

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: April 8, 2025 9:00 a.m.

On the referenced date above, the April meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Expo 3 at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioners in attendance included:

Chair Jasper Hendricks

Vice-Chair Todd Hartley

Commissioner Anthony Owens

Commissioner Diego Eguiarte

Also, in attendance:

Laura Womack, Fairgrounds Executive Director

Satrice Allen, Fairgrounds Finance and Administrative Manager

Scott Jones, Fairgrounds Fair Manager

Erica Haber, Metro Legal

Ron Gobbell, GHP

David Hickinbotham, GHP

Ed Henley, Pillars Development

Dirk Melton, MarketStreet Enterprises

Ryan Harbour, Nashville Soccer Club

Bob Sargent, Track Enterprises

Terry Vo, Councilmember

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order and read the legal notice. He then moved to the approval of the March meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were passed. There were no public comments.

Mr. Harbour gave a brief soccer and Geodis update. Mr. Melton gave a report on the mixed-use projects. Mr. Sargent gave a speedway report and introduced new staff member, Anthony Tate, to the board.

Mr. Henley gave a brief financial update on each capital project and Mr. Hickinbotham gave a review of each project. Mr. Gobbell added that this would be the last fair board meeting for GHP since their contract had expired and with Colliers Engineering taking over in June.

Ms. Allen reported on the monthly financials. She stated that The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) would be retrieving the subsidy payment that had been posted to the Fairgrounds account and would be returning it to the General Fund. She added that the subsidy would remain on the Fairgrounds report until it was removed from their account. Director Womack gave a brief Personnel Report. She then gave the Operations Report and Executive Director's Report. This included a report on the recent flooding at the Fairgrounds.

Director Womack asked the board if they were still interested in adjusting the mission statement. Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion stating, *"I move to adopt the FY26-27 Strategic Work Plan presented by Director Womack and to table further discussion on changing the mission statement at this time."* Commissioner Eguiarte seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Director Womack asked the board what they wanted to do about updating the bylaws to authorize the Executive Director to execute license agreements for periods up to 5-years and to edit the words "the chair" to "the fair board" in section 4a. Vice-Chair Hartley stated, *"I make a motion to update the bylaws as reflected in our discussions and the changing or striking of "less than a year" and adding "up to 5 years" and striking "chair" and adding "fair board" in the last sentence "* Commissioner Eguiarte seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Director Womack asked for authorization to execute a contract with North American Midway Entertainment-Amusement South, LLC for midway and carnival services at The Nashville Fair. Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion stating, *“I move that we authorize the executive director to execute the contract with North American Midway Entertainment-Amusement South, LLC for midway and carnival services at the Nashville Fair.”* Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Director Womack gave an update on procurement items coming up. Councilmember Vo thanked everyone for their hard work and especially concerning the flooding. Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Jasper Hendricks

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Executive Director, Laura Womack