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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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PUBLIC SESSION

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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

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The meeting came to order at 9:02 a.m. EDT in the Charlene Drew Jarvis Board Room, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Allen Y. Lew Place NW, Washington, D.C., Leif Dormsjo, Chairman, presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LEIF DORMSJO, Chairman

CHERRIE DOGGETT, Vice Chairman

JAY HADDOCK ORTIZ, Treasurer

MONICA RAY, Secretary

NINA ALBERT, Member

ALAN BUBES, Member

MARISA FLOWERS, Member

SOLOMON KEENE, Member

BRIAN KENNER, Member

GLEN LEE, Member

GEORGE "TY" SIMPSON, Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANGIE M. GATES, President and CEO

NICOLE JACKSON, ESQ., General Counsel

DANIA JOLLEY, Deputy Chief of Staff

VERONICA TAYLOR, Controller

**Call to Order & Roll Call:** Chairman Dormsjo called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Jolley called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

**Closed Session:** The Chairman announced that the first portion of the meeting would be in closed session to discuss contract negotiations as provided by D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(2), to discuss business development opportunities and related incentives as provided by D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(3), for consultation with counsel as provided by D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A), and to discuss commercial or financial information obtained from outside the public body as provided by D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(11). A motion to close the meeting was made, properly seconded, and approved by a vote of 10-0. The Board reconvened in public session at 10:47 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting were approved without objection after being properly moved and seconded.

**Public Comments:** Sarah Cox, organizer with UNITE HERE Local 23, commented on the union's ongoing collective bargaining process with Aramark Sports and Entertainment. The major unresolved issue is hours for union workers, specifically the right to work overtime and limiting the use of non-union temporary employees. Other members discussed the difficulty of juggling multiple jobs given the inconsistent hours and schedules at the Convention Center.

**Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman reported that the National Park Service announced peak bloom for cherry blossoms will occur March 29-April 1 and noted the return of soccer with the coming of spring.

**President and Chief Executive Officer's Report:** Ms. Gates presented her report. In the Conventions and Meetings Division, Ms. Gates reported on the 15 events at the Convention Center in January and February, including two citywides, with a combined attendance of 148,000. She highlighted the Travel and Adventure Show, the 20th Annual Capitol Hill Volleyball Classic, and Coastal at the Capitol Super Nationals. There are 17 events scheduled for March with an anticipated 100,000 attendees. These include the America's Credit Unions Government Affairs Conference, HYROX, and Awesome Con.

In the Sports and Entertainment Division, Ms. Gates reported that in January and February there were 33 events, with over 31,000 attendees, including a sold-out game at CareFirst Arena between the defending NCAA champion UConn Huskies and the Georgetown Hoyas, a Davis Boxing match, and the Edward Jones Capital Showcase. There are 22 events scheduled for March, with an anticipated 26,000 attendees. These include the 2026 Coastal Athletic Association basketball championship and the NCAA Men's Basketball East Regional. Ms. Gates also noted that the Washington, D.C. team arrived in China for the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

In the Community Engagement Division, Ms. Gates highlighted the annual Embassy Breakfast in January, the quarterly Art of the Center Tour in February, and Day of Play at RFK on April 16.

**Real Estate and Economic Development Committee:** Mr. Kenner presented the Committee's report. At its March 2, 2026, meeting, the Committee received updates on the RFK stadium demolition and the status of Events DC's role in the RFK development project. Demolition activities remain on schedule, and

the project is approximately 80% complete. The committee also received an update from Ms. Gates on the real estate and economic development deliverables for Fiscal Year 2026, which included initiatives related to Nationals Park.

**Operations Committee:** Mr. Simpson presented the Committee's report. At its March 2, 2026, meeting, The Committee received updates from the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the DC Chamber of Commerce, and on the DC Armory and the Convention Center restroom project. Nicole Quiroga, CEO of the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber, provided a quarterly update on its activities. She thanked Events DC for producing a membership promotional video which contributed to a 25% increase in membership in 2025. Upcoming events include the Ambassador's Luncheon, a membership drive, and an eight-week business bootcamp. Chinyere Hubbard, CEO of the DC Chamber, provided updates on first quarter activities, including an RFK opportunities meeting for small businesses, a partnership with the Montgomery County Chamber and Prince George's County Chamber to host a presentation on SBA contract changes, and the Women in Business Luncheon. She also expressed gratitude to Events DC for producing its membership promotional video.

**Presentation: FY25 Audit Report:** Jonathan Griffin of CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the FY25 Audit Report. The audit approach begins with a specialized team of government auditors and includes frequent, high-quality communication, data analytics to identify unusual patterns, and a risk-based approach. The audit resulted in an unmodified opinion, meaning there is reasonable assurance that financial statements are free of material misstatements. The report on internal controls concluded there were no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies. Mr. Griffin noted the audit was performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards for the purpose of obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements, to assess the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and to evaluate the overall financial statement presentation.

Compensated absences was an important aspect of significant management judgments and estimates, given the new GASB 101 standard, which requires entities to determine, for each employee, how likely they are to use or be paid out leave in subsequent periods. This actually resulted in decreased liability for the Authority because, unlike many other entities who were not previously reporting leave as a liability at all, the Authority had been recording leave at 100%. There were no significant corrected misstatements, no uncorrected misstatements, and no disagreements with management.

In addition to the new GASB 101 standard, Mr. Griffin provided updates on other standards newly applicable this year or in the upcoming year, namely, GASB 102 (certain risk disclosures); GASB 103 (requiring the management discussion analysis to include a narrative explanation of changes); and GASB 104 (asset reporting).

**Finance Committee Report:** Ms. Veronica Taylor, Controller, presented the report on the Authority's financial status.

Operating revenues for Conventions and Meetings were approximately \$7.2 million, 4% below projections, due to shortfalls in venue rentals and ancillary services. For Sports and Entertainment,

revenue was \$1.4 million, 39% above projections, primarily due to building lease income from CareFirst Arena as well as advertising and sponsorship revenues. Non-operating revenues were \$52.5 million, 8% below budget due to a decrease in dedicated tax revenues, though interest income was 2% above projections. Operating expenses were approximately \$27.8 million for Conventions and Meetings, 4% below budget, and \$6.5 million for sports and entertainment, 7% below budget, primarily due to savings from vacancies and contractual services. Marketing expenses were \$7.8 million, 7% less than budgeted, due to the decrease in dedicated tax transfers to Destination DC, while debt services were on-budget. Capital expenditures were about \$7.7 million, with the largest expenditures going towards facility renovations, RFK demolition, carpet and flooring replacement, overall facility updates, upgraded elevator doors, building enhancements, and service card and equipment replacement.


**Old Business:**


There was no old business.

**New Business:**

There was no new business.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board will take place on April 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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