

## **MINUTES OF THE FARGO DOME AUTHORITY MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Fargo Dome Authority was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in the FARGODOME Administrative Conference Room with President David Suppes presiding.

Members present: David Suppes, Blake Nelson, Michael Ellingson, Dan Armbrust (via phone), Todd Olson, Rick Steen (via phone) and Troy Goergen.

Members absent:

Others present: Kacie Erickson, Director of Food & Beverage – FARGODOME; Sarah Dykema – Director of Marketing and Sales – FARGODOME; Amanda Muellenbach, Director of Administration – FARGODOME; Bernie Larson, Assistant General Manager – FARGODOME and Rob Sobolik, General Manager – FARGODOME.

Media present: None

President David Suppes called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Mike Ellingson made a motion, seconded by Blake Nelson, to approve the agenda of the November 25, 2025 Fargo Dome Authority meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Mike Ellingson made a motion, seconded by Todd Olson, to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2025 Fargo Dome Authority meeting. Motion carried.

Rob Sobolik presented the General Manager's report as follows:

- Year-to-Date Net Income through October 2025 is stated at -\$447,876, which is a negative variance (to budget) of \$362,535.
- Past and Upcoming Events: MN High School Football Section 8A Finals on October 30, 2025. MN High School Football Section 6A Finals on October 31, 2025. NDSU Football vs. Youngstown State on November 1, 2025. Dakota Bowl on November 14, 2025. NDSU Football vs. University of Northern Iowa on November 15, 2025. NDSU Gold Star Marching Band on November 16, 2025. NDSU Football vs. University of St. Thomas on November 22, 2025. Fill the Dome on November 24-25, 2025. Health, Tech and Trade Career Expo on December 2, 2025. NDSU Football Playoff Game on December 6, 2025.

Rick Steen presented the Fargo Dome Authority Building and Finance Committee report. The Fargo Dome Authority Building and Finance Committees met on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Items discussed included:

- October 2025 Financial Statements: The October 2025 Financial Statements were approved by the Finance Committee at the meeting on November 19, 2025.
- Insurance Renewals: Ryan Hoffman with Marsh McLennan Agency was in attendance for the meeting and provided final numbers for 2026 property and liability insurance coverage. Please see attachment. Property insurance through Zurich came in at \$251,201. Liability coverage through K&K / CRC came in at \$174,644. Total program premium for 2026 is \$439,045, which is an increase of 2.2% from last year.

Upon review, both the Finance Committee and Building Committee accepted a motion to approve property and liability coverage as presented for 2026.

- Project and Capital Budget Updates:
  - Rob reported that during the November 1, 2025 NDSU Football Game, sewage started to come up from the bathroom drain in one of the restrooms on the west side. It was determined that one of the underground sewer drains collapsed. Randall Excavating and Dakota Plains Mechanical came out the following week to repair the damaged drain pipe. Rob requested to add capital line item FD2521 to the budget for \$12,130 to be paid for out of the FARGODOME permanent fund to pay for the repairs. This item will also need approval by the City of Fargo FAHR committee and the City Commission. The Finance and Building Committees each accepted a motion to approve the request to create project FD2521 for \$12,130 to be paid for out of the FARGODOME permanent fund.
  - Football Turf: Rob noted that there have been a few conversations regarding the replacement of the football turf in 2026. Astroturf has presented two options for replacing the turf. The first option would be to replace the turf at no cost with warranty remaining for three years after the replacement. The second option would be to replace the turf at a cost, to be determined, which would create another eight year warranty once it is done. More information on this will be available at the December meeting.
  - It was noted that the Food and Beverage agreement with OVG is up for renewal at the end of the year. Rob and Kacie have been working with OVG on a new three year agreement. OVG has agreed to no longer charge a monthly flat fee, which is a saving of \$36,000 per year. The percentage payout structure will remain the same as the current agreement.  
*Since the Building and Finance Committee meeting, OVG has sent over the final agreement with the terms as noted above.*
  - Escrow Balance & Performance Reports: The committee reviewed the permanent fund balance as of July 2025. Please see attachments.
- Additional Items:
  - Convention Center Update: David updated the committees on the progress with the conference center RFP.

Rick Steen made a motion, seconded by Todd Olson, to approve the Building and Finance Committee report as presented, with the exception of the OVG Agreement. On call of the roll, Armbrust, Ellingson, Goergen, Nelson, Olson, Steen and Suppes voted aye.

Absent and not voting:

The motion was declared carried.

Mike Ellingson made a motion, seconded by Troy Goergen, to approve the Food & Beverage agreement with OVG as presented.

On call of the roll, Armbrust, Ellingson, Goergen, Nelson, Olson, Steen and Suppes voted aye.

Absent and not voting:

The motion was declared carried.

Convention Center Update: David reported that FDA, RLE and NDSU had a Q&A session with the Convention Center Committee on October 31. Following the Q&A session, the groups have met to discuss phase two of the RFP, which is due on

February 27, 2026. The FDA, through RLE, has published a separate RFP for the hotel and entertainment district portion of the project. FDA will be meeting with NDSU in the coming weeks to work out the details of the land lease agreement.

The next Fargo Dome Authority meeting will be on December 10, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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David Suppes, President

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Amanda Muellenbach, Director of Administration