Nashville Entertainment Commission

MINUTES

June 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
NECAT
120 White Bridge Rd #46, Nashville, TN 37209

Commissioners Present: Jeffry Gordon (Vice Chair), Jeff Syracuse (Secretary), Michael Montgomery, Dave Pomeroy, Timothy Reid, Jr., Erika Nichols, Gina Miller, Hazel Smith, Mo Sabri

Commissioners Absent: Max Butler, Stephanie Silverman, Peter Kurland, Marshall McClarnon, Meisha Edwards, Willie Sims

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:

Vice Chair Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

2. Public Comment Period:

Vice Chair Gordon invited guests to speak. No one spoke.

3. Contacts and Disclosures:

Gordon saw Sims, Pomeroy saw Nichols, but business discussed. Reid saw Sims, but no business was discussed.

4. Approval of Minutes:

To be done next meeting.

5. Guest Speaker

None

6. Ex Officio Member Reports

None

7. Reports from the Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair – Visited Rock Nashville. Scott Appleton, main point of contact there.

8. Reports from Committees

- **Budget Committee** – No quorum. CM Styles reported on Metro that budget that passed 6/17 at Council. $250k is in our budget for next fiscal year.

- **Bylaws Committee** – No quorum. Vice Chair Gordon prepared a draft of updated by-laws. Likely considered at the August meeting since the committee didn't have quorum to discuss and recommend.

9. Unfinished Business

- **Legislation at Council** – CM Styles gave update on legislation that passed Council. Clarity and compromise achieved that allows the process for ED hiring to proceed. Commission is now called Nashville Entertainment Commission. Names of DEI Council updated per State law of DEI Council, now Accountability Council.

- **Update on ED Position Hiring** – Per above, that process hopefully can proceed soon. Direction from HR needed.

- **Update on Musicians Parking Update –** Pomeroy spoke at Council to advocate for $50k additional funding for parking program. Not in budget. CM Styles said that Jamie Kent says that Metropolis has an offer for an improved program.

- **Bylaws amendments** – See Report from Committees

- **Production Directory** – We likely will partner with State, but discussion around making it a Nashville-centric directory as well. Action item to go to July for more time to discuss. Jamari passed out copies of the proposal. Discussion about using Nashville.gov and expanding our portion of website to house directory and other needs.

- **Strategic Plan** – Vice Chair Gordon discussed continued need for planning efforts. Vice Chair Gordon said $15-40k seems to be the range to hire a company to assist us with these efforts. Commissioner Syracuse suggested we begin efforts within Councils first. Commissioner Pomeroy suggested we not wait for ED to be hired. Commissioner Nichols agreed. Discussion on getting pitches from potential companies, which would likely require a Metro procurement process. Vice Chair Gordon will follow up with Dennis Roland with Metro Procurement.

10. New Business:

Next Meeting July 16 at NECAT.

11. Adjourn Meeting:

Motion to adjourn at 10:51 by Commissioner Montgomery and seconded by Commissioner Sabri . All in favor.

APPROVED, this 16th day of July 2025.

Signature on file
Max A. Butler, Chair

Signature on file
Jeff Syracuse, Secretary