Nashville Music, Film, and Entertainment Commission

MINUTES

August 14, 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,, Dave Pomeroy, Hazel Smith, Meleisha Edwards, Timothy Reid Jr., Michael Montgomery, Willie Sims, Mo Sabri, Gina Miller

Commissioners Absent: Jeff Syracuse, Stephanie Silverman

Ex Officio Members Present: N/A

Staff: N/A

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

1. Call to Order:

Chair Max Butler called the meeting to order at 6:27 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. No Commission business was discussed.

Michael Montgomery communicated with Peter Kurland. No Commission business was discussed.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes for 7/10/24 by Peter Kurland. Seconded by Dave Pomeroy. Passed unanimously.

5. Nomination & Election of Officers for 2024-2025:

Chair Nominations:

Max Butler was the only nomination

Chair Roll Call Vote:

Max Butler	Aye
Jeff Gordon	Aye
Trey McClarnon	Aye
Peter Kurland	Aye
Dave Pomeroy	Aye
Hazel Smith	Aye
Meleisha Edwards	Aye
Timothy Reid Jr.	Aye
Michael Montgomery	Aye
Willie Sims	Aye
Mo Sabri	Aye
Gina Miller	Aye

Max Butler was elected Chair for another term unanimously

Vice Chair Nominations:

Jeff Gordon was the only nomination

Vice Chair Roll Call Vote:

Max Butler	Aye
Jeff Gordon	Aye
Trey McClarnon	Aye
Peter Kurland	Aye
Dave Pomeroy	Aye
Hazel Smith	Aye
Meleisha Edwards	Aye
Timothy Reid Jr.	Aye
Michael Montgomery	Aye
Willie Sims	Aye
Mo Sabri	Aye
Gina Miller	Aye

Jeff Gordon was elected Vice Chair for another term unanimously

Secretary Nominations:

Willie Sims. He declined the nomination.
Trey McClarnon
Mo Sabri

Voting was not held. Motion by Jeff Gordon to defer the Election for Secretary to the next meeting. Seconded by Hazel Smith. The motion passes with Trey McClarnon abstaining.

6. Guest Speakers: N/A

7. Reports from Ex Officio Members: N/A

8. Reports from the Chair and Vice Chair:

Max Butler no update.

Jeff Syracuse dinner meeting with MBS, a studio management and film gear supply company. They are wanting a greater presence in Nashville.

9. Reports from Committees:

Executive Committee: discussions about Bylaws, strategic planning, and how the three Councils' will be composed.

Ad Hoc Job Description Committee Update: Received updated job description feedback from Metro HR. The final point of contention is one sentence in the "Employment Standards" section of the job description. The sentence at issue is

"Minimum of: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university, **and** five (5) years of increasingly responsible in music, film, and/or entertainment industries." (Emphasis added).

Metro HR has recommended to leave this sentence without edit, but also add the following sentence:

"Direct industry related experience may be substituted in lieu of college education."

The Ad Hoc Job Description Committee recommendation to the Commission is to approve the job description with the original language as submitted without the additional sentence from Metro HR or with changing the emphasized "and" to "or."

Motion by Trey McClarnon to follow the recommendation of Metro HR and accept the Job Description including the sentence outlined above as recommended by Metro HR. Seconded by Meleisha Edwards. Passed unanimously.

Bylaws Committee: The chair of the Bylaws Committee was not present for the meeting of the Bylaws Committee. The committee meeting was called to order by Max Butler. There was discussion about a need for the Bylaws to address term limits for Council members and committees, composition of the Councils, and some plan outlined for succession for leadership positions. No votes were conducted, and no recommendation/resolution was reached by the Committee. Amendment of the Bylaws is complicated by the legislative cleanup and the Metro Council study of Boards and Commissions.

Motion by Trey McClarnon to amend the Bylaws Article III section "Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees" to read as follows:

"The Commission has the power to establish standing and ad hoc committees as needed to carry out the business of the Commission. The establishment of standing or ad hoc committees will e voted and approved by the Commission. Standing and ad hoc committees may be composed of Commission members and non-Commission members who will be appointed by the Commission chair. Non-commission members' service shall be subject to Commission approval. The members of a committee will elect a chair **and vice chair** from their membership." (Emphasis added)

Seconded by Peter Kurland. Passed unanimously.

10. Unfinished Business:

Budget Allocation Update & Clarification: Budget pages have been received by the Mayor's office, but there is not yet an update regarding the Budget allocation.

Update on Open Seat: Our governing ordinance has been amended by Metro Council and the 15th Commission seat will now be appointed by the Nashville Songwriters Association International.

Update on Possible Amendments to Original Legislation - The Mayor's Office proposed amendment is holding in review until the Metro Council Committee study regarding Metro Boards and Commissions is complete. All other pieces of legislation relating to individual commissions are not being considered by the Metro Council presently until the Committee's study is complete.

Data Committee: A data committee has not been formed yet, but we will discuss further in the future.

10**. New Business:**

Jeff Gordon recommends the Commission associate with ReelScout and Association of Film Commissioners International.

Nashville School of the Arts is looking for people to talk to film classes.

Committee surveys/forums discussion.

Election of Committee Vice Chairs should be added to Committee agendas.

Friends of organization fundraising discussion.

11. Next Meeting: TBD

12. Adjourn Meeting:

Chair Max Butler adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion to adjourn from Trey McClarnon. Seconded by Peter Kurland. Passed unanimously.

APPROVED, this 22nd day of October 2024.

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