

Nashville Music, Film, and Entertainment Commission

MINUTES

May 23, 2024 12:00 p.m.
Howard Office Building
Sonny West Conference Center
700 President Ronald Reagan Way
Nashville, TN 37210

Commissioners Present: Max Butler (Chair), Jeff Gordon (Vice Chair), Marshall McClarnon (Secretary), Jeff Syracuse, Willie Sims, Dave Pomeroy, Michael Montgomery, Shannon Sanders, Hazel Smith, Meleisha Edwards, Stephanie Silverman, Timothy Reid Jr.

Commissioners Absent: Peter Kurland

Ex Officio Members Present: Lee Boulie

Staff: N/A

Guests: Derrick Smith (Metro Legal), Jamari Brown (Metro), Dr. Isaac Addae (Metro)

1. Call to Order:

Chair Max Butler called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. He welcomed all in attendance. Introduced the new Commissioner

2. Public Comment: N/A

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

3. Contacts and Disclosures:

Shannon Sanders saw Dave Pomeroy. No business was discussed.

Dave Pomeroy saw Michael Montgomery. No business was discussed.

Max Butler communicated with Michael Montgomery. No business was discussed.

Max Butler saw with Hazel Smith. No business was discussed.

Max Butler saw Stephanie Silverman. No business was discussed.

Willie Sims saw Marshall McClarnon. No business was discussed.

Jeff Gordon saw Jeff Syracuse. No business was discussed.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for 3/13/24 moved to approve by Michael Montgomery. Seconded by Stephanie Silverman. Approved unanimously.

Minutes for 4/10/24. Amendment proposed to move item 9 to item 3 to eliminate to reflect the chronology of the meeting by Max Butler. Seconded by Jeff Syracuse. Amendment passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Minutes as amended by Willie Sims. Seconded by Max Butler. Minutes approved as amended unanimously.

5. Guest Speaker: Dr. Isaac Addae (Metro) - Manager Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

He is going to step in and cover for Jamari Brown during the Commission's June meeting. He provided a summary of economic impact of Music, Film, and Entertainment in Nashville. Artists and entertainment business need support. The Mayor's Office knows the need for the work this Commission is doing.

6. Reports from the Chair and Vice Chair:

Max Butler met with the Mayor's Administration and discussed budget options for the Commission.

Jeff Gordon met with Aftyn Behn to address the Open Meetings Act to increase communication opportunities.

Jeff Gordon is also working on SWOT Analysis to help develop a strategic messaging plan for the Commission.

7. Unfinished Business:

Budget Committee - The Mayor's Budget proposal this year is flat. Most departments are looking at a budget cut of 1.6% - 1.9%. Therefore, the Mayor's Budget included the Commission's Budget as the same level of \$100,000.

Max Butler and Stephanie Silverman appeared at the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Entertainment Committee Meeting with City Council to make additional budgetary proposal beyond the budgetary allotment from the Mayor's Budget on Tuesday of this week.

The Budget Committee for this Commission approved a proposed budget of \$250,000 to present to the Commission. The proposed budget presented by the Committee is attached.

Max Butler moved to ratify the Budget Committee's proposed budget of \$250,000 presented to Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Entertainment Committee. Seconded by Shannon Sanders. Ratified unanimously.

Ad Hoc Job Description Committee - A draft of the Executive Director job description has been sent to Metro HR for review.

Michael Montgomery moves to approve the committee's draft Executive Director job description pending Metro HR review. Seconded by Stephanie Silverman. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Seats and Expiring Terms - Metro Council and Recording Academy seats are still vacant. There has been a proposed amendment to the Metro legislation to place a member of the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Entertainment Committee to serve as a seat on the Commission. There is likely no activity to fill these seats until after June.

Expiring terms in June are Stephanie Silverman and Shannon Sanders. These seats are managed by the Metro Council.

Update on Possible Amendments to Original Legislation - Derrick Smith has prepared a proposed amendment. It is with the Mayor's Office for review. Once the review is finalized, the proposed amendments will be presented to the Commission to make a unified recommendation to the Metro Council.

Executive Committee - Max Butler moves to create the Executive Committee composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, the interim chairs of Film and Television Advisory Council, Music City Music Council, and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council. Max Butler will serve as the interim chair. Seconded by Willie Sims. Motion passes unanimously.

Data Committee - The Greater Nashville Music Census is finalizing their data. A venue study has also been performed, and that data is being compiled. The Commission is excited to see the results of these studies.

8. New Business: N/A

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: TBD

10. Next Meeting: Motion by Michael Montgomery to push the next meeting to July 10, 2024. Seconded by Marshall McClarnon.

Roll Call Vote

Michael Montgomery - Aye
Tim Reid - Abstain
Jeff Syracuse - Aye
Stephanie Silverman - Aye
Marshall McClarnon - Aye
Max Butler - Aye
Hazel Smith - Nay
Meleisha Edwards - Aye
Jeff Gordon - Aye
Willie Sims - Nay

Motion Passes.

11. Adjourn Meeting:

Chair Max Butler adjourned the meeting at 1:38 PM. Motion to adjourn from Marshall McClarnon. Seconded by Jeff Syracuse. Passed unanimously.

APPROVED, this day 10th of July 2024.

Signature on file
Max A. Butler, Chair

Signature on file
Marshall McClarnon, Secretary