

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: February 17, 2026 9:30 a.m.

On the above-mentioned date, the February meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Expo 1 at the Fairgrounds. Commissioners in attendance included:

Vice-Chair Todd Hartley  
Commissioner Diego Eguiarte

Also in attendance:

Laura Womack, Fairgrounds Executive Director  
Satrice Allen, Fairgrounds Finance and Administrative Manager  
Scott Jones, Fair Manager  
Darrin Howard, Event Services Manager  
Ronnie Haywood, Maintenance & Operations Manager  
Lora Fox, Metro Legal  
Emily Tatum, Metro Legal  
Lindsey Paola, Nashville Soccer Club  
Bob Sargeant, Track Enterprises  
Ed Henley, Pillars Development  
Don Collins, Collier Engineering  
Dirk Melton, MarketStreet Enterprises

Vice-Chair Hartley called the meeting to order and read the legal notice. He stated that since they did not have a quorum, they would only be able to discuss items on the agenda. He added that the November minutes would be approved at the next meeting. There were no public comments.

Ms. Paola gave a brief soccer and Geodis events update. Mr. Sargeant gave a quick speedway report. Mr. Melton gave a mixed-use project update.

Mr. Collins gave an update on all the projects at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Henley gave an update on the financials of each Fairgrounds project.

Ms. Allen gave a monthly financial report and then also gave a brief report on the budget that was submitted downtown. Director Womack stated that there was nothing to report on under Personnel but added that they would be doing performance appraisals soon. Mr. Jones gave a quick fair update and added that they had been awarded an \$83,000 grant for Capital Improvements which they could vote on at the next meeting. Mr. Howard reported on event services.

Director Womack thanked staff members Bobby Burns for his 20 years of service and Misty Reynolds for her 10 years of service. She then gave a quick update about the winter ice storm and thanked the Red Cross along with many other Metro departments and also Fairgrounds staff for their help with the weather shelter. She added that the entire campus had already met twice in the past concerning emergency action plans for any type of disaster or emergency and will plan to meet at least annually.

Vice-Chair Hartley then deferred the following old business and new business items on the agenda to the next meeting since there was no quorum:

- 1) **Old Business**-Review of draft policy for Naming Rights and Sponsorships
- 2) **New Business**-
  - A. Consideration of draft agreements with Nashville Electric Service (NES) related to the solar array installation
  - B. Authorization to accept a grant from the Tennessee Association of Fairs to be used for capital purchases to support The Nashville Fair

He then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vice-Chair, Todd Hartley

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Executive Director, Laura Womack