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Nashville Farmers' Market Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes

The Farmers' Market Board of Commissioner's meeting occurred on March 18, 2025, at the Nashville Farmers' Market Conference Room.

The attendees included the following:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Darrell Lane	NFM Executive Director	William Radford	NFM Board Chair
David Griffin	NFM Finance Manager	Scott Moskowitz	NFM Board Vice Chair
Charles Kizer	NFM Building Main. Super.	Alex Lorenz	NFM Board Member
Erica Haber	Metro Legal	Patricia Tarquino	NFM Board Member
Phylinda Ramsey	Metro Legal	Kelly Kaplan	Mayor's Office
Yolanda Manning	NFM Program Manager	Fidel Vasquez	Carcasville
Heather Hoch	NFM Program Manager	Ronald Cedras	Succulent Vegan Tacos
Courtney Cotton	NFM Marketing Manager		

Opening Announcement

- The opening public announcements were administered by Board Vice Chair Scott Moskowitz and the meeting started at 9:30 a.m.

Public Comments

- Fidel Vasques with Carcasville presented a business plan for the soon to be vacant tenant location in the market house and would like to be considered as a future tenant.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A motion to approve the February 18, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Alex Lorenz and seconded by Patricia Tarquino. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Director's Report

- New Tenants: Smokin Butts BBQ Sauce & Rubs; City Popcorn
- Department Staff Updates 2025 Handbook review of the Kitchens Program and Farm Sheds by Program Mangers Heather Hoch and Yolanda Manning.

- Summary of Ongoing Projects:
 - Parking lot management assessment with NDOT.
 - Arboretum certification level 1 application
 - NFM KPI development
 - 2026 Budget Planning
 - Parking lot striping
 - Master Gardeners Partnership
- Board Member Tarquino asked Executive Director Darrell Lane if the market conducts exit interviews when tenants and vendors decided to leave the market. Director Lane explained that the market does conduct interviews in all program areas as needed when a business makes a decision to leave the market.

NFM Kitchen Operations Analysis & KPI Report

- Program Manager Heather Hoch presented and discussed the operation of the Kitchens program and went over the new KPI report on the commissary kitchen operations.

Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Report

- Finance Manager David Griffin presented to the board a summary report detailing the FY25 financial results through February 28, 2025. Included in the reporting was a comparison between FY24 and FY25 and a FY25 budget comparison.
- Finance Manager David Griffin discussed the upcoming FY25 budget meeting with OMB and the administration that will occur on March 24, 2025.
- Board Vice-Chair Moskovitz suggests that we budget the commissary kitchen revenue conservatively in FY26 as the programs grows.

Final Comments and Adjournment

- A motion of adjournment was made by Alex Lorenz and seconded by Patrica Tarquino and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.