Nashville Entertainment Commission

MINUTES

July 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
NECAT
120 White Bridge Rd #46, Nashville, TN 37209

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

Commissioners Absent: Marshall McClarnon, Willie Sims, Hazel Smith

Ex Officio Members Present: Larry Jirik (NECAT)

Staff: N/A

Guests: Derek Smith (Legal), Jamari Brown (Mayor's Office)

1. Call to Order:

Chair Butler called the meeting to order at 9:32am

2. Public Comment Period:

Sydney Lunn working on 911 Nashville. Location manager. Wanted to know how Commission would work with schools. Commissioner Syracuse will connect Cindy with Franklin Willis with MNPS.

3. Contacts and Disclosures:

Syracuse saw Pomeroy at live music meeting, no business discussed. Syracuse saw Reid and Sims at Council for reappointment, no business discussed. Montgomery saw Pomeroy at a screening, no business discussed.

4. Approval of Minutes:

March 19 – All in favor, none against. April 16 minutes – All in favor, none against. June 18 – "Pomeroy **no** business discussed with Nichols" update. All in favor, none against as amended.

5. Nomination and Election of Officers

Montgomery motions to continue current slate of Chair and VC – Butler and Gordon. Mo is nominated as Secretary. Role call vote – all in favor. No change to Interim Chairs of Councils.

6. Ex Officio Member Reports

None

7. Reports from the Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair – Discussed event at Fairgrounds that wants to engage Commission on art, culture, and connection theme. They reached out and asked for Commission engagement. Discussing was that we want to help, but don't have a formal program to assist at this time. Individuals on Commission may engage to assist in their individual capacity.

Vice Chair also looked further into Reel Scout. Also discussed website needs. Derek Smith, Legal, said he can help to get us in touch with Metro IT.

Vice Chair discussed with three different companies on strategic planning assistance. $15-40k range.

8. Reports from Committees

- **Bylaws Committee** – Chair Silverman will go through by-law updates with redline version to share with committee in August to be able to present to full commission for consideration and then vote at September meeting. Derek Smith, Legal, suggests some updates that he can assist with.

9. Unfinished Business

- **Update on ED Position Hiring** – Process hopefully can proceed soon. Direction from HR needed. HR wanted Commission leadership positions to be filled first, which has now been done.

- **Industry Grants** – No budget line item currently for grants. Any candidate would always need to be non-profits. Derek Smith explained legal process on how this would need to work. Metro Council would need to approve either taking or receiving grants.

10. **New Business:**

- Commissioner Pomeroy reports that Metropolis is stepping up to assist with parking program.
- Based on public comments above, we will ask Gordon Richard for process flow so we can review film permitting process holistically.
- Next Meeting August 20 at NECAT.

11. **Adjourn Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn at 10:57 by Commissioner Kurland and seconded by Commissioner Pomeroy. All in favor.

APPROVED, this 26th day of September 2025.

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

<u>Signature on file</u>
Jeff Syracuse, Secretary