

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
May 15, 2023**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (“Authority”) was convened on May 15, 2023 at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer Street, Boston, MA, in Meeting Room 052A, via Microsoft Teams or phone: Dial-in Number 1-857-702-2232; Conference ID: 674549450#.

Committee members in attendance at the BCEC were: John McDonnell, Khushbu Webber and Kristen Lepore.

Committee members in attendance via MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING or telephone were: Cindy Brown, Elissa Flynn-Poppey, Barbara Capuano and Ashley Groffenberger.

Board members in attendance were: Michael Donovan and Andy Crane

Board member in attendance via MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING or telephone was: Karen Diane Johnson<sup>1</sup>

Staff members in attendance at the BCEC were: David Gibbons, Christopher Donato, Michael Esmond, David Silk and Mark O’Leary.

Staff members in attendance remotely via MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING or telephone were: Devin Taylor and Christine Pulgini.

**I. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 am, and Chairman McDonnell confirmed a quorum for the meeting with a Roll-Call Vote.

Roll-Call Vote:

Kristen Lepore	Present.
Cindy Brown	Present
Barbara Capuano	Present.
Khushbu Webber	Present.
Elissa Flynn-Poppey	Present.
Ashley Groffenberger	Present.
John McDonnell	Present.

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<sup>1</sup> Karen Diane Johnson joined meeting at 10:48 a.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of April 13, 2023 Executive Committee meeting were approved with a Roll-Call Vote.

Roll-Call Vote:

Kristen Lepore	Yes.
Cindy Brown	Yes.
Khushbu Webber	Yes
Elissa Flynn-Poppey	Yes
Barbara Capuano	Abstained
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes
John McDonnell	Yes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of February 16, 2023 Executive Session meeting were approved with a Roll-Call Vote.

Roll-Call Vote:

Kristen Lepore	Abstained.
Cindy Brown	Yes.
Khushbu Webber	Abstained.
Elissa Flynn-Poppey	Yes.
Barbara Capuano	Yes.
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes.
John McDonnell	Yes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of March 23, 2023 Executive Session meeting were approved with a Roll-Call Vote.

Roll-Call Vote:

Kristen Lepore	Not Present.
Cindy Brown	Not Present.
Khushbu Webber	Not Present.
Elissa Flynn-Poppey	Yes.
Barbara Capuano	Yes.
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes.
John McDonnell	Yes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of April 13, 2023 Executive Session meeting were approved with a Roll-Call Vote.

Roll-Call Vote:

Kristen Lepore	Yes.
Cindy Brown	Yes.
Khushbu Webber	Yes.

Elissa Flynn-Poppey	Yes.
Barbara Capuano	Abstained.
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes.
John McDonnell	Yes.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open session may have detrimental effect on the Authority's litigating position.**

Chairman John McDonnell stated because the Committee was about to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open session may have a detrimental effect on the Authority's litigating position. A recorded vote is required to take this meeting into Executive Session.

Chairman McDonnell conducted a roll call vote. Chairman McDonnell, Kristen Lepore, Elissa Flynn-Poppey, Ashley Groffenberger, Khushbu Webber, Cindy Brown and Barbara Capuano, voted in favor in of going into Executive Session. No member was opposed.

**Roll-Call Vote:**

Kristen Lepore	Yes.
Cindy Brown	Yes
Barbara Capuano	Yes.
Khushbu Webber	Yes.
Elissa Flynn-Poppey	Yes.
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes.
John McDonnell	Yes.

At 10:19 am, the Committee entered into Executive Session.

At 11:39 am, the Committee reconvened in Open Session.

**Roll-Call Vote:**

Kristen Lepore	Yes.
Cindy Brown	Yes
Barbara Capuano	Yes.
Khushbu Webber	Yes.
Elissa Flynn-Poppey	Yes.
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes.
John McDonnell	Yes.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Chairman McDonnell conducted a Roll-Call vote to adjourn the meeting.

Roll-Call Vote:

Kristen Lepore	Yes.
Cindy Brown	Yes
Barbara Capuano	Yes.
Khushbu Webber	Yes.
Elissa Flynn-Poppey	Yes.
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes.
John McDonnell	Yes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Dated: 10/12/2023

  
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