Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: March 10, 2026   9:00 a.m.

On the above-mentioned date, the March meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Expo 1 at the Fairgrounds.
Commissioners in attendance included:
Chair Jasper Hendricks
Vice-Chair Todd Hartley
Commissioner Anthony Owens

Also in attendance:
Laura Womack, Fairgrounds Executive Director
Satrice Allen, Fairgrounds Finance and Administrative Manager
Ryan Jensen, Event Services Director
Emily Tatum, Metro Legal
Ryan Harbour, Nashville Soccer Club
Anthony Tate, Track Enterprises
Ed Henley, Pillars Development
John Cheney, Collier Engineering
Kendra Abkowitz, Mayor's Office

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order and read the legal notice. He moved the approval of the minutes until later in the meeting. There were no public comments.

Mr. Harbour gave a brief soccer update. Mr. Tate gave a quick speedway report.

Mr. Cheney gave an update on all the projects at the Fairgrounds. Director Womack gave a quick update on the way-finding signs. And Mr. Henley gave an update on the financials of each Fairgrounds project.

Ms. Allen gave a monthly financial report. Director Womack stated that there was nothing new to report under Personnel. Mr. Jensen reported on event services. Director Womack went over several things in the operations report and her director's report.

Chair Hendricks then moved to the approval of the November and February minutes. Vice-Chairman Hartley stated, *"So moved."* Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and both sets of minutes were passed.

Chair Hendricks asked for a motion to approve the draft policy for Naming Rights and Sponsorships under Old Business. Vice-Chair Hartley stated, *"So moved,"* and Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. Director Womack asked if they wanted to put a cap on the number of years of sponsorship or leave it flexible and take it as each contract was presented. Director Womack also stated that she would like to add a consideration that staff be allowed to come to the board with a no bid proposal (not a competitive solicitation), and to work with Metro Legal to craft that term. Vice-Chair Hartley then revised the motion stating, *"I would like to amend my motion and would like to move to adopt this policy with the 2 changes first to include and incorporate a no bid solicitation mechanism within the contract and that Director Womack will work out with Metro Legal as to the specific language, but we will agree to the general point. And second, to strike the second sentence of section 9.2 which reads no agreement shall be for a term longer than hash years"*. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Chair Hendricks then moved to the consideration of draft agreements with Nashville Electric Service (NES) related to the solar array installation. Ms. Abkowitz went over the context and terms of the agreement. Director Womack added that this would go to the Metro Council. Chair Hendricks asked for a motion to authorize the Executive

Director to complete work on this project and give her the authority to sign the agreement once finalized through Metro Legal by the proper channels. Vice-Chair Hartley stated he would make that motion. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Chair Hendricks then moved to the Authorization to accept a grant from the Tennessee Association of Fairs to be used for capital purchases to support The Nashville Fair item on the agenda. Chair Hendricks asked for a motion. Vice-Chair Hartley stated, *"So moved to accept this next item."* Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Chair Hendricks asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Owens stated, *"So moved."* Vice-Chair Hartley seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Jasper Hendricks Executive Director, Laura Womack