



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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025 | 9:30AM
FIRST HORIZON PARK ~ BRAUER LOUNGE

Attendees

Finance Committee Members: Dan Hogan (Chair), Aaron McGee (Secretary/Treasurer), Don Deering, Anna Page

Board Members: Kim Adkins, Cathy Bender, Victoria Crawford, Tiffany Degrafinreid, Russ Pulley, Emmett Wynn

Staff: Monica Fawknoson (President), Valda Barksdale, Brandon Little, Melissa Wells, Josh Thomas (Metro Legal), Sam Keen (Metro Legal)

Visitors: Kyle Clayton (Predators), Adam English (Sounds), Lieutenant Ryan Hampton (MNPd), Keith Hegger (Preds), Heather Hill (Cumming Group), Commander Raymond Jones (MNPd), Necol Lyons (Metro Budget), Karzan Mohamed-Ali (Cumming Group), Shannon Myers (Titans), Doug Scopel (Sounds)

Call to Order

Finance Committee Chair Dan Hogan called the Finance Committee meeting of the Sports Authority to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Public Comment Period Pursuant to TN Open Meetings Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §8-44-101

There were no sign-ups for public comments.

Consider Approval of September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

Upon a motion made by Director Deering and seconded by Director Page, the Finance Committee unanimously approved the September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Update on Nissan Stadium's Quarterly Requisition of Capital Fund for Capital Project Expense

Shannon Myers, SVP & Chief Financial Officer, Tennessee Titans, gave an overview of the requisition process for Capital Project Expenses as well as completed, ongoing and anticipated capital projects at the current Nissan Stadium from September 1, 2023 to October 1, 2025.

The current process for Nissan Stadium capital expenditure reimbursements involves the Titans funding the expenses upfront and then submitting quarterly reimbursement requests for capital project expenses related to safe and reliable operation of the building. These requests are reviewed by an independent third party, Capital Project Solutions (CPS) and then approved by the Sports Authority office and the treasurer.

Some of the projects included in the Nissan Stadium capital expenditures are fire safety upgrades (heat detectors, strobes, noise detectors) and other safety measures to ensure the safe and reliable operation of the building. For October, the Titans submitted its quarterly requisition for \$249.6k. Total amount spent thus far by the Titans is \$3,141,088.68. President Fawknotson noted there is a \$42M cap on reimbursements from the Sports Authority.

Consider approval of 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

President Fawknotson reminded the Finance Committee that consideration of action to purchase portable security bollards was deferred from last month's meeting to allow time to gather additional information on the number of trailer kits needed and to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPd) which will govern use of the bollards. The purpose of purchasing the portable security bollards is to enhance security measures against vehicle incursions at venues such as Bridgestone Arena and First Horizon Park and at special events where MNPd provides security. Three trailer kits are being considered to effectively transport the bollards between facilities.

Meridian Rapid Defense Group (vendor for the bollards) has developed a Vehicle Safety Mitigation Plan based on updated site maps of Bridgestone Arena and First Horizon Park. MNPd Lieutenant Ryan Hampton gave an overview of the satellite views, maps, rapid gates, emergency vehicle access, street placement of the bollards, required equipment and safety distance. In order for a site to have a certified hostile vehicle mitigation plan and solution, Meridian requires specific distance measurements. Lt. Hampton explained that the rapid gates are tethered to the bollards and can be untethered to allow emergency vehicle access. He also shared that for ADA compliance; the bollards can be tethered at a low level with a mat covering the tethers for pedestrians to cross over. When tethered at a higher level, this prevents pedestrians from crossing over the tethers and directs foot traffic to sidewalks and cross walks.

Director Hogan questioned whether the temporary concrete barriers will remain around Bridgestone Arena's Plaza. Kyle Clayton, Chief Strategy Officer, Bridgestone Arena reported that the temporary barriers will remain during construction and will be replaced with permanent bollards post construction.

President Fawknotson noted that the purchase of three trailer kits is being considered to effectively secure one facility, with the possibility of sharing them between facilities. The total cost is approximately \$360,375.95, which includes equipment, freight charges and an annual training fee of \$8,995, which will be waived upon order placement. Delivery is estimated at 60-90 days. Up to 20 people can be trained, including personnel from the police department, NDOT and venue staff to ensure certified individuals are available to oversee deployment. Certified personnel must be present during deployment to ensure the bollards are installed correctly and monitored to prevent tampering or misuse. Lt. Hampton noted that MNPd has approximately six; he's uncertain of how many NDOT has.

President Fawknorton continued noting that the Lifetime Warranty does not cover misuse nor accidental damage. When the bollards are placed within 1,000 feet of Sports Authority owned premises, they will be covered by Sports Authority insurance; Lt. Hampton confirmed that based on the site maps, the intended placements are all within the boundaries covered. Director Deering questioned whether the equipment will be covered by insurance when in storage to which President Fawknorton noted that is to be determined as the initial plan was to store them in Sports Authority owned facilities. Director Page questioned whether Metro currently has certified personnel and how scheduling and prioritization will work if multiple venues need bollards simultaneously? President Fawknorton shared that a coordinated schedule will be essential to manage deployment, with the possibility of using additional bollards from NDOT or MNPD to cover overlapping events. NDOT & MNPD in partnership currently have approximately eighteen trailer kits, noted Lt. Hampton.

Director Adkins inquired about storage challenges for the portable security bollards. President Fawknorton noted there is limited space at Bridgestone Arena and First Horizon Park to store all three trailer kits, especially during construction and event setups. Additional conversations are necessary to explore off-site storage options and coordination with MNPD and NDOT. It is anticipated that storage particulars will be covered in the MOU. Director Deering questioned whether there is a fee for annual training; President Fawknorton will research. Director Deering shared that because of the multitude of requests already placed upon NDOT, it is his understanding that their capacity for additional projects is extremely limited and NDOT should not be a targeted resource.

Chair Hogan suggested that the Finance Committee defer consideration of the resolution due to the lack of essential details and concrete information regarding storage.

Upon a motion made by Director Deering and seconded by Director Page, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to defer approval of 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.

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

President Fawknorton reminded the board that in accordance with the lease agreement with MFP Baseball, the Sports Authority is responsible for funding all capital expenditures at First Horizon Park (the Ballpark). The goal for the above stated resolution is to begin the process for obtaining a sense of the current condition of the Ballpark which opened in 2015.

The Sports Authority's aim is to initiate a venue assessment plan by engaging Cumming Management Group to assist in procuring a qualified firm that will conduct a facility condition assessment and monitor the process. Director Hogan questioned whether an estimated cost, source of funding and timeline for the First Horizon Park condition assessment is known. President Fawknorton shared that the estimated cost will be determined once solicited bids are received (Mr. Clayton shared that Bridgestone Arena's condition assessment was about \$225k). Heather Hill, Cumming Management Group shared that the

engagement with Cumming Management Group is not to exceed \$35,000 for procurement assistance, with the assessment expected to begin in Q1 of next year after a selection process in January. Cumming Management Group will assist in soliciting bids, interviewing candidates, managing the assessment process and providing oversight to ensure timely reporting.

Upon a motion made by Director Deering and seconded by Director Page, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to approve 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.

Adjourn

Chair Hogan noted that Finance Committee recommendations will go before the full board for final approval immediately following. There being no other business the committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, The Metro Sports Authority
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