

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
March 19, 2026
Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210
Board Room

A meeting of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (“Authority”) was convened on March 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Menino Convention and Exhibition Center (“MCEC”), 415 Summer Street, Boston, MA and via MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING OR JOIN BY TELEPHONE: DIAL-IN NUMBER 1-857-702-2232; CONFERENCE ID: 828 270 340#.

Members in attendance at the MCEC or via MICROSOFT TEAMS were the following: Emme Handy, Khushbu Webber, Dr. Aisha Miller, Carlos Aramayo, Sheena Collier, Michael Donovan, Michael Flaherty, Meg Mainzer-Cohen, Chris Pappas, Gwill York and Xiomara Albán DeLobato.

Staff members in attendance at the BCEC or via MICROSOFT TEAMS include the following: John Barros, Alain Mathieu, Diane DiAntonio, John Donahue, Bradley McMillin, Milt Herbert, Rob Chojnowski, Patrick Bowden, Erin Anderson, John Towle, Sorraia Tavares, Claudia Russell, Lennie De Souza, Jean Shirley, Daunielle Brown, Brendan Flynn, Allen Proctor, Brian Hayes, Thomas Rowan and Jeannemarie Joyce.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Emme Handy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was established by a roll call.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Present
Khushbu Webber	Present
Dr. Aisha Miller	Present
Carlos Aramayo	Present
Sheena Collier	Present
Michael Donovan	Present
Michael Flaherty	Present
Meg Mainzer-Cohen	Present
Chris Pappas	Present
Gwill York	Present
Xiomara Albán DeLobato	Present

II. REVIEW AND ADOPTION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the February 12, 2026 Board Meeting were unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Yes
Khushbu Webber	Yes
Dr. Aisha Miller	Yes
Carlos Aramayo	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes
Michael Donovan	Yes
Michael Flaherty	Yes
Meg Mainzer-Cohen	Yes
Gwill York	Yes
Xiomara Albán DeLobato	Yes
Chris Pappas	Yes

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

John Barros, the Interim Executive Director, provided an update on recent organizational activities. Mr. Barros acknowledged Chief Information Security Officer Rob Noonan's last day with the MCCA, highlighting his 19 years of service and expressing best wishes for his new role.

Mr. Barros discussed recent and upcoming events, including Saint Patrick's Day festivities, Nike Volleyball qualifiers, Seafood Expo North America, and preparations for PAX East, as well as the reopening of the Hynes Convention Center. He also mentioned providing testimony before the City Council regarding major civic events such as the FIFA World Cup, America's 250th anniversary, and Sail Boston.

Mr. Barros announced the hiring of three new senior leadership positions; Ashley Carvalho as General Counsel (starting May 11th); Joyce Linehan as Chief of Staff (starting first week of April); and Celina Barrios-Milner as Chief of Economic Opportunity (also starting first week of April). Mr. Barros thanked the Board for their support during his the start of his tenure as Interim Executive Director and expressed confidence in the new leadership additions to strengthen the team and advance the MCCA's mission.

IV. MASSMUTUAL CENTER / MGM SPRINGFIELD SALES AND MARKETING UPDATE

Sean Dolan, General Manager of the MassMutual Center presented. He referenced the Board materials for an update on MassMutual Center operations and offered to answer any questions.

Authority, for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, and to execute any necessary or ancillary documents in the name and on behalf of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the vote was approved by a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Yes
Khushbu Webber	Yes
Dr. Aisha Miller	Yes
Carlos Aramayo	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes
Michael Donovan	Yes
Michael Flaherty	Yes
Meg Mainzer-Cohen	Yes
Chris Pappas	Yes
Gwill York	Yes
Xiomara Albán DeLobato	Yes

VIII. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

a. MMC Compliance Sidewalk Improvements

Meg Mainzer-Cohen, Chair of the Development & Construction Committee introduced John Donahue, Chief of Operations and Capital Projects. Mr. Donahue presented a comprehensive update on the Mass Mutual Center sidewalk compliance project, detailing the ADA and safety issues, collaboration with the city, project scope, and the process for Board approval.

Mr. Donahue explained that assessments were conducted at the Mass Mutual Center, revealing non-compliance with ADA accessibility standards for slope and grade at entrance doorways, as well as maintenance and safety issues with the existing brick paver sidewalks.

The City of Springfield was planning improvements on their portion of the sidewalk as part of the Court Square project but did not address the Authority's compliance issues. Mr. Donahue negotiated with the City to combine efforts, allowing both entities to address their respective portions and achieve full compliance and economic savings.

Mr. Donahue sought and received rapid approval from the Office of Inspector General and the Attorney General to use the City's already procured contractor, expanding their scope to include the Authority's sidewalk, thus streamlining the process and avoiding duplicate work.

The project will replace non-compliant brick pavers with stamped concrete, correct ADA and waterproofing issues, and realign curbs for improved bus access and planters; the Mass Mutual team is supportive and will maintain the new sidewalks, with work expected to begin in April or May.

VOTE: The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority hereby authorizes the Executive Director or his designee to execute a construction agreement with Mountain View Landscapes for the MMC Compliance (MAAB) – Sidewalk Improvements (T02A) in the amount not to exceed Three Hundred Eight Thousand and Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$308,497.00) per construction plans and specifications documents dated September 9, 2025.

Upon a motion duly made and executed the vote was approved by a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Yes
Khushbu Webber	Yes
Dr. Aisha Miller	Yes
Carlos Aramayo	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes
Michael Donovan	Yes
Michael Flaherty	Yes
Meg Mainzer-Cohen	Yes
Gwill York	Yes
Xiomara Albán DeLobato	Yes
Chris Pappas	Yes

IV. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a. Approve Renewal of Insurance Policies

Bradley McMillin, Chief Financial Officer, presented. The renewal program includes property, general liability, workers compensation, automobile, and excess coverage, all placed through Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, with market conditions described as mixed and property markets softening. The program's total premium is capped at \$2.4 million for the period April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, with a two-year compound annual growth rate of 8.7% due to liability and excess market conditions.

VOTE: The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority hereby authorizes the Interim Executive Director, in consultation with the Authority’s insurance broker, Arther J. Gallagher & Co., to bind coverage in amount not to exceed \$2,401,799.00 for period April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 for the premiums set forth, subject to such adjustments as may be necessary in connection with finalizing the terms of the policies, provided that the total amount of such premiums shall not exceed \$2,401,799.00.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the vote was approved by a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Yes
Khushbu Webber	Yes
Dr. Aisha Miller	Yes
Carlos Aramayo	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes
Michael Donovan	Yes
Michael Flaherty	Yes
Meg Mainzer-Cohen	Yes
Chris Pappas	Yes
Gwill York	No Answer
Xiomara Albán DeLobato	Yes

X. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Handy reminded members to respond to the email regarding availability for a Board retreat.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Emme Handy	Yes
Khushbu Webber	Yes
Dr. Aisha Miller	Yes
Carlos Aramayo	Yes

Sheena Collier	Yes
Michael Donovan	Yes
Michael Flaherty	Yes
Meg Mainzer-Cohen	Yes
Chris Pappas	Yes
Gwill York	No Answer
Xiomara Albán DeLobato	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.