

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: August 12, 2025 9:00 a.m.

On the above-mentioned date, the August meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Expo 1 at the Fairgrounds. Commissioners in attendance included:

Chair, Jasper Hendricks  
Vice-Chair Todd Hartley  
Commissioner Anthony Owens

Also in attendance:

Laura Womack, Fairgrounds Executive Director  
Satrice Allen, Fairgrounds Finance and Administrative Manager  
Scott Jones, Fair Manager  
Ryan Jensen, Event Services Director  
Ronnie Haywood, Maintenance & Operations Manager  
Erica Haber Metro Legal  
Lindsey Paola, Nashville Soccer Club  
Dirk Melton, MarketStreet Enterprises  
Bob Sargent, Track Enterprises  
Ed Henley, Pillars Development  
John Cheney, Collier Engineering  
Terry Vo, Councilmember

Chair Hendricks read the legal notice and called the meeting to order. He then asked for a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Hartley stated, "*So moved*". Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved. There were no public comments.

Mr. Melton gave an update on the mixed-use areas of the property. Ms. Paola gave a brief soccer update. And Mr. Sargent gave a quick speedway report.

Mr. Henley gave an update on the financials of each Fairgrounds project. Mr. Cheney reported on three of the main projects going on. Vice-Chair Hartley asked if there were any renderings of the future projects and, also, a future project list that could be sent to the board.

Ms. Allen gave a quick financial report and reminded the board that the reports would look slightly different. Mr. Jensen reported on Corporate Sales. Mr. Haywood gave a brief report on Maintenance and Operations. Director Womack gave a quick Executive Director's Report and then went over the next few months' meeting dates which included several conflicts in September, October, and November. She also recognized Isaac Rowland, a maintenance and operations employee, with 20 years of service.

Vice-Chair Hartley stated that there were two items for consideration from the Personnel Subcommittee: 1) that the Executive Director's annual performance appraisal process be pushed to a later date so that the board could know about the budget 2) Executive Director's job description with some recommended changes. Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion stating, "*I move that we accept the recommendation of the Personnel Subcommittee regarding the process for the Executive Director's annual performance appraisal.*" Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion was passed. Vice-Chair Hartley made another motion stating, "*I make a motion to accept the revised job description as just described (see attached).*" Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion was passed.

Director Womack went over several items regarding criteria for naming rights for policy development. Ms. Haber with Metro Legal also went over some of the research they had done on this issue. After some discussion, Chair Hendricks asked Director Womack to work with Metro Legal and send the drafts on this, and The Board could provide their input/edits.

Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion to adjourn. 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