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IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS:

- G. Joyce Rowland, President
- Richard Valdez, Second Vice President
- Carlene Moore, Chief Executive Officer

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

- Lisa Barkett, Director (via Zoom)
- Michael Gelfand, Director (via Zoom)
- Kathlyn Mead, Director (via Zoom)
- Don Mosier, Director (via Zoom)
- San Nejabat, Director (via Zoom)
- Frederick Schenk, First Vice President (via Zoom)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

- Donna O'Leary, Executive Assistant
- Josh Caplan, Deputy Attorney General (via Zoom)
- Henry Rivera, Operator/Production (via Zoom)
- Dustin Fuller, Environmental (via Zoom)

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1 DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

2 10:00 A.M.

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4 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Good morning, Board members and
5 public. This is Joyce Rowland, president of the 22nd DAA. And
6 welcome to our Monday, January 31st, 2022, meeting.

7 The sole purpose -- okay. The sole purpose of the
8 meeting today is to review RFP 21-03, which is presentation of
9 the winning bid for the Midway Master Carnival Operator for the
10 San Diego County Fair, Midway. So that will be consideration
11 and vote on whether to award the contract to the winning
12 bidder. So we will have a brief presentation on this RFP from
13 Carlene, and then we will have questions from the Board and we
14 will have public comment and we will then take this under
15 consideration.

16 I would just mention that this is a single-item
17 meeting because there was a prior meeting in January. There
18 was a protest that was filed over this RFP with the State of
19 California, and the protest that was filed has been den- -- was
20 denied. And so we were -- we calendared this in accordance
21 with requirements. And so that's our sole purpose today so
22 there will be that -- that business and public comment.

23 DONNA O'LEARY: We need to take roll.

24 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Before we take roll, I would just
25 mention that Director Sleiman has resigned from the board in

1 order to fully devote his time to -- to his business, and so he
2 won't be joining us going forward.

3 So roll call, please.

4 DONNA O'LEARY: President Rowland.

5 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Present.

6 DONNA O'LEARY: Vice-president Schenk.

7 MR. SCHENCK: Present.

8 DONNA O'LEARY: Vice-president Valdez.

9 MR. VALDEZ: Present.

10 DONNA O'LEARY: Director Barkett.

11 MS. BARKETT: Present.

12 DONNA O'LEARY: Director Gelfand.

13 MR. GELFAND: Present.

14 DONNA O'LEARY: Director Mead.

15 She's going to be a little bit late.

16 Director Mosier.

17 MR. MOSIER: Here.

18 DONNA O'LEARY: And Director Nejabat.

19 MR. NEJABAT: Here.

20 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Okay. Carlene, please.

21 MS. MOORE: All right. So before you, you have
22 the -- the contract. This is for the 2022 San Diego County
23 Fair, specifically, for the Midway Master Carnival Operator,
24 which is the result of RFP, or Request for Proposal 21-03.

25 So just as a brief reminder, this is a one-year

1 contract for the 2022 San Diego County Fair, with the District
2 then having the discretion to extend by two two-year options in
3 the future, if so chosen. This is for Master Midway Operator,
4 meaning that as the District, we will be -- we will have one
5 contract -- in essence, one contract for that that we work with
6 for all matters related to Midway operations. So everything
7 from the rides, the games, food, some of the -- and behind-the-
8 scenes support services that are necessary to putting on a --
9 a -- a carnival.

10 This is a transition from our near-30-year history of
11 operating an independent Midway, meaning that in the past, we
12 contracted in each individual ride, game, food concession, all
13 of those support services, housing needs that resulted, really,
14 in the management of hundreds of contracts on an annual basis.
15 So again, this takes us to one point of contact, one contract
16 for all things related to -- related to the Midway.

17 We received one bid for RDF 21-03 from Ray Cammack
18 Shows, otherwise known as RCS. And so that's what is before
19 you to award that contract. And I think I would just close
20 with that, you know, after two long years, we're just really
21 excited to be at this -- this threshold and planning for. And
22 this is a huge and significant element to our planning for and
23 executing the 2022 San Diego County Fair.

24 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Okay. And I'll just remind the
25 Board and the public that -- that we are in active litigation

1 under a prior RFP that was cancelled in connection with a prior
2 fair that did not occur because of Covid, that we're early in
3 the process, and we know that there will be public comment on
4 this prior litigation -- or on this prior RFP. And there
5 have -- there has been -- you know, we're early in the process
6 of that litigation. There has been a TRO that's been requested
7 and been denied twice by the courts. And because it is active
8 litigation, we're not, as a board, going to be engaging in back
9 and forth on that. But just know that there will undoubtedly
10 be public comment on that today.

11 And so we will entertain any questions from -- from
12 the board, first, about the current RFP.

13 Okay. Anyone on mute that is wanting to comment?

14 Okay. So we'll go to public comment then. And this
15 is specifically on this business item. And the first member of
16 the public signed up to speak is Martha Sullivan.

17 And we do have a number of folks who are signed up
18 and you'll be limited to two minutes per speaker.

19 MS. SULLIVAN: Hello.

20 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Hello.

21 MS. SULLIVAN: This is Martha Sullivan. And I will
22 pass.

23 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Okay. The second member of the
24 public who signed up to speak is Mary Talley.

25 MS. TALLEY: Hello. Can you folks hear me?

1 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Yes, we can hear you. Please go
2 ahead.

3 MS. TALLEY: Can you hear me?

4 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Yes, we can.

5 MS. TALLEY: Okay. So good morning to President
6 Rowland and the Board of Directors of the 22nd DAA. My name is
7 Mary Talley. I'm the vice president of Talley Amusements, and
8 I attended a deposition where your former contracts manager
9 testified under oath, Mike Ceragioli, and I'm going to start
10 reading his testimony, starting on page 38, line 3.

11 "THE WITNESS: Can I discuss what happened in the
12 actual scoring?" And of course, this is for 20-05 RFP.

13 "MR. MOOT:" Sure.

14 "ANSWER: When the scoring sheets came in, they were
15 brought in to Jane Flournoy, who was actually the RFP person,
16 the person handling the RFP, the point of contact. She tallied
17 up the technical scores and came up with the average technical
18 score for both Talley and RCS.

19 "Then we opened up the financial proposals for both
20 companies, and the financial proposals were scored
21 mathematically. It was just a mathematical equation, a
22 proposal that offered the most favorable or highest percentages
23 of gross revenues to share with the District and also the
24 highest or the most lucrative with capital improvement money.
25 And they totaled that all up for the five years. That person

1 who will offer the District the most money would get 100 points
2 for that. And those were -- those point values were added into
3 the technical values to come up with the grand total points.

4 "And at that point, Talley had won. All right. And
5 they won. I can't tell you by how many points it was, but it
6 was less than a couple of points or something like that. And
7 because we got these scores from them, the evaluation panel, I
8 am going to get -- I am kind of going off this because I can't
9 remember.

10 It was, like, on a Monday, and it was a special board
11 meeting being held just to make this award. So we were kind of
12 under the gun to get all of this done. Jane brought it in and
13 said, 'Oh, it looks like Talley won.' And I looked at
14 everything. I kind of double checked it on my calculator, what
15 she had, and it looked good to me."

16 DONNA O'LEARY: Ms. Talley, your time is --

17 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: So the next member of the public
18 signed up is John Moot.

19 MR. MOOT: Can you hear me now?

20 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Mr. Moot, yes, you are on. We
21 can hear you.

22 MR. MOOT: So you have a letter. You now know what
23 happened. As Mr. Ceragioli indicated in his testimony, Carlene
24 Moore not once but twice changed the scores in the RFP 20-05 so
25 as to award the contract to RCS.

1 Mr. Ceragioli worked for you for 13 years, and before
2 that, 20 years for MTS, told Ms. Moore that what she done was
3 wrong, that she needed to come clean, and that she cheated.
4 She then was -- she then advised Josh Caplan, your attorney,
5 that, in fact, the scores had been changed on this RFP, that
6 Talley was the actual winner of the RFP. Ms. Moore instructed
7 you to go to the Board and tell them that RCS won when, in
8 fact, they did not win.

9 I submit to you that if you were to ratify this
10 contract today, you are ratifying a potential illegal conduct
11 of your CEO. I've given to you the Public Contract Code that
12 states that what occurred may have been a crime. And for you,
13 as an agency, at this point, without the benefit of reading
14 this testimony under oath, by both Flournoy, Mr. Ceragioli,
15 they become a party to that process.

16 As you also probably know, one of the issues in the
17 RFP before you now is that after the scores were changed and
18 RCS was the winner, you cancelled the RFP, and then you wrote
19 the RFP so Talley Amusements couldn't even qualify for the
20 current RFP. And you have a declaration under oath that the
21 only person who could win this RFP was Ray Cammack.

22 I urge you to read very carefully the testimony of
23 your two long-term employees under oath and that you look at
24 the Public Contract Code Sections and that you do not ratify
25 the first of a clearly wrongful act in which the only reason

1 this contract was not awarded to Talley Amusement was because
2 Talley Amusement was cheated --

3 DONNA O'LEARY: Mr. Moot, your time is up.

4 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Thank you, Mr. Moot.

5 The next member of the public signed up to speak is
6 Adam West.

7 MR. WEST: Can you hear me?

8 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Yes, we can hear you. Please go
9 ahead.

10 MR. WEST: My name is Adam West. I'm going to
11 continue reading the transcript that Mary Talley started for
12 Mike Ceragioli.

13 "So I brought that actual -- actual into Carlene's
14 office to let her know because I was kind of excited at the
15 time because Talley had offered I think it was like 80 percent
16 of their gross revenue for the fair the first year. And we
17 were hurting for money. I was kind of excited to bring that in
18 and show her, just say, 'Look at this,' you know. And I
19 brought it into her office and she got kind of a confused look
20 on her face.

21 "And I go, 'What's the problem?'

22 "And she goes, 'I think there is something wrong
23 here. I don't think people understood what was going on here,
24 on a technical evaluation. I've got to get back. I don't
25 think, you know, that everybody here understood this. It just

1 doesn't make any sense to me that Talley would win.'

2 "And I go, 'Well, that's how it worked out. They
3 didn't actually get scored as high technically, but they got
4 all the points, financially, here.'

5 "And she goes, 'Oh,' she says. 'I need to go back to
6 talk to everybody. We might have to change some scores.'

7 "I go, 'Well, I don't want nothing to do with this.
8 This is completely inappropriate. You can't go back now and
9 change the scores.'

10 "'Well, I don't think people understood.'

11 "And I said, 'Well, I'm not having a part of this.'
12 And I walked out of her office, and that's kind of what
13 happened.

14 "QUESTION: So Talley -- so Talley, when the scores
15 were done, before they got changed, actually was the winner?

16 "ANSWER: Yeah.

17 "MR. ALEXANDER: Objection.

18 "THE WITNESS: Before they were changed, before
19 anything got changed, Talley was the winner.

20 "QUESTION: Let me see if I understand. You
21 overheard a conversation between Carlene Moore and Jean
22 Flournoy in which Carlene Moore said Melinda Carmichael didn't
23 understand. You might have to change her score.

24 "ANSWER: That's correct.

25 "QUESTION: And you actually heard Carlene Moore say

1 that?

2 "ANSWER: Yes.

3 "QUESTION: So she actually told Jean Flournoy that?"

4 DONNA O'LEARY: Mr. West, your time is up.

5 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Thank you, Mr. West.

6 The next member of the public to speak is Debron
7 West.

8 MR. RIVERA: She is not -- or they are not in the
9 queue.

10 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Okay. The next member of the
11 public to speak is Tam Byers.

12 MR. RIVERA: (Inaudible.)

13 MS. BYERS: Thank you. This is Tammy Byers,
14 financial services for Talley Amusements. I'm going to
15 continue reading the deposition of Mike Ceragioli, which is
16 testified under oath.

17 "That's correct.

18 "And you actually heard Carlene Moore say that?

19 "Yes.

20 "So she actually told Jean Flournoy that they might
21 have to change Melinda Carmichael's score?

22 "Yes. And then, Jane gave her -- her, Melinda's --
23 score sheet back to her.

24 "QUESTION: Okay.

25 "ANSWER: Or maybe give it back to Melinda, herself.

1 I don't know. I did hear all this going on, and somehow,
2 Melinda's score sheet get back -- got removed, and then they
3 were brought back again with the score changed. And then, Jean
4 had to recalculate the scores. And when she did, Talley was
5 still the winner. And so then, Melinda had to change her score
6 a second time before Talley didn't become the winner. And it
7 was just by, like, not even a whole point. Finally, Talley had
8 lost by less than a point.

9 "QUESTION: And it was only after that that they
10 awarded the contract to RCS?

11 "ANSWER: That's correct. Well, they brought out
12 that new change to the Board.

13 "QUESTION: Did Carlene Moore tell the board that
14 Talley had actually won before the score was changed?

15 "ANSWER: I don't believe so.

16 "QUESTION: Did you tell anybody you had witnessed
17 what you had witnessed?

18 "ANSWER: At first, I didn't tell anybody. But I
19 finally got concerned when you guys filed the lawsuit. At the
20 point -- at that point, Carlene came into the office and said
21 that you guys were suing us, and I told her, I said, 'Well?'
22 You know.

23 "And she goes, 'They're suing me. They're suing the
24 District. They're suing Katie. They have you and Jean down
25 for people they want to depose.'

1 "And I said, 'Carlene, I guess you need to come
2 clean.' I go, 'I'm not going to lie about you changing the
3 scores.'

4 "She goes, 'Well, I did that for the good of the
5 District,' and all that.

6 "And I go, 'I know. But you changed the scores. It
7 is totally inappropriate.' I go, 'For whatever reason you did,
8 you have to come clean.' And I don't know if she ever did.

9 "QUESTION: You said that you told Tim?

10 "ANSWER: Yes.

11 "QUESTION: What happened? That would be Tim
12 Fennell?

13 "ANSWER: Tim Fennell."

14 DONNA O'LEARY: Your time is up.

15 MS. BYERS: "So did you tell Tim" --

16 MS. ROWLAND: The next member of the public to speak
17 is Marissa Thomas.

18 MS. THOMAS: Hello. Do you hear me?

19 MS. ROWLAND: We do.

20 MS. THOMAS: All right.

21 Hi, my name is Marissa Thomas. I'm with Talley
22 Amusement. I'm Talley Amusement's office assistant.

23 I'm going to be continuing to read the deposition of
24 Mike Ceragioli, who testified under oath.

25 "QUESTION: So did you tell Tim that Talley had

1 actually won and Carlene had the scores changed?

2 "ANSWER: Yes, I did.

3 "QUESTION: And did he tell you to talk to the
4 Attorney General about it?

5 "ANSWER: Yes, he did.

6 "QUESTION: Did you tell Josh Caplan that?

7 "ANSWER: Yes, that's --

8 "THE REPORTER: One time -- one at a time, please.

9 "QUESTION: Just ca -- just very carefully, here.
10 Did you tell Josh Caplan that Talley had actually won?

11 "ANSWER: Yes, I did. That's what I was getting to
12 in my conversation. And so in the meantime, I'm in my office
13 and Carlene walks in, and she says, 'Mike, I need to talk to
14 you about this carnival RFP you're going to be doing.'

15 "And I said, 'You know, Carlene, I'm not going to do
16 it.' I go, 'I just had a meeting set up. And Mike, you know,
17 couldn't make it and it's set for 2:00.'

18 "And I go, 'I was going to tell him at this meeting,
19 I'm not going to do -- I'm not doing any of your RFPs. I'm
20 just going to retire. I'm not going to work with you now.'

21 "And I go, 'I just don't have any confidence to do an
22 RFP with you. You cheated, and I want nothing to do with it.'

23 "And she goes, 'Well' -- and then she goes, 'Well,
24 wait a second. Let's talk.' And she shuts my door.

25 "And I said, 'Carlene,' I go, 'I understand.' I go,

1 'Carlene, you need to come clean. If I'm going to get deposed,
2 I'm going to tell you -- I'm going to tell the truth.' And I
3 go, 'You've got to call the Attorney General's office and tell
4 them what you did. You changed the scores. You've got to come
5 clean.'

6 "And she goes, 'Well, I know. I understand. I
7 just -- I don't understand. I just didn't know what I was
8 doing. I'm new to this kind of thing,' and all this.

9 "And I go, 'Well, I didn't' -- I go, 'I don't really
10 care why you did it. It was wrong. You need to tell him.'

11 "And so I - and so she goes, 'All right. I
12 understand.'

13 "I go, 'So you understand I'm not doing the RFPs?'

14 "She goes, 'Yes. Don't worry about it.'

15 "So I go --

16 DONNA O'LEARY: Ms. Thomas, your time is up.

17 MS. THOMAS: "'All right. Agreed.'"

18 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: The next member of the public
19 signed up to speak is Julie Thomas.

20 MS. THOMAS: This is Julie, here. Can you hear me?

21 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: We can. We can.

22 MS. THOMAS: I am the executive assistant to Talley
23 Amusement, and I am continuing to read the deposition of Mike
24 Ceragioli, who testified under oath. And I will pick up.

25 "Well, I'm going to be meeting with Mike. I will let

1 you know.

2 "She goes, 'No, no. Don't tell Mike anything. I'll
3 handle it. You don't have to do any of the RFPs.'

4 "So at that point, I just told Mike I don't need to
5 meet with him anymore.

6 "So anyway, I didn't feel at the meeting like she was
7 going to tell anybody. So right after that meeting, that's
8 when I contacted Josh and told Josh.

9 "QUESTION: Now, after they opened up the financial
10 score, is that when they discovered that Talley was the actual
11 winner?

12 "ANSWER: Yes.

13 "QUESTION: And it was only after that they saw the
14 financial score of Talley, that this conversation had occurred
15 with Carlene Moore changed the scores?

16 "ANSWER: That's correct.

17 "QUESTION: Now, why do you think I should depose
18 Jean?

19 "ANSWER: Because she was the person who conducted
20 the RFP. She also was the person that also would be able to
21 witness the changing of the score.

22 "QUESTION: Have you ever had a discussion about --
23 with Jean about this?

24 "ANSWER: Oh, yes. She worked for me and discussed
25 it, especially right after we did it, because she -- she

1 changed the score. And I remember talking with her.

2 "I go, 'Are you okay with this?'

3 "And she goes, 'Well, I don't want to lose my job.'

4 "And I said, 'All right. Just remember,' I go -- I
5 told her this is kind of a high-profile RFP. And I go, 'If it
6 ever comes down to something happening here,' I go, 'be sure to
7 tell the truth. What happened.'

8 "That's really what we discussed on it.

9 "QUESTION: I think you indicated that at first she
10 was afraid she would lose her job if she came forward?

11 "ANSWER: I think we both were worried about it.

12 "So what happened?

13 "When she calculated them up, came up with them and
14 walked in my office and said, 'Look, I just got through doing
15 it. It looks like Talley is the winner.'

16 "And I go, 'Oh, let me take a look at that.'

17 And I looked at her summary. She created a little
18 cell summary in there and showed the scores, the financial
19 offer points scored for the financial offering, grand totals
20 for each of them, and Talley had won.

21 "And then she goes, 'You know, this is going to be --
22 this is going to the Board' --

23 DONNA O'LEARY: Ms. Thomas, your time is up.

24 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: And it looks like Debron West has
25 joined us; so Debron?

1 MS. WEST: Can you hear me?

2 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Yes, we can hear you. Please go
3 ahead.

4 MS. WEST: This is Debron West, and I'm going to
5 continue the transcript where it left off.

6 "And the financial offer, points awarded for the
7 financial offer, and grand totals for each of them. And Talley
8 had won.

9 "And then, she goes, 'You know, this is going to
10 be -- going to the Board.'

11 "I said, 'You need to get this over to Carlene right
12 away,' I said.

13 "'Do you want to bring it over?' she said. 'Why
14 don't you bring it over there.'

15 "And I gathered those notes up, and that's when I
16 kind of went through the numbers, just to be sure, before I
17 showed it to Carlene. It was correct. And I walked across the
18 hall to her office and said, 'It looks' -- 'Talley here.' And
19 I showed her the summary. And I showed her the financials.
20 That's when I thought she would be really excited we're getting
21 such a big share that first year.

22 "That's kind of how it happened.

23 "ANSWER: I expressed to her that changing the scores
24 now, after they opened the financials, was highly
25 inappropriate, and I didn't want to be a part of it.

1 "QUESTION: Okay.

2 "ANSWER: Then I said, 'You can't. You know this.
3 I'm not going to be here. I don't want to even hear any more
4 of this because they can't go back now and change things after
5 we've done this.' And that's when I left her office and went
6 back into mine."

7 That's all.

8 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Okay. We have no more members of
9 the public signed up on this agenda item; so I need to go back
10 to the Board.

11 And do -- does -- do the board members have any
12 questions before we take roll call?

13 First, we need the motion.

14 MR. SCHENK: I have a question regarding the
15 testimony or excerpts that we just heard.

16 Do we know if this testimony has been signed by the
17 deponent this -- as of this morning?

18 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: I do not know.

19 MR. SCHENK: Okay. Thank you.

20 Does anybody else know?

21 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: I don't see anyone who's
22 responding to that so --

23 MR. SCHENK: Okay.

24 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: -- I'm assuming that the answer
25 is no to that.

1 MR. SCHENK: All right. Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Are there any other questions
3 before we have a motion?

4 Then I'll ask for a motion and second.

5 This is to move the RFP 21-03.

6 MR. SCHENK: So moved.

7 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Director Schenck moves.

8 And a second?

9 MR. MOSIER: I'll second it.

10 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Director Mosier seconds.

11 And now, we will have the roll call.

12 DONNA O'LEARY: President -- oops.

13 President Rowland.

14 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Aye.

15 DONNA O'LEARY: Vice-president Schenk.

16 MR. SCHENK: Aye.

17 DONNA O'LEARY: Vice-president Valdez.

18 MR. VALDEZ: Aye.

19 DONNA O'LEARY: Director Barkett.

20 MS. BARKETT: Aye.

21 DONNA O'LEARY: Director Gelfand.

22 MR. GELFAND: Aye.

23 DONNA O'LEARY: Director Mead. Oh, she isn't --

24 okay.

25 Director Mosier.

1 MR. MOSIER: Aye.

2 DONNA O'LEARY: And Director Nejabat.

3 MR. NEJABAT: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: And the motion carries.

5 And now, we will have our public comment.

6 Technically, public comment should be on items that
7 were not on the agenda, but we have a number of people signed
8 up and so we will go with what we have.

9 So the first member of the public signed up is
10 Deborah Terry.

11 MR. RIVERA: She is not in the queue.

12 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: The second member of the public
13 signed to speak is Martha Sullivan.

14 MS. SULLIVAN: Good morning.

15 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Good morning.

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Barry Irwin has owned Team Valor
17 International since 1999, which races horses in North America,
18 Europe, South Africa, and Dubai. He recently published a -- an
19 op-ed in the "Paulick Report," which is a racing industry media
20 outlet. And I have here a very significant excerpt for the
21 board to consider.

22 "Here is why an independent group is needed in a game
23 dominated by super-wealthy, powerfully-connected participants
24 that operate their enterprises on a win-at-all-costs ethos.
25 Only an independent body is able to withstand the onslaught of

1 a corrupt individual to assist them in breaking the rules.

2 "In today's environment within the confines of
3 racing, and not including the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
4 powerful individuals who get caught breaking the rules always
5 seem to find a 'get out of jail free' card. The reason so many
6 horsemen and owners seem to be against the U.S. Anti-Doping
7 Agency's involvement in racing is that their reputation has
8 preceded them. They are incorruptible, and this scares the
9 crap out of them.

10 "However, with USADA now set to be totally bypassed
11 in favor of some other organization that has been mentioned,
12 independence will be thrown right out the window, and all of
13 our efforts will have been for naught because the bad guys will
14 have won again and nothing will have changed. Right now,
15 forces that want the appearance of change but behind closed
16 doors actually embrace the status quo are calling the shots.
17 Forces working against the USADA include those with conflicts
18 of interest. Among them are authority members that have
19 existing affiliations to other anti-doping" --

20 DONNA O'LEARY: Ms. Sullivan, your time is up.

21 MS. SULLIVAN: -- agencies want --

22 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Thank you, Ms. Sullivan.

23 The next member of the public to speak is
24 Mary Talley.

25 MR. RIVERA: Mary is no longer in the queue.

1 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: The second -- the next member of
2 the public to speak is Adam West.

3 MR. WEST: Can you hear me?

4 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: We can hear you.

5 MR. WEST: President Rowland, board members and fair
6 staff. The transcript will show Talley Amusement, according to
7 the depositions of Mike Ceragioli and Jean Flournoy, were the
8 actual winners of 20-05, prior to a protest, and Carlene Moore
9 maliciously pressured a fellow employee to change her scores
10 not once but twice to favor RCS as the fake winner.

11 Talley Amusement did what no one else would do. And
12 that was to help the fair when they needed it the most. Auburn
13 estimated \$10 million more, or a third more, in net revenue to
14 the District over the term of the contract. When the fair was
15 down, Talley Amusements offered to help them up. Compared to
16 RCS, who offered a bare-bones minimum of 13 percent decrease in
17 ride revenue share, compared to 2019.

18 Ask yourself, as the Board, as you just put that
19 vote, the most quiet vote I have ever seen in three years, ask
20 yourselves why would the CEO possibly jeopardize her career and
21 facilitate the changing of scores after the financial proposals
22 were opened twice and make RCS the winner?

23 I am not upset with the fair staff. I'm not
24 frustrated with the San Diego County Fair. But I am
25 disappointed with the fair board's decisions to not dig in more

1 and investigate the controversy surrounding the Carnival
2 Midway's multiple cancelled RFPs.

3 I am frightened by the decisions made by CEO
4 Carlene Moore, and the attempts to circumvent and cheat the
5 State's contracting branches. I feel horrible for the
6 employees pressured into changing their scores and being
7 manipulated into allowing a winner to be legally switched.
8 This Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the people
9 of the state of California can trust the process and that the
10 people says this has been handled legally without fraud or
11 corruption.

12 The events that have evolved today are not a
13 reflection of all things to make this fair great but only one
14 individual's selfishness. The baseball bat is broken in half,
15 and the cork is laying all over the field. I have not lost
16 faith in the process of the fair's (inaudible) and betting.
17 But I have lost faith that CEO Carlene Moore can lead this
18 organization into the future in a fair and unbiased way without
19 this black cloud that comes along with her.

20 DONNA O'LEARY: Mr. West, your time is up.

21 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: The final member of the public
22 signed up to speak is Debron West.

23 MR. RIVERA: No longer in the queue.

24 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: She's no longer in the queue.

25 And there is no other business for this meeting so I

1 will entertain a motion to adjourn.

2 Director Gelfand?

3 MR. GELFAND: Yep. So moved.

4 [Multiple speakers.]

5 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: So the meeting --

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7 (The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.)

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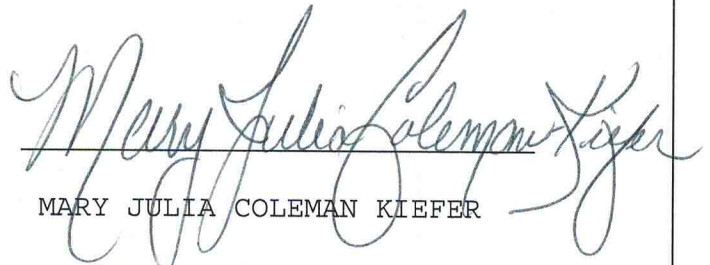
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