

Nashville Music, Film, and Entertainment Commission

Executive Committee

MINUTES

July 30, 2024 12:00 p.m.
Council Committee Meeting #1
1 Public Square
Nashville, TN 37201

Commissioners Present: Max Butler (Chair), Marshall McClarnon (Secretary), Jeff Syracuse, Hazel Smith

Commissioners Absent: Jeff Gordon (Vice Chair)

Staff: N/A

Guests: Jamari Brown (Metro)

1. Call to Order:

Chair Max Butler called the meeting to order at 12:11 PM. He welcomed all in attendance.

2. Public Comment: N/A

Opportunity for public comment was offered. There was no public comment.

3. Contacts and Disclosures:

Max Butler and Marshall McClarnon had contact. There was no discussion of commission business.

Max Butler had contact with Peter Kurland. There was no discussion of commission business.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Jeff Syracuse moved to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes from 7/10/24. Seconded by Max Butler. Passed Unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business:

Discussion about how and when to schedule committee meetings as related to the commission meetings. The goal is for the Executive Committee to meet in-between the full Commission Meetings and not on the day of the Commission Meetings generally.

A statement from Jeff Gordon was read into the minutes. It is attached here.

Discussion about the Selection/Appointment of members to the three councils (Music/Film/DEI). We need clarity from Legal in order to update our By-Laws to permit non-commission members to serve on Councils. Can this be accomplished through the By-Laws, or does this have to be addressed by Legislative Cleanup? The current suggestion is Interim Council Chairs make recommendations/nominations to the full Commission for non-commission members that would make good candidates to serve on their designated Council.

We also discussed the number of members to serve on each Council. There was an initial suggestion that each Council be comprised of no more than 7 people with a majority of the Council members being composed of Commission members. Commission member shall not serve on one more than Council at a time.

The By-Law rules for the selection of Council Chairs needs to be revisited.

Election of officers will occur at the next Commission meeting. Potentially amend the Bylaws to shift officer elections until August.

Discussion of possibly providing a designated update time for Ex Officio members at Commission meetings. This would allow more contribution from Ex Officio members, and allow the Commission to stay up-to-date on the activities of the organizations represented by the Ex Officio members.

Discussion about prioritizing DEI throughout the work of the Commission, and exploring the possibilities for DEI training for the Commission.

8. New Business: TBD

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: TBD

10. Next Meeting: A standard schedule of meetings is going to be discussed for the next Commission meeting.

11. Adjourn Meeting:

Chair Max Butler adjourned the meeting at 2:32 PM. Motion to adjourn from Max Butler. Seconded by Jeff Syracuse. Passed unanimously.

APPROVED, this day 19th of November 2025.

Signature on file
Max A. Butler, Chair