



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS | MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 | 10:30AM | NISSAN STADIUM ~ PRESS BOX

ATTENDEES

BOARD MEMBERS: Cathy Bender (Chair), Jad Duncan (Vice-Chair), Aaron McGee (Treasurer/Secretary), Kim Adkins, Victoria Crawford, Don Deering, Tiffany Degrafinreid, Dan Hogan, Monchiere' Holmes-Jones, Anna Page

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

Visitors: Adolpho Birch, Kyle Clayton (Preds), Bradley Crafton (Metro Finance), Carol Crawley (BRG/Cumming), Tom Cross (Metro Legal), Molly Davis (Tennessean), Adam English (Sounds), David Gripe (JLL), John Gromos (TBA), Kate Guerra (Titans), Chad Hall (Take One), Ryan Harbour (Nashville Soccer Club), Keith Hegger (Preds), Abby Helper (Preds), Quinton Herring (Stratoscope), Heather Hill (Cumming Group), Saleeta Holloway (Community), Portia Jordan (Community), Jason Kress (Take One), Jeremy Lee, Necol Lyons (Metro Finance), Greg McClarin (Metro Finance), Karzan Mohamad-Ali (Cumming Group), James Morrison (Mortenson), Shannon Myers (Titans), Jeff Oldham (Bass, Berry & Sims), Lindsey Paola (NSC), Jennifer Pedginski (Metro Finance), Jenneen Reed (Metro Finance), Andrew Rice (UberDisplays), Robert Sampson (RSampson Consulting), Doug Scopel (Sounds), Karen Shaw (Community), Don Twining (Cumming), Dan Werly (Titans), Bill Wickett (Preds), Ben York (EBDA)

Call to Order

Chair Bender called the meeting of the Sports Authority Board of Directors to order, welcomed all to Nissan Stadium and thanked the Titans 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 January 15, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Chair Bender asked if there were questions or comments pertaining to the January 15, 2026, board meeting minutes. There being none,

Upon a motion made by Director Deering and seconded by Director Degrafinreid, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the January 15, 2026 meeting minutes

President's Report

President Fawknorton gave an overview of the agenda. She shared that the Meridian Barriers have been ordered and delivered to First Horizon Park (FHP). Staff is working with Metro ITS to develop a tracking and booking solution. President Fawknorton additionally shared that Venue Solutions Group (VSG) was at First Horizon Park completing the venue condition assessment. The Authority should receive a draft report by the end of April. Finally, Fawknorton reported that Athletes Unlimited Women's Pro Basketball returned to Nashville Municipal Auditorium for its 2nd stint in Nashville; competition runs February 22 through March 1.

Finance Committee Report

Chair Bender recognized Finance Chair Dan Hogan to give his committee report. Chair Hogan reported on the following agenda items:

- A. Consider Approval of a Resolution of the Sports Authority of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Requesting a Change Order to The Scope of Work Related to The East Bank Stadium Project and Providing for a Portion of The Funding Therefor - Chair Hogan reported that committee heard from Finance Director Jenneen Reed. Metro has requested that the Sports Authority initiate a change order to the Stadium Development Agreement for the construction of a "[Greenway] Connector," - a permanent ramp to be constructed off the Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge. The purpose of the Connector is to maintain pedestrian & bicycle access to Nissan Stadium and the greenway during major alterations to the east side of the pedestrian bridge. Finance Director Reed reiterated the Connector is a separate project from the bridge itself. Dan Werly, SVP/COO, Titans reported that over 50% of Nissan Stadium visitors use the bridge and the Connector will allow continued access to the stadium during reconstruction.

The connector project will be funded from the Eligible Project Fund, which includes the return on invested bond proceeds as well as development area sales tax. Since Eligible Project Fund with interim funding from the capital fund. Mr. Werly noted that the Titans are comfortable with the amount of money that will remain in the capital fund to cover capital needs for maintaining safety in the current stadium. The Stadium Capital Funds currently at \$33m and continues to grow. It is estimated that the Connector will cost approximately \$25m.

Design and construction of the Connector will be led by the Titans. Once built, it will be owned by Metro, and the city will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Upon a motion made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Deering, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the Resolution

- B. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the use of Sports Authority funds for the repair and replacement of scoreboard components and digital signage at First Horizon Park and naming UberDisplays as the intended vendor for the project – Chair Hogan reported that Cumming Group's RFP, on behalf of the Authority, for the replacement of the First Horizon Park scoreboard replacement and digital signage led to four proposals. An

evaluation panel was convened and local vendor, UberDisplays emerged as the lowest bidder at \$2.1m. Staff seeks funding in an amount not to exceed \$2.6M to cover the entire scoreboard project which includes replacement of netting and updates to the control room.

Upon a motion made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Deering, the Board of Directors voted to approve a resolution authorizing the use of Sports Authority funds for the repair and replacement of scoreboard components and digital signage at First Horizon Park and naming UberDisplays as the intended vendor for the project. Vice-Chair Duncan disclosed a conflict and abstained.

- C. Consider Approval of a resolution adopting the Sports Authority operating fund budget for FY26-27 –Chair Hogan reported that President Fawknorton presented the proposed FY27 Operating Budget. The proposed budget is a status quo budget from FY26. The FY27 proposed budget is \$3.9M, of which 85.7% goes toward venue insurance premiums. Salary updates (Merit + Cost of Living Adjustment) recommended in the FY27 Mayor’s Budget for positions funded by the General Fund will be funded by the Finance Department. Salary updates funded by the Arena Accounts will be funded by the Sports Authority.

Upon a motion made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director Degrafinreid, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve a resolution adopting the Sports Authority operating fund budget for FY26-27

Nissan Stadium Monthly Progress Update

Kellen DeCoursey, Titans Project Executive, began by sharing that Winter Storm Fern caused a one-week delay as work stopped on the project. The East Bank pump station, he continued, is starting to become vertical with concrete columns in place and piping work underway, and remains on track for end-of-year completion. The building enclosure is progressing with roofing membrane installation and the ETS (Enclos Tensile Structures) roof cable net system is being installed. The cables weigh about 40 lbs. per foot, and the project is mostly underground work with gravel bedding visible and the first phase is expected to be complete by October of this year. Nissan Stadium is the third building (including Allegiant Stadium) to incorporate an ETS suspended cable system.

Adolpho Birch, Chief External & League Affairs Officer, reported that over \$183M has been paid to DBE firms averaging about 18.4% of total payments. He also reported that the ninth cohort of the Titans Construction Training Camp Program (TC2) kicked off with orientation and classes officially began on January 12th at the onsite Workforce Development Center. The cohort includes 16 students from across middle Tennessee including 1 Woman and 15 Men. Fourteen of them are employed on the construction site.

John Gromos, Principal in Charge, Tennessee Business Alliance reported that 6,749 workers have been engaged on the project accounting for over 4.5M hours. The project is now averaging over 2,000 workers per day. There were zero new recordable safety incidents. The current TRIR (Total Recordable Incident Rate) is 0.67; the goal is 0.5 which is best in class. National industry rate average is 1.6-1.7 and in Tennessee it is 1.9. Mr. Gromos also reported that sustainability efforts remain on track to achieve LEED Gold certification. The project is positioned to achieve a projected total of 64–66 points, exceeding the 60-point threshold required for Gold certification.

Facility Questions

There were no questions presented.

Recognition of Departing Board Members

Chair Bender and Director Deering both expressed appreciation and privilege of serving on the board. They thanked staff and partners for their commitment in helping Nashville evolve and become a sports city. Chair Bender noted that she has served since 1996, having been initially appointed by Mayor Bredesen. Director Deering shared that he was appointed by Mayor Cooper in 2020.

President Fawknottson recognized them both for their dedication to the Sports Authority.

Adjourn

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 26 (to allow for Spring Break activities), at Nissan Stadium with the Finance Committee meeting prior to at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, Metro Nashville Sports Authority

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