MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
Thursday, May 21, 2026
Thomas M. Menino Convention and Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210
Board Room 201

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority ("Authority") was convened at approximately 9:10 am., on May 21, 2026, at the Thomas M. 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: 747 403 016##.

Members in attendance at the MCEC or via MICROSOFT TEAMS were the following: Emme Handy, Ashley Groffenberger, Cindy Brown, Sheena Collier and Khushbu Webber

Staff members in attendance at the MCEC or MICROSOFT TEAMS include: John Barros, Joyce Linehan, Diane DiAntonio, Ashley Carvalho, Alain Mathieu, Dave Silk, Celina Barrios-Millner, John Donahue, Bradley McMillin, John Towle, Lennie De Souza , Yvonne Ortiz, Sorraia Tavares, Rob Chojnowski, Van Cakuli, Patrick Bowden, Jean Shirley and Jeannemarie Joyce

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m., and Chair Handy confirmed a quorum with a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Present
Carlos Aramayo	No answer
Sheena Collier	Present
Cindy Brown	Present
Ashley Groffenberger	Present
Khushbu Webber	Present

II. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the March 19, 2026 Executive Committee meeting were approved with a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Yes

Cindy Brown	Yes
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes
Khushbu Webber	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Executive Session of the February 12, 2026 Executive Committee meeting were approved with a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Yes
Cindy Brown	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes
Khushbu Webber	No answer

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Executive Session of the March 19, 2026 Executive Committee meeting were approved with a roll-call vote.

Roll call

Emme Handy	Yes
Cindy Brown	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IF AN OPEN MEETING MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE LITIGATION POSITION OF THE PUBLIC BODY AND THE CHAIR SO DECLARES

Chair Handy declared that the Committee would go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation. An open session may have a detrimental effect on the Authority's litigation position. A recorded vote is required to take this meeting into Executive Session.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll-call vote was conducted to move the meeting into Executive Session.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Yes
Cindy Brown	Yes
Khushbu Webber	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes

At 9:13 a.m., the Committee entered Executive Session.

At 9:30 a.m., the Committee reconvened in Open Session.

IV. SENATE COMMITTEE REQUESTS UPDATE

Alain Mathieu, Interim General Counsel, and Joseph Curtin, Partner at Prince, Lobel, Tye LLP, presented. The Authority received a letter from the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight in December 2025 inquiring about the Authority's IT and document retention practices. The MCCA retained Prince Lobel to lead the investigation and respond to the inquiry. Prince Lobel engaged a third-party digital forensics firm, Kroll, to assist the investigation. Kroll investigated the MCCA's systems, interviewed witnesses and analyzed evidence. Kroll was provided access to MCCA systems, policies, documents and other materials.

The investigation confirmed that there were no weaknesses or vulnerabilities. The investigation further confirmed that the Authority is in full compliance with document retention and security protocols. The investigation revealed that the MCCA properly removed laptops that could not handle a Microsoft 11 upgrade when transitioning to a new system in 2023. Kroll found that no data was deleted during that transition. Similarly, Kroll found complete, reasonable and good business practices during the update of IT systems. Data was appropriately backed up. Also, there was no indication of surveillance devices on individual computers. The MCCA IT department was found to be forthcoming with access and made themselves available for interviews.

V. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

John Barros, Interim Executive Director, provided an update regarding the Authority's work with Deloitte on the strategic planning process. Mr. Barros explained that part of Deloitte's scope is to look at the MCCA and create a competitive profile. Deloitte was also tasked with getting an understanding of the industry of meetings and conventions and explore whether the MCCA should expand.

Mr. Barros explained that the MCCA has a successful record of economic impact for the Commonwealth. The MCCA also has a strong foundation it can build on for greater community impact. The MCCA's customer base appears to be changing and competition to host events has increased. The MCCA must respond to market changes and opportunities. The MCCA has the financial capacity to grow through the Convention Center Fund. Mr. Barros further explained that a change in the MCCA's business model could help the MCCA align with the governor's economic development priorities and pursue market opportunities. Sustained capital investment and asset repositioning are essential to preserve and enhance competitiveness.

Mr. Barros explained that the MCCA will shift from facility management to ecosystem engagement, and launching a public process with an advisory committee for expansion planning.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call

Emme Handy	Yes
Cindy Brown	Yes
Sheena Collier	Yes
Ashley Groffenberger	Yes
Khushbu Webber	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.