



# San Jose Arena Authority

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**  
**Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94736385470>**  
**February 24, 2021**  
**4:00 pm**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Board Members in Attendance**

Matthew Bright	Leslee Hamilton
David Buchholz	John Kennett
Jonathan Clough	Steve O'Brien
Eileen Consiglio	Colleen Reilly
Dev Davis	Kathy Sutherland
Bill Ekern	Vinni Walia
Maya Esparza	Rusty Weekes

### **Staff in Attendance**

Chris Morrissey (Executive Director)  
Shelly Wang (Administrative Assistant)  
Ed Moran (City Attorney's Office)

### **Guests in Attendance**

Jon Gustafson (Sharks Sports & Entertainment)  
Richard Rocha (Solar4America Ice at San Jose)  
Cameron Day (City Attorney's Office)

### **Board Members Not in Attendance**

Scott Bruner	Henry Smith
Carl Honaker	

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions.** The Arena Authority convened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:01 pm.
2. **General Business**
  - a. Presentation on the Annual Report for Solar4America Ice at San Jose. Richard Rocha, General Manager at Solar4America Ice at San Jose, presented the Solar4America Ice annual report and provided construction updates on the expansion project.
  - b. Update on Activities at SAP Center at San Jose. Jon Gustafson, Senior Vice President, SAP Center reported that the various capital improvements at SAP Center at San Jose have been successfully completed and detailed current SAP Center at San Jose COVID protocols.
  - c. Update on Activities for the San Jose Diridon Station Area Plan. Bill Ekern, City Manager's Office, provided organizational updates on Station Area Planning. A draft of the development agreement will be released on Monday, March 8. The Station Area Advisory Group is scheduled to meet on March 16. Downtown West Development has a vision to have their own district utility system.
  - d. Review and Approve December 2, 2020 Annual Board Meeting Minutes. Approved with 11 approvals. 1<sup>st</sup>: Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kennett.

### 3. Executive Director and Staff Reports

#### 3.1. Executive Director (Morrissey)

##### a. Accept Verbal Reports on Arena Authority Oversight

- SAP Center at San Jose. Due to a Santa Clara County shift on COVID-19 and professional sports team activities, teams in the county can now practice and play, including the Sharks and Barracuda. The NHL has also established League protocols to address the virus. Currently, the Sharks and Barracuda are playing games in a vacant arena.
- Solar4America Ice at San Jose. Some exterior walls have been installed to enlarge the footprint for the expansion of the ice facility.
- Excite Ballpark Home of the San Jose Giants. The Giants are holding drive-in movies, which have developed into a popular destination event. The California League has released the 2021 baseball league calendar, with games beginning in May.

##### b. Accept Verbal Reports on Arena Authority Administrative Items

- VTa/BART Downtown/Diridon Community Working Group. In the recent CWG meeting, the Arena Authority continues to advocate for the addition of Google to the community group as well as protecting the uninterrupted operations at SAP Center at San Jose.
- Emergency Resources Network. Organizations in the South Bay continue to support addressing feeding and housing those without a place to stay. Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara is being used to provide vaccines. For SAP Center at San Jose, clear protocols have been established for all games and practices at the Center. Team San Jose continues to provide vital food and shelter for those without homes or food.
- South Campus Operations Team. The South Campus continues to move forward with significant capital projects. The expansion of Solar4America Ice at San Jose is a welcomed addition along with the plans for the new San Jose Firing Training Center and on-site offices for the City's Office of Emergency Management. San Jose State University continues to construct new athletic facilities. Also, SCOT members are working together to set up on-site night patrols to cut down on stolen property.
- City of San Jose Emergency Resources Council. No update.

#### 3.2. Administrative Assistant (Wang)

- ##### a. Accept Verbal Report on Status of Activities at SAP Center at San Jose. The Sharks played for the first time this season at SAP Center at San Jose in mid-February.
- ##### b. Accept Verbal Report on Status of Activities at Solar4America Ice at San Jose. Upcoming Barracuda games will be hosted at Solar4America Ice at San Jose following AHL COVID protocols. Additionally, Solar4America Ice youth and skills trainings are being offered outdoors.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### 4.1. Standing Executive Committee (Chair: Buchholz)

- ##### a. Accept Verbal Report on Staff Salary Discussions for Fiscal Year 2020-21. The Executive Committee has tabled the discussion on merit-based staff salary increases.

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- 4.2. Standing Finance Committee (Chair: Bright)
- a. Review and Approve Arena Authority October, November and December 2020 Financial Reports. Approved with 10 approvals (Reilly no longer present). 1<sup>st</sup>: Bright, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Walia.
  - b. Review and Approve Interim Policy on Healthcare Benefits (verbal; see Item 4.2.c.). Approve interim policy change to cover HMO healthcare benefits for full-time Arena Authority employee, Chris Morrissey, until the end of the 2021 calendar year with 10 approvals (Reilly no longer present). 1<sup>st</sup>: Bright, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sutherland.
  - c. Review and Approve Revised FY 2020-21 Arena Authority Operating Budget. Approved with 10 approvals (Reilly no longer present). 1<sup>st</sup>: Bright, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sutherland.
- 4.3. a. Standing San Jose Sports Hall of Fame Committee (Chair: Weekes)  
Accept Verbal Report on the 2021 San Jose Sports Hall of Fame Program Activity. The date for the annual induction ceremony is tentatively being considered for fall of 2021.
- 4.4. Standing Facilities Committee (Co-Chairs: Buchholz, Clough)
- a. Accept Verbal Reports on Facility Activities:
    - SAP Center at San Jose. The committee met to address the annual capital budget proposals for the upcoming fiscal year for both ice facilities. The final recommendations will be submitted for consideration at the Board's March meeting.
    - Solar4America Ice at San Jose (Expansion Project). No further report.
- 4.5. Standing Stadium Committee (Co-Chairs: Honaker, Kennett)
- a. Accept Capital Budget Recommendations for Excite Ballpark Home of the San Jose Giants. In addition to the submitted capital budget recommendations, committee members would like to highlight the need to repair and repave the parking lot of Excite Ballpark Home of the San Jose Giants.
- 4.6. Ad Hoc Board Recruitment Committee (Chair: Sutherland)
- a. Accept Verbal Report on Current Board Member Vacancies. The Arena Authority continues to seek Board members to fill three vacancies.
- 4.7. Standing Community Programs Committee (Chair: Bright)
- a. Accept Verbal Report on City and Community Events Program Applicant:
    - San Jose Sports Hall of Fame. San Jose Sports Hall of Fame expressed interest in hosting the next sports induction ceremony in the fall 2021.
5. Open Forum/Public Comments. None.
6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

**Submitted by:**

**Shelly Wang**