedman introduced Mr. Canetti and asked him to provide an update to the Board on planned renovations to BBVA Compass Stadium.

Mr. Canetti stated that the entire south end of the concourse food service area had been renovated in 2017 and named, "Taste of EADO". He said that specialty concession stands and upgraded food offerings were created which resulted in a greater fan experience and an increase in business for the Stadium. Mr. Canetti highlighted the plans for 2018, which include:

- 1) Working with concessions partner, Levy Restaurants, complete the remaining concession stands, each of which will be full-service and specific to specialty food offerings, thereby providing faster and better service.
- 2) Concourse walls to be repainted with a design more fitting to the "EADO" neighborhood and culture.
- 3) Main gates in each corner of the Stadium will have new activations for food service, including a Kid Zone, Beer Gardens and a Geographical Market.

Mr. Canetti stated that these improvements will cost approximately \$1 million. He then introduced Mr. Juan Rodriguez, Executive Vice President of BBVA Compass Stadium, who will oversee the planned renovations at the Stadium.

Mr. Rodriguez noted that in addition to the interior improvements, exterior improvements to the Stadium will include upgrades to landscaping, moving of the Dynamo letters and seating changes which will provide for a cooler seating experience. All Premium seats are expected to be changed out

by May 1, 2018. President Club seats are scheduled to be changed by Opening Day with Suite and Club seating to follow.

Chairman Friedman expressed the Authority's thanks, appreciation and support to Mr. Canetti and Mr. Rodriguez and their efforts in the renovations at BBVA Compass Stadium.

b. Update on Astros lease extension. Chairman Friedman reported that the Astros lease at Minute Maid Park expires in 2030, and that ongoing discussions continue regarding a possible lease extension. He stated that conversations have been very positive and that both sides anticipate the finalization of an agreement in the very near future.

c. Sports Authority Foundation Board to present checks to Houston Independent School District and Humble Independent School District. Chairman Friedman announced that checks from the Sports Authority Foundation would be presented to the Houston Independent School District and the Humble Independent School District to help replace some of the sports equipment lost during Hurricane Harvey. At his request, representatives from both school districts came forward to accept the donations. Representing the Humble Independent School District were Mr. Troy Kite and Ms. Liz Fagan; and representing the Houston Independent School District were Mr. Andre Walker, Ms. Jennifer Ochoa-Vela, Ms. Felicia Ceaser-White, and Ms. Annie Wolf. Ms. June Deadrick, a Director of the Sports Authority Foundation presented each school district a check for \$14,000. Ms. Burke noted that the contributions came in from all across the country, from individuals and from other sports commissions.

d. Reminder that Personal Financial Statements are due to State's Ethics Commission by April 30, 2018. Chairman Friedman reminded the Directors that Personal Financial Statements are due to the Texas Ethics Commission on or before April 30, 2018. He noted that a 60-day extension to June 30 will be granted, if the request is filed before April 30. Chairman Friedman reminded the Directors that failure to file timely will result in a \$500 fine. He reminded the Directors that a copy of their Personal Financial Statement is required to be sent to the Authority's office, as well.

e. List of Officers and Committees for 2018. Chairman Friedman presented the list of Officers and Committees of the Board for 2018, and thanked everyone for their willingness to serve on these Committees.

4. **Chief Executive Officer's Report.**

a. **Update on activities and sporting events.**

Ms. Burke gave updates on the following:

- 2017 Academy Sports & Outdoors Texas Bowl;
- 2018 Chevron Houston Marathon;
- 2018 Houston Sports Awards;
- Houston Sports Hall of Fame;
- 2026 FIFA World Cup bid;
- 2021-2023-2024 NCAA Women's Final Four bid;
- 2023-2027 NCAA Men's Final Four bid; and
- 2021 World Transplant Games.

Chairman Friedman thanked Ms. Burke and her staff for all of their efforts and hard work to bring these events to our community. He especially noted the efforts surrounding the preparation of the World Cup bid documents.

5. **Discussion and possible action on a resolution ratifying the execution of the 2026 FIFA World Cup bid documents, to include Host City Agreement, NRG Stadium Agreement, five (5) Training Site Agreements; Houston Airport Agreement; Host City Declaration; and other matters related thereto.**

Chairman Friedman called for a motion to ratify his signature on all of the bid documents. Motion was made by Director Clifford, seconded by Director Woods, and passed unanimously.

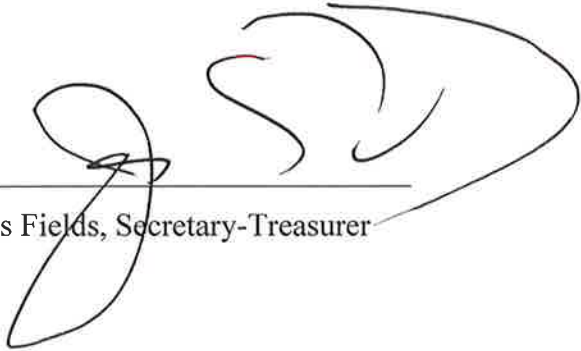
6. **Chairman Friedman announced that, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Board shall deliberate in Executive Session on the following: Consultation with attorneys on legal matters; deliberation on real estate matters; and deliberation on personnel matters.**

At approximately 10:50 a.m., the Board of Directors recessed into a closed meeting to deliberate on the agenda items. Following Executive Session, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:40 a.m.

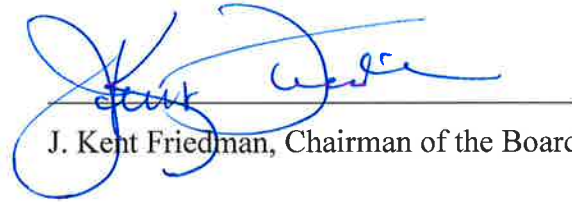
7. **Comments by Directors.**

8. **Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Board, and after motion made by Director Catuzzi and seconded by Director Callier, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Adopted and approved this 5th day of April, 2018.



Jess Fields, Secretary-Treasurer



J. Kent Friedman, Chairman of the Board