



THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE
METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE & DAVIDSON COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025 | 10:30AM
FIRST HORIZON PARK ~ BRAUER LOUNGE

ATTENDEES

BOARD MEMBERS: Cathy Bender (Chair), Jad Duncan (Vice President), Aaron McGee (Treasurer/Secretary), Kim Adkins, Victoria Crawford, Tiffany Degrafinreid, Don Deering, Dan Hogan, Anna Page, Russ Pulley, Emmett Wynn

STAFF: Monica Fawknorton (President), Valda Barksdale, Brandon Little, Melissa Wells, Joshua Thomas (Metro Legal), Sam Keen (Metro Legal)

Visitors: Adolpho Birch (Titans), Kyle Clayton (Predators), David Cripe (JLL), Kellen DeCoursey, Adam English (Sounds), Lieutenant Ryan Hampton (MNPd), Ryan Harbour (Nashville Soccer Club), Keith Hegger (Preds), Heather Hill (Cumming Group), Commander Raymond Jones (MNPd), Necol Lyons (Metro OMB), Katie McMullen (Sounds), Jon Miller (Music City Head Race) Karzan Mohamed-Ali (Cumming Group), Shannon Myers (Titans), Lindsey Paola (NSC), Reggie Polk (TBA), Johnny Rocci (JLL), Doug Scopel (Sounds), Don Twinning (Cumming)

Call to Order

Chair Bender called the meeting of the Sports Authority Board of Directors to order, welcomed all to First Horizon Park and thanked the Sounds for hosting.

Public Comment Period Pursuant to TN Open Meetings Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-101 (Tab #1)

There were no sign-ups for Public Comment.

Consider Approval of September 18, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Chair Bender asked if there were questions or comments pertaining to the September 18, 2025 board meeting minutes. There being none,

Upon a motion made by Director McGee and seconded by Director Deering, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the September 18, 2025 meeting minutes.

President's Report

President Fawknorton gave an overview of today's agenda followed by an introduction of Jon Miller, head coach of Vanderbilt University's Rowing Team which co-hosted The Music City Head Race on October 11. The event is one of the Sports Authority's largest parking lot Civic Events. Mr. Miller reported that the event celebrated its ninth edition of regatta, a large rowing event held annually on the Cumberland River with the boats staged in the Sports Authority parking lot R. The regatta is comprised of middle school, high school, collegiate and adult athletes with teams from all over the country with up

to 60 teams competing. For athletes and spectators to have easy access to parking in Lot R, this convenience has been a critical element of the growth and success of the regatta.

Friends of Vanderbilt Rowing Club and the Nashville Rowing Club also co-hosted the event, enhancing the community support. Director Hogan questioned the possibility of hosting a two-day regatta to which Mr. Miller noted that if entries increase from the current 650 to over 800, a two-day event would certainly be considered. Mr. Miller also noted that he is aware of the changes taking place in and around the Sports Authority parking lots due to construction of the new stadium and the changes are on the hosts radar as they consider next year's regatta.

President Fawknorton thanked those who attended the Sports Authority's inaugural Lunch & Learn and noted that it is anticipated that three will be hosted per year.

Finance Committee Report

Dan Hogan, Finance Committee Chair reported as follows:

- A. Update on Nissan Stadium's Quarterly Requisition of Capital Fund for Capital Project Expense: Shannon Meyers, SVP & CFO, Titans, shared a summary of completed, ongoing and capital projects at the current Nissan stadium. Total project cost from September 2023 to October 1, 2025 is \$3.34 million. The Titans' quarterly October 2025 requisition for capital project expenses is \$249.7M. A total of \$2.89M has been reimbursed to date and there is a \$42M cap on reimbursements from the Sports Authority. Completed projects submitted for reimbursement include an electrical and lighting project in various parking lots, portable vehicle barriers, handicap ramps/sidewalk installation and a fire safety project.
- B. Consider a Resolution authorizing the purchase of portable security bollards for the benefit of the Sports Authority and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Sports Authority and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department concerning the use of the security bollards: The Finance Committee voted to defer the Resolution due to the lack of essential details and concrete information regarding storage/transporting and training.
- C. Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the initiation of a comprehensive condition assessment for First Horizon Park and the engagement of Cumming Management Group, Inc. to assist the Sports Authority in procuring a qualified consultant to conduct the assessment: The Cumming Group provided a quote to conduct the procurement and the recommended cost is a not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000 for which the Sports Authority has sufficient revenue sources to fund the engagement. In accordance with the Lease Agreement, the Sports Authority/Metro Government is responsible for all capital expenditures at First Horizon Park. As the ballpark ages (it opened in 2015), this will provide a vital tool for future capital planning and budgeting. The Finance Committee recommends approval.

Upon a motion made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Adkins, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the Resolution authorizing the initiation of a comprehensive condition assessment for First Horizon Park and the engagement of

Cumming Management Group, Inc. to assist the Sports Authority in procuring a qualified consultant to conduct the assessment.

First Horizon Park Host Facility Report

Doug Scopel, Assistant GM, Nashville Sounds provided an update on the urgent need to replace the aging and weather elements exposed scoreboards, which have reached the end of their expected 10-year lifespan. The scoreboards were installed around 2013-2014 and because parts are no longer being produced, this leads to maintenance challenges and the need for replacement to ensure reliable technology and operation. The three scoreboard vendor industry leaders who manufacture scoreboards for MLB & MiLB parks conducted site assessments to offer best practice suggestions and general bids. Adam English, General Manager, reported on the technical components needing replacement and the pre-engineering/designing phase (several months). To ensure readiness for the 2027 season will require construction to begin in October 2026. The goal is to maintain similar designs of the current scoreboards. Director Deering questioned whether funding for the scoreboard should be prioritized over other needs at the ballpark. President Fawknorton reported that several discussions have taken place with Metro Finance surrounding the urgency for the scoreboard replacements and a funding plan. Director McGee requested clarity relating to the specifics of part replacement vs a detachable scoreboard replacement. Mr. Scopel noted that the structure will not require replacement, however the guts (LED panels, power supplies, video cards, processors, cabling, etc) have aged out and will require replacement. Director Hogan asked for clarity on whether the Sounds plan to present scoreboard proposals, quotes and projections in November to which Mr. English confirmed, yes, that is the plan. President Fawknorton noted that while several preliminary quotes have been received, Metro requires an open and competitive bidding process. It is anticipated that the facility assessment of the ballpark will also address the scoreboard condition.

Mr. English and Ms. Katie McMullen, Community Relations Manager (who joined the Sounds January 2025), gave an overview of the Sounds 2025 season. They shared that the Sounds reported a successful 10th season with high attendance, creative promotions and various community engagements including partnerships with Vanderbilt Monroe Carroll Junior Hospital, Sertoma Clinic for deaf or hard of hearing students, Pop-Up Baseball programs, Parkwood Community Club, cleanup days with TDOT and charitable donations to local organizations. A notable event hosted by Sounds in early June was a week-long celebration of the Marine Corps' 250th birthday including a game with the Marine Corps band, color guard, silent drill team, military vehicles and a helicopter flyover, despite a rainout on the game day. The Sounds finished fourth in minor league baseball attendance, had successful theme nights and giveaways, introduced alternate team identities and won a golden bobble-head/mustache award for best non-game day event for their Delta Dental Kids Dental Day. Other notable events include 10th anniversary celebrations, Winning Wednesdays with Kroger that include 4 gameday tickets, 4 hot dogs and 4 fountain drinks for \$44.

Cumming Group Project Management Report: New Nissan Stadium

Cumming Group Vice President Heather Hill reported on the closure of all but one of the MOU items related to construction of the new Nissan Stadium including the plaza retaining wall, security related

issues, constructing of Second Street and rerouting & re-striping of Interstate Drive. Infrastructure projects and ongoing design coordination items are still underway. Ms. Hill directed the board's attention to a MOU along with a letter from Metro memorializing the resolution of several stadium construction-related issues. The Bio-retention facilities (ponds) which will capture run-off stormwater are still in the concept design phase and coordination of the utility locations. StadCo/the Titans have agreed to share the cost for the new stadium campus bio-retention facilities.

Mr. Hill further reported that there were no material changes and noted should there be any in the future, they will come before the board for approval. Schedules, budgets and flow of information are all going well, Ms. Hill concluded.

Nissan Stadium Monthly Progress Update

Kellen DeCoursey, Titans Project Executive, reported that the construction project reached 3.2M labor hours this week. He also shared an aerial flythrough video of the new Nissan Stadium construction site, highlighting that there is significant progress on roofing, exterior cladding & glazing and installation of 52 frictionless markets. Ongoing work continues on the East Bank Pump Station and Second Street roadway alignment, plus a steel topping-out celebration is scheduled for November 21st.

Adolpho Birch, Chief External & League Affairs Officer, reported that the project has achieved approximately \$140 million in payments to DBE firms with 111 firms involved. A recruitment fair for the TC2 cohort was held last week during Construction Inclusion Week. This involved networking amongst trade, community and workforce training partners. Reggie Polk, Polk & Associates Construction, Inc. reported there have been over 5,000 workers on the project with minority owned businesses at 46 firms, 44 women owned businesses, 21 small business for a total of 111 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). There have been no recordable incidents in the past seven weeks and the Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) is at .93, which is significantly below industry average. Additionally, counselors and other mental health resources are on site to ensure the wellbeing of workers.

Adjourn

Board members congratulated NSC on making the playoffs and wished them much success. Chair Bender announced the next meeting is scheduled for 10:30a.m. Thursday, November 20 at GEODIS Park with the Finance Committee meeting prior to at 9:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, Metro Nashville Sports Authority

YouTube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWJlI1SYWIk>