



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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 | 9:30AM
GEODIS PARK ~ PREMIER CLUB

Attendees

Finance Committee Members: Dan Hogan (Chair), Don Deering, Anna Page

Board Members: Kim Adkins, Cathy Bender, Russ Pulley, Emmett Wynn

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

Visitors: Adolpho Birch (Titans), Adam English (Sounds), Heather Hill (Cumming Group), Commander Raymond Jones (MNPd), Necol Lyons (Metro Budget), Seth Pilkington (Metro Finance), 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 October 23, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Hogan asked if there were questions or comments pertaining to the October 23, 2025, meeting minutes. There being none,

Upon a motion made by Director Page and seconded by Director Deering, the Finance Committee unanimously approved the October 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Consider approval of a request from MFP Baseball, Inc. to advance a capital project related to seating at First Horizon Park

Doug Scopel, Assistant GM, Nashville Sounds reported that the Sounds are requesting advance approval of seating components for First Horizon Park. The Sounds need to order the seating components earlier than usual because the vendor, Irwin Seating, has lead times of three to four months. Waiting until January to order would likely delay installation past the start of the baseball season in late March. The request involves 480 seating components with a total cost of approximately \$31,000. This request will be included in the Sounds' January capital improvements plan and will likely be covered by Metro's 4% funding.

Upon a motion made by Director Deering and seconded by Director Page, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to approve a request from MFP Baseball, Inc. to advance a capital project related to seating at First Horizon Park

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

President Fawknorton reminded the Committee that it previously voted to defer purchase bollards and allow additional time to address storage, deployment, insurance and training concerns and to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPd).

Over the last month there have been multiple meetings and conversations between staff, Finance Committee Chair Hogan, Director Pulley, MNPd, Sports Authority's Meridian representative, First Horizon Park and Bridgestone Arena leadership. Conversations have resulted in Vehicle Safety Mitigation Plans by Meridian for First Horizon Park and Bridgestone Arena and updated quotes for the bollard trailers. Sports Authority staff, MNPd and Metro Legal have worked together to draft a MOU which will govern use of the bollards. The bollards will be prioritized for Sports Authority venues but may also be deployed by MNPd for special events around the county when not in use by Sports Authority venues.

During the spring and summer months the bollards will be housed at First Horizon Park and at Bridgestone Arena during the fall and winter months. Music City Center President/CEO Charles Starks has offered one of their lots for storage as an alternative when needed. Regarding insurance, the bollards are covered under Metro's insurance policy when deployed within 1,000 feet of a Metro owned venue perimeter. Offsite storage coverage depends on the policy of the facility where they are stored. Also, twenty people can be trained at no cost; the Sounds organization has identified four individuals, which leaves plenty of opportunity for others to be trained. At least one person on site must be trained to ensure oversight of proper deployment.

Director Hogan inquired whether use of the bollards may be needed by other Sports Authority owned facilities to which Director Pulley noted that a current need has not been identified at Nissan Stadium and GEODIS Park. Director Adkins inquired as to whether the MOU addresses potential needs at other venues in the future as the Sports Authority's footprint continues to grow to which President Fawknorton noted yes, given Sports Authority will be the owner of the bollards. Director Adkins further inquired about whether there are sufficient funds to cover the purchase and whether the MOU requires Metro Council approval to which President Fawknorton noted, yes, there is capacity in the old Arena revenue fund and yes, the MOU (not the funding) is subject to council approval. Director Deering noted that he supports the resolution, however, he expressed concerns regarding storage, potential additional costs and the possibility of unforeseen hardships for the Sports Authority. Director Pulley shared he is confident that additional cost will not be incurred for back-up storage of the bollards at Music City Center. MNPd Commander Raymond Jones said that MNPd will be available in this endeavor as needed.

Upon a motion made by Director Page and seconded by Director Deering, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to approve 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 a Resolution authorizing the engagement of Cumming Group to assist the Sports Authority in procuring a qualified firm to repair & replace the scoreboard and digital signage for First Horizon Park and to provide related project management services

President Fawcnotson shared that during last month's meeting, Sounds Executives Adam English and Doug Scopel reported on the need to replace the guitar scoreboard components, the left field board and ribbon boards at First Horizon Park. The scoreboard has experienced multiple failures and parts are no longer available to be sourced. The goal is to have the new scoreboards and parts installed by Opening Day 2027. Initial estimates have been provided by multiple companies, but there is a need to procure a scoreboard vendor as well as a project management firm to assist staff with the project. The Authority is being asked to consider a resolution approving the engagement of Cumming Group, which holds a Project Management contract with Metro, to assist the board with both procurement of a qualified vendor and management of the project. Heather Hill, Vice President, Project Management, Cumming Group directed the Committee's attention to the First Horizon Park Scoreboard/Display Timeline indicating that upon approval, a Request For Proposal (RFP) will be sent to a list of bidders with responses due mid-January 2026. The interview and selection process will take place shortly thereafter and the goal is to bring a recommendation to the board mid-February. The targeted project completion is prior to season opening in 2027.

Upon a motion made by Director Deering and seconded by Director Page, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to approve a Resolution authorizing the engagement of Cumming Group to assist the Sports Authority in procuring a qualified firm to repair & replace the scoreboard and digital signage for First Horizon Park and to provide related project management services

First Horizon Park Condition Assessment – Update

The Sports Authority/Metro Government is responsible for all Capital Expenditures at First Horizon Park and as the ballpark continues to age, a comprehensive current condition assessment will be a vital tool for future capital planning and budgeting. Ms. Hill began the report by directing the Committee's attention to the First Horizon Park Facility Assessment Procurement Timeline. She reported that an RFP was sent to bidders on November 4 who conducted a site walk at First Horizon Park on November 12. Questions were due and received yesterday and Cumming Group followed up with an addendum to the bidders earlier today; those responses are due December 5. The selection and interview process will be conducted through early January, and it is anticipated that a vendor recommendation will be made to the board at the January meeting. Upon board's approval of the vendor, contract negotiations will commence.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, The Metro Sports Authority
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