



THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE
METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE & DAVIDSON COUNTY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 | 10:30AM
GEODIS PARK ~ PREMIER CLUB

Attendees

Finance Committee Members: Dan Hogan (Chair), Aaron McGee (Secretary/Treasurer), Don Deering, Anna Page

Board Members: Russ Pulley, Emmett Wynn

Staff: Monica Fawknorton (President), Brandon Little, Melissa Wells, Josh Thomas (Metro Legal), Sam Keen (Metro Legal)

Visitors: Kyle Clayton (Predators), MNPD Lieutenant Ryan Hampton (MNPD), Commander Raymond Jones (MNPD), Heather Hill (Cumming Group)

Call to Order

Finance Committee Chair Dan Hogan called the Finance Committee meeting of the Sports Authority to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Public Comment Period Pursuant to TN Open Meetings Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §8-44-101 (Tab #1)

There were no sign-ups for public comments.

Consider Approval of July 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chair Hogan asked if there were questions or comments pertaining to the July 16, 2025 meeting minutes. There being none,

Upon a motion made by Director Page and seconded by Director Deering, the Finance Committee unanimously approved the July 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

FY25 Bridgestone Arena Capital Asset Management Plan

Kyle Clayton, Chief Strategy Officer, reported that the 2019 Bridgestone Arena Lease Agreement requires Powers Management to submit, by June 30 of each year, a Capital Asset Management Plan (CAMP), detailing the arena's needs and the current/anticipated projects. The purpose of the CAMP is to identify actions necessary to maintain the Arena and Premises, including, but not limited to: planning of routine and preventative maintenance requirements; capital expense requirements; and commencing on the fourth Lease Year and every fourth Lease Year thereafter, upon request, the Sports Authority may require an independent inspection and report by a professional architectural/engineering firm, licensed in the State of Tennessee as described in section 5 (d) of the Lease Agreement. He noted that Powers Management employs a team that takes pride in making sure Bridgestone Arena is and will remain one of North America's marquee venues.

Continuing, Mr. Clayton reminded the committee that on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022 – the morning after Thanksgiving - a water main broke and flooded portions of Bridgestone Arena. Millions of gallons of water gushed into the arena from a Metro Water Service 10-inch water main line causing significant damage to the entire event level. Since November 2022, Powers has been working diligently and cooperatively with Metro, insurance carriers, consultants and vendors to assess the arena, its building systems and equipment. Most of the areas of the Arena damaged by water have been repaired and/or replaced to their prior condition. The only remaining item is the concourse flooring which will most likely be rectified during the Bridgestone Arena Transformation Project. Director Hogan asked whether water access points have been assessed to mitigate the potential of future water damage to which Mr. Clayton reported yes, there is more protection.

Powers Management and the Sports Authority's shared goal is to keep the arena in a condition equal to or better than comparable facilities and to make it the premier sports and entertainment venue in North America. This is reflected in the Arena's 20th nomination for 2024 Arena of the Year.

Ongoing Capital Projects include, but are not limited to, restroom renovations, updated security systems and HVAC upgrades. Arena projects submitted for approval in July 2025 include, but are not limited to, modernized upgrades to the Predators locker room and player lounge, two electric Zambonis, and the installation of a new Distributed Antenna System (DAS) to enhance wireless connectivity throughout the Arena. Director Pulley asked whether the Pred's are positioning themselves to attract players to which Mr. Clayton stated recruiting players is built into every aspect of the Preds' focus and goals.

Consider approval of a Resolution engaging Capital Project Solutions, Inc (CPS) to provide project management consultant services for the assessment of capital needs at Ford Ice Centers in Antioch and Bellevue

President Fawknorton reported that periodic assessments of Sports Authority venues is of great value in maintaining the condition of the facilities. Such conversations have taken place for First Horizon Park and the Ford Ice Centers in Antioch and Bellevue. However, at this time, additional conversations are needed to discuss independent assessments and it is anticipated that a resolution will be brought before the board in October.

Consider Approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of portable security bollards for the benefit of the Sports Authority and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department

Director Russ Pulley, board facility security liaison, reported he has visited all the facilities and met with their security teams. He reported that each facility has more than one outside agency involved in security audits and assessments, including, but not limited to, Red Team Audits, league security oversight, first responders, security training, Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD), Department of Homeland Security, 3rd party risk assessments and Stadium Managers Association. Based on his conversations and observations, Mr. Pulley reported that he does not deem it necessary for the board to conduct an independent security assessment as he is unequivocally satisfied with the standards of security deployed by each facility.

Director Pulley also reported on his conversations with MNPd and Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT) representatives regarding the need for additional bollards at major events and a potential opportunity for the Sports Authority to help meet this need by purchasing additional portable bollards. The bollards would be prioritized for use at Sports Authority venue events but could be used by MNPd and NDOT for other special events when available. Director Pulley recommends that the bollards be purchased from Meridian, a Metro contractor. He also noted that once bollards are purchased, there is a 60-90-day delivery turnaround. A video was shown displaying the effectiveness of Meridian barriers preventing vehicles from inflicting personal injuries. He also recommends establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Sports Authority, MNPd and NDOT.

Commander Raymond Jones, MNPd Special Events, shared that the ongoing discussions are helpful in using a multi-layered approach to ensure the safety of city of Nashville. MNPd Lieutenant Ryan Hampton shared that the Meridian barriers are deployed 8 per trailer and cover an area of approximately 45 feet. Meridian's equipment has met many needs for the city; they are flexible and universal for use in a variety of scenarios. Additionally, they are ADA compliant and will integrate perfectly with Sports Authority's facilities. Chair Hogan questioned whether the Meridian barriers have ever been deployed to Sports Authority facilities and if so, are they effective. Commander Jones confirmed that they have been deployed and there have been no vehicle intrusions; the barriers serve as a great deterrence for high security environments in protecting people and infrastructure.

Director McGee inquired about opportunities for Metro to purchase additional units. Commander Jones indicated budget constraints are a concern because auxiliary equipment that coincides with specific events and operational aspects of the equipment may require purchasing also.

Chair Hogan recommended that the resolution be deferred to allow time to gather information about what is specifically needed to effectively deploy security equipment barriers and to establish a MOU with MNPd.

Upon a motion made by Chair Hogan and seconded by Director Pulley, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to defer consideration of the Resolution for thirty days.

A brief discussion ensued on continuing conversations in a timely manner to ensure training for facility leaders is not missed. Director Pulley agreed to begin conversations within the next 30 days with MNPd and NDOT to establish an MOU.

Adjourn

Chair Hogan noted that Finance Committee recommendations will go before the full board for final approval immediately following. Director Adkins thanked MNPd for their time today and their service to the city. There being no other business the committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, The Metro Sports Authority
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