Nashville Music, Film, and Entertainment Commission

MINUTES

March 19, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
NECAT
120 White Bridge Rd #46, Nashville, TN 37209

Commissioners Present: Max Butler (Chair), Jeffry Gordon (Vice Chair), Jeff Syracuse (Secretary), Meisha Edwards, Michael Montgomery, Peter Kurland, Stephanie Silverman, Dave Pomeroy, Mo Sabri, Timothy Reid, Jr., Erika Nichols, Gina Miller, Willie Sims

Commissioners Absent: Marshall McClarnon, Hazel Smith

Ex Officio Members Present: Larry Jirik (NECAT)

Staff: N/A

Guests: Derrick Smith (Metro Legal), Jamari Brown (Mayor's Office), CM Joy Styles

1. Call to Order:

Chair Butler called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM.

2. Public Comment Period:

Bobby Marko, producer/director, addressed the commission on the need for support of the film/entertainment community.

3. Contacts and Disclosures:

Chair Butler saw various Commissioners at public events, but no business was discussed.

4. Approval of Minutes:

In section 9, Commissioner Pomeroy asks to update the sentence "He mentioned that *the* delay *in the process* is waiting to align legislative clean-up with the hiring process" for clarity. Curt Willis named was misspelled in section 7. Chair Butler made motion as amended, Silverman seconded. All in favor. None against or abstained.

5. Guest Speaker

None

6. Ex Officio Member Reports

None

7. Reports from the Chair and Vice Chair

Chair – Chair Butler went to Metro Council as legislation was being debated. Legislation was deferred and was final deferral, so automatic indefinite deferral.
Vice Chair – Vice Chair Gordon continued to interview people for strategic planning assistance. He also went to Metro Council as legislation was being debated.

8. Reports from Committees

- **Exec Committee Meeting** – Have not met.

- **Ad Hoc Job Description Committee –** Met prior to full Commission. Commissioner Gordon as Chair reported ongoing efforts to move the process along and worked on metrics.

- **Budget Committee** – Chair Butler discussed the process and the budget proposal with Lean, Midrange, and Ideal options. Chair Silverman was elected as Vice Chair of the Budget Committee. Recommendation from committee to Commission – Vice Chair Silverman moves to authorize Chair or Vice Chair of Budget Committee to create draft budget that will be worked on with rep from the Mayor's Office and/or Finance to then go before the Metro Council APLE Committee for review and feedback. Commissioner Montgomery seconds. All in favor. None opposed or abstained.

- **Bylaws Committee** – Have not met.

9. Unfinished Business

- **Update on Executive Director Position Hiring and Code Amending Legislation** – Mr. Brown updated Commission on legislative process. Legislation as mentioned above is now indefinitely deferred. It could be re-written after the required 60-day pause before it can be refiled, or substantially new legislation could be filed sooner. Ad hoc committee working on metrics and working with Mayor's Office. Commissioner Silverman moved to ask HR to poll candidates to see if they are still available based on it being three months since the application period was closed with a requested two-week turnaround, so we have data by the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Reid seconded. All in favor. None against or abstained. CM Styles shared an update from Metro Council and her legislative proposal in the works to guide the hiring process going forward.

10. **New Business:**

Next Meeting April 16 at NECAT.

11. **Adjourn Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn at 12:04 by Commissioner Syracuse. Seconded by Commission Silverman. All in favor.

APPROVED, this 16th day of April 2025.

<u>Signature on file</u>	<u>Signature on file</u>
Max A. Butler, Chair	Jeff Syracuse, Secretary