

Nashville Music, Film, and Entertainment Commission

MINUTES

July 10, 2024 6:00 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), Peter Kurland, Jeff Syracuse, Dave Pomeroy, Hazel Smith, Stephanie Silverman, Timothy Reid Jr.

Commissioners Absent: Michael Montgomery, Willie Sims, Shannon Sanders, Meleisha Edwards

Ex Officio Members Present: Bonna Delacruz Johnson

Staff: N/A

Guests: Derrick Smith (Metro Legal), Jamari Brown (Metro)

1. Call to Order:

Chair Max Butler called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 communicated with Peter Kurland and Jeff Gordon. No business was discussed.

Bonna Delacruz Johnson communicated with Stephanie Silverman. No business was discussed.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for 10/11/23 moved to approve by Jeff Syracuse. Seconded by Stephanie Silverman.

Minutes for 5/23/24. Typographical correction noted. Motion to approve by Jeff Syracuse. Seconded by Max Butler. Passed without opposition. Peter Kurland abstained.

5. Guest Speakers: Michael Fichman, Greg Claxton (Metro)

Presentation regarding the Nashville Independent Venues Study. The presentation outlined the purpose, utility, and methodology of the study. There were also recommendations of what action should be taken based on the results of the study.

The full study can be downloaded and reviewed at

nighttime.org/nashville-independent-venues-study

6. Reports from the Chair and Vice Chair:

Max Butler got a couple of calls about fire permits and the e-permitting system.

Jeff Syracuse had conversations with Aftyn Behn about the Open Meetings Act.

7. Unfinished Business:

Budget - Mayor's proposed budget was \$100,000 for this Commission. The budget that passed was \$250,000. This matches the lean budget proposal this Commission presented to the Council.

Ad Hoc Job Description Committee - Human Resources weighed in on some clerical issues of the previous draft of the Executive Director Job Description. These changes are being incorporated into the draft, presented to HR, and then will be presented to the full Commission for approval.

Open Seats and Expiring Terms - New Commissioners have been nominated, and the Council will vote from these nominees to fill vacancies Tuesday 7/16/24.

Anastasia Brown
Lynette Kraft
Ross Holmes
Gina Miller
Mo Sabri
Stephanie Silverman

Update on Possible Amendments to Original Legislation - A proposed amendment was presented by Council Member Styles BL2024-344. It is up again for Council consideration in October.

The Mayor's office proposed amendment is holding in review until the other proposed amendments have resolved.

Executive Committee - The Executive Committee met briefly today, and the focus of the meeting was establishing a more lengthy time to meet prior to the next Commission meeting.

8. New Business: N/A

9. Next Meeting: There is a discussion about finding a consistent time to meet during the day. Also a discussion about possible additional venues to host meetings.

*****Motion from Peter Kurland for the Commission to approve the Executive Director Job Description document from the Ad Hoc Job Description Committee incorporating all the recommendations and comments on the document so that they may be submitted to Metro HR for final review and approval. If there are no additional edits from Metro HR, the Executive Director Job Description will be approved as submitted.
Seconded by Max Butler. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjourn Meeting:

Chair Max Butler adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM. Motion to adjourn from Max Butler.
Seconded by Jeff Syracuse. Passed unanimously.

APPROVED, this 14th day of August 2024.

Signature on file
Max A. Butler, Chair

Signature on file
Marshall McClarnon, Secretary