

Maine
Cumberland County

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CROSS INSURANCE ARENA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES
Thursday, February 10, 2022

The Trustees will held their meeting on Zoom and streamed live on YouTube.

Due to a technical error, the meeting was not streamed live until 8:53 am

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Tyler called the meeting to order at a little after 8:35am.

Attendance:

Board of Trustees

Sam Surprise, District #1

Vacant, District #1

John Jamieson, District #2

Steve Webster, District #3 (Absent Excused)

Tom Tyler, District #4, Chair

Jon Crimmins District #5

Holly Hancock, District #6 (Absent Excused)

Lori Norman, At Large

Joe Gray, At Large

Spectra Staff, Cross Insurance Arena

Mike Loconte, General Manager, Cross Insurance Arena

Maine Mariners

Adam Goldberg, Vice President of Business Operations

Cumberland County

James Gailey, Cumberland County Manager

Susan Witonis, Commissioner of Cumberland County

Katharine Cahoon, Administrative & Special Projects

AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Tom Tyler requested that items be discussed out of order. Item BT22-008 was discussed

first and the Executive Session BT22-010 discussed second.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BT22-008 Mask Mandate Discussion

County Manager Jim Gailey shared that he spoke with General Manager Mike Loconte about what Portland and South Portland are doing for masks, they are masking and so is Brunswick.

County Manager Gailey said that there were 3 options:

1. Continue as is.
2. Add more signage that recommend masking
3. Require masks when shuffling feet, but when sitting in seat, mask is no longer necessary. Similar to the Troubough Ice Rink.

Sam Surprise stated that he likes option 3. Lori Norman asked about the distance and spacing of the seating, she was informed that there was no spacing. John Jamieson asked how other sports venues and high school venues are implementing mask wearing. County Manager Gailey said that it varies by school, crowd is limited in South Portland but doesn't know about other school systems.

Commissioner Susan Witonis said that the MPA requires masks and that people are already used to wearing masks.

County Manager Gailey reiterated that it varies, especially because abutting schools, like Massachusetts State, lifted mask mandates. Lori asked if there are people (entertainers) who come in the arena with specific expectations for mask wearing.

General Manager Mike Loconte said that there and the Cross Arena has been fairly accommodating depending on the entertainers request and comfort level. VP Business Operations Adam Goldberg echoed this.

John Jamieson added that most schools in the region are still requiring masks for basketball.

Joe Gray agreed with Tom Tyler and John Jamieson.

Chair Tom Tyler made the recommendation that the Cross Arena continue to follow the City of Portland for now and add signage to provide education. Jon Crimmins motioned and Sam Surprise seconded the motion to follow the City of Portland's direction regarding mask wearing.

A Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously in favor, 6-0.

Yes: Sam Surprise, Jon Jamieson, Joe Gray, Lori Norman, John Jamieson, Tom Tyler

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BT22-010 Enter into executive session pursuant to General Provisions, Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) for the opportunity to discuss negotiations.

At 8:56 am Joe Gray motioned and Jon Crimmins seconded the motion to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

During this motion, Chair Tom Tyler dropped from the conference call.

A Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously in favor, 5-0.

Yes: Sam Surprise, Jon Jamieson, Joe Gray, Lori Norman, John Jamieson

During executive session, Chair Tom Tyler rejoined the meeting conference call.

At 9:10 am Joe Gray motioned and Jon Crimmins seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

A Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously in favor, 6-0.

Yes: Sam Surprise, Jon Jamieson, Joe Gray, Lori Norman, John Jamieson, Tom Tyler

Lori Norman motioned and Sam Surprise seconded the motion to accept the amended Maine Mariner lease and subsidy agreement between Cumberland County and the Maine Mariners.

MEMBER UPDATES

County Manager Gailey informed the Board of Trustees that member Holly Hancock formally resigned from the Board of Trustees. The position in the Lakes Region is currently vacant.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be March 23, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 am.