

# WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC STADIUM AUTHORITY

March 28, 2024

## BOARD MEETING

Lumen Field  
Public Stadium Authority  
800 Occidental Ave. S.  
Seattle, WA 98134

## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order

Board Vice Chair Joel Ing called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Other Board members present were: Jud Marquardt and Randy Loomans. Member Zehnder and Roberts joined the meeting via zoom. Chair Mendoza and Sheri Brockway were excused. Staff members in attendance were Executive Director John Marchione. Business Manager Jodi Todd and PSA Consultant Ethan Bernau.

### II. Approval of Minutes

#### Minutes

Minutes of the January 25, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Motion by Member Marquardt second by Member Loomans to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### III. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

### IV. Administrative Briefings

#### 1. Major Maintenance and Modernization Update/2024-2028 Major Maintenance and Modernization Plan

Zach Hensley, FGI Vice President/General Manager and Kathy Brown, FGI Director of Facilities, reviewed the major maintenance & modernization projects underway at the facility. The upgrades include; food and beverage modifications, wayfinding, new spaces for fans, and audio/video throughout both buildings.

#### 2. World Cup Update

Peter Tomozawa, CEO SeattleFWC26 provided a summary of their progress to bring FIFA World Cup soccer to Lumen Field in 2026. He introduced Leo Flor, Chief Legacy Office for SeattleFWC26. Peter & Leo discussed the FIFA

and SeattleFWC2026 pillars for legacy; and they provided an update on neighborhood engagement, transportation and event security.

David Young, Seahawks General Manager, emphasized that WorldCup 2026 is a “statewide event” and the SeattleFWC26 staff are actively working on how to engage the entire state. Mr. Young also stated that the facility has secured funding from the state Legislature to help with some of the FIFA required stadium improvements.

3. General Manager’s Report

Mr. Hensley reported on past and upcoming events at Lumen Field and Event Center. He also stated that the Sounders FC and OL Reign seasons began in March. He also stated that the new pitch was FIFA pro certified.

## **V. Chair and Director’s Reports**

A. Chair’s Report

There was no report given.

B. Director’s Report

Mr. Marchione stated the following:

- That the funds allocated for World Cup 2026 from the current legislative session was ten million dollars. Six million dollars was the appropriation for capital and four million for team training facilities. They also authorized an option for a ten million dollar loan that would be repaid from admissions and parking tax from World Cup ticket sales.
- Mr. Marchione also stated that the two stadiums along with The Alliance for Pioneer Square Director are lobbying the City of Seattle to include reviving Occidental Avenue South in their levy request this year.
- Staff is working with WSDOT to include the WOSCA site for transportation needs during the World Cup.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

There were no items for review under this section.

## **VII. New Business**

A. Voucher Approval of Expenses

Vouchers included in blanket Vouchers #725-727 and payroll for the periods ended December 15, 2023, December 31, 2023, January 15, 2024, January 31, 2024, in a total amount of \$137,337.18.

Motion by Member Marquardt, second by Member Loomans to approve Vouchers included in blanket Vouchers #725-727 and payroll for the periods ended

December 15, 2023, December 31, 2023, January 15, 2024, January 31, 2024, in a total amount of \$137,337.18.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Capital Projects Reimbursement

Reimbursement of Capital Projects costs to First & Goal Inc. from Admissions and Parking Taxes, and Naming Rights Revenue Funds for the repair, reequipping and capital improvements of such stadium and exhibition center facilities, as required under applicable State law, in a total amount not to exceed \$8,622,292 pursuant to the Master Lease Agreement.

Motion by Member Marquardt, second by Member Roberts to approve the capital projects reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$8,622,292 pursuant to the Master Lease Agreement.

Motion carried 5-0

D. Resolutions

**1. Resolution No. 350**

*A Resolution of the Board of the Washington State Public Stadium Authority. Approving the 2024-2028 Major Maintenance and Modernization Plan for Lumen Field and Event Center*

Motion by Member Marquardt, second by Member Zehnder to approve proposed Resolution No. 350.

Under discussion, Mr. Bernau provided a brief summary on the 2024-2028 Major Maintenance and Modernization Plan for Lumen Field and Event Center submitted by First & Goal Inc.

Motion carried 5-0

**2. Resolution No. 351**

*A Resolution of the Board of the Washington State Public Stadium Authority to Authorize the Executive Director to enter and execute agreements with the State Department of Commerce and First & Goal Inc. to complete World Cup related improvements.*

Motion by Member Marquardt, second by Member Loomans to approve proposed Resolution No. 351

Under discussion, Mr. Marchione stated that two agreements are needed for the PSA to accept the grant from the State Legislature. The PSA will enter into an agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce and the second agreement is between the PSA and First & Goal on management of the funds received from the Dept. of Commerce.

Motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting recessed at 12:14pm.

### **VIII. Executive Session**

The Board will meet in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation involving identified legal risks from a proposed action or current practice where public discussion of the legal risks is likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequences to the Authority. The Executive Session was expected to last twenty minutes.

The Executive Session began at 12:15pm and ended at 12:33pm.

### **IX. Adjournment**

The regular meeting of the Public Stadium Authority Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of May 2024.

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Frederick Mendoza, Chair

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Jodi Todd, Clerk of the Board