



Minnesota Ballpark Authority Board Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2025

Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher called the board meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for January 9, 2025, to order at 2:01 p.m. The roll was taken. Commissioners Tony Sanneh and Justin Baylor were present. Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Commissioner James Campbell participated via interactive technology and Commissioner David Ybarra was absent.

Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher said that she would recommend striking Executive Director Kenney’s personnel evaluation, agenda item 10, from the agenda and taking it up at the April 10, 2025, quarterly meeting when she, Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Ybarra can attend in person. Commissioner Tony Sanneh moved to strike agenda item number 10, seconded by Commissioner James Campbell, and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS

APPROVED

Commissioner Justin Baylor moved approval of the amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tony Sanneh, and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

Commissioner James Campbell moved approval of the October 10, 2024, meeting minutes seconded by Commissioner Justin Baylor and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS

APPROVED

Public Comment Period - No Public Comment

Chair’s Report – Chair Anderson Kelliher deferred to Executive Director Kenney for his Executive Director report.

Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director Dan Kenney reported that the first phase plaza project of replacing the concrete from Gate 34 to Target Center started in October and finished in November. Work on the next phase will start in the spring. The security upgrade to the entrance points in the parking lot is also complete.

ACTION ITEMS

01-09-25 Proposed Resolution 25-MBA-211

Purpose:

To approve the 2025 Principles of Agreement between the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, Hennepin County, and the Minnesota Twins regarding the sales tax legislation and extending the ballpark lease.

Background:

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approved its 2025 Legislative Priorities and Platform on November 19. The Hennepin County Board has authorized seeking new legislation during the 2025 legislative session to extend the existing ballpark sales tax to support Level 1 Trauma Centers in the County and to support County-owned or operated health facilities. The County's proposed legislation would also support future capital expenditures for the ballpark and related public infrastructure, to provide for a ballpark lease extension to 2059, with two 10-year renewal options.

The 2024 Principles of Agreement between the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins expired when the legislative session adjourned. The County's proposed 2025 ballpark sales tax legislation is consistent with the terms agreed to for the 2024 session.

Attached are the proposed 2025 Principles of Agreement that are being recommended for approval by the Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority approves the 2025 Principles of Agreement between the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, Hennepin County, and the Minnesota Twins and hereby authorizes execution of the document by the Executive Director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority hereby authorizes the Chair and the Executive Director to take such actions as are necessary or convenient to effectuate the 2025 Principles of Agreement, including, if appropriate upon legislative approval, negotiating amendments to the Ballpark Lease, the Grant Agreement, and related documents for Board approval consistent with this resolution and the 2025 Principles of Agreement.

APPROVED

01-09-25 Proposed Resolution 25-MBA-212

Purpose:

To elect officers to the Minnesota Ballpark Authority Board.

Background:

The MBA Chair is appointed by the Hennepin County Board pursuant to the ballpark legislation. The MBA by-laws provide that in addition to the Chair, there will be a Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer elected from the Authority’s membership at the organizational meeting of the Authority and thereafter shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting of each year by a majority vote of the Authority members.

Action Requested:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following MBA Commissioners will serve in the subsequent officer positions: James Campbell, Vice-Chair, Tony Sanneh, Secretary and David Ybarra, Treasurer.

APPROVED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Target Field Operations Update – Gary Glawe, MN Twins, Senior Director, Facilities. Mr. Glawe stated that the winterization of ballpark facilities went smoothly. The demolition of concessions 105-109 is complete and ready for remodeling. The entry gate system to the Target Field south parking lot has been completed with a stronger and better safety concept. During the upcoming season, a facial concept system called “Go Ahead Data System” will be used on a trial basis for a few games at the entrance points. Facilities that have used this system report that it moves guests through the entrance quickly. An upgrade to the antenna system for cell usage is in progress.

Financial Report – Dan Kenney, Executive Director, Minnesota Ballpark Authority. Executive Director Kenney reported that the November financial report is in the meeting packet and year end numbers are not ready yet, but will be at the April Board meeting.

There being no further business, Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Next meeting: April 10, 2025