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Nashville Farmers' Market Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes

The Farmers' Market Board of Commissioner's meeting occurred on February 17, 2026, at the Nashville Farmers' Market Conference Room.

The attendees included the following:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Darrell Lane	NFM Executive Director	William Radford	NFM Board Chair
David Griffin	NFM Finance & Admin. Manager	Scott Moskovitz	NFM Board Vice-Chair
Charles Kizer	NFM Building Main. Super.	Alex Loranez	NFM Board Member
Courtney Cotton	NFM Marketing Manager	Patricia Tarquinio	NFM Board Member
Yolanda Manning	NFM Programs Manager	Ronald Cedras	Succulent Vegan Tacos
Katie Cummings	NFM Special Programs Coordinator	Zach Bollen	Fire & Smoke, LLC.
Justin Marsh	Metro Legal	Troy Smiley	Smiley's Farm

Opening Announcement

- The opening public announcements were administered by Board Chair William Radford and the meeting started at 9:30 a.m.

Public Comments

- Ronald Cedras with Succulent Vegan Tacos made a public comment about the market's involvement with Second Harvest Food Bank's response to the winter storm that occurred in January. Mr. Cedras did not feel the market was the correct location to host the event since free food was distributed by Food Truck's as part of the event on the property where other businesses were selling items.
- Zach Bollen with Fire & Smoke, LLC also agreed with Succulent Vegan Tacos about the partnership with Second Harvest to host the free food event after the storm. Mr. Bollen also expressed his interest that the market house businesses should have been given the opportunity to participate in the event.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A motion to approve the November 2025 and January 2026 meeting minutes was made by Board Member Scott Moskowitz and seconded by Alex Lorenez. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Farm Shed 2026 Rental Rates

- A motion to approve the 2026 Farm Shed Rental Rates as presented was made by Board Member Scott Moskowitz and seconded by Patrica Tarquinio. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Board of Commissioner's Officer Elections

- Due to 3 Commissioner's terms expiring in May of 2026, the board decided to defer the elections until after new Commissioner's are established. In the interim, the board will choose a member to chair each meeting until such time as an election is held.

Former Tenant Account Status

- A discussion occurred between Executive Director Darrell Lane, Metro Legal Council Justin March, and the NFM board to determine a course of action. The board recommended that NFM management work with Metro Legal and present the options in the March meeting of how to move forward with the outstanding balance of A & M Marketplace.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Darrell Lane discussed the following:
 - Lease and License agreement renewals
 - Partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank
 - Far Better Distillery build out
 - Program handbook updates
 - New temporary floor space rental rates
 - Preparation for 2026 peak season

Market Staff presented updates to the board of the following items:

- Building Maintenance Superintendent Charles Kizer
 - Safety
 - Market House plumbing
 - Overall facilities updates
- Kitchens Program
 - Kitchen's metric snapshot
 - Position transition
- Farm Sheds
 - 2026 vending season updates
 - Plant troughs sponsorship program
 - Handbook changes
- Marketing
 - 2026 NFM event schedule
 - Music at the Market series updates
- Finance & Administration Manager David Griffin discussed the following with the board:
 - FY26 financial results as of January 31, 2026
 - FY27 budget and timeline for implementation
 - Winter Storm rent credits

- Overview of the last 30 days

Final Comments and Adjournment

- A motion of adjournment was made by Board Member Scott Moskovitz and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.