



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 | 10:30AM | BRIDGESTONE ARENA ~ MUSIC CITY MEETING ROOM

ATTENDEES

BOARD MEMBERS: Jad Duncan (Vice-Chair), Aaron McGee (Treasurer/Secretary), Victoria Crawford, Tiffany Degrafinreid, Jon Glassmeyer, Dan Hogan, Monchiere' Holmes-Jones, Ann Page, Kendell Poole, Russ Pulley, Adam Sansiveri, Victor Wynn

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

VISITORS: Adolpho Birch, Justin Bradford (Special Olympics TN), Danny Butler (Preds), Kyle Clayton (Preds), Bradley Crafton (Metro Finance), Debbie Crosby (MNPS), Haley Davidson (Titans), Kellen DeCoursey (Titans), Adam English (Sounds), David Gripe (JLL), John Gromos (TBA), Kate Guerra (Titans), Ryan Harbour (Nashville Soccer Club), Keith Hegger (Preds), Abby Helper (Preds), Sean Henry (Preds), Heather Hill (Cumming Group), Julia Masters (NBj), Kevin McGrath (CAA ICON), Carly Mesch (Special Olympics TN), Karzan Mohamad-Ali (Cumming Group), Jacob Murphy (Cumming Group), Shannon Myers (Titans), Lindsey Paola (NSC), Reggie Polk, Founder/CEO, Polk & Associates, Robert Sampson (Rsampson Consulting), Doug Scopel (Sounds), Max Shafer (Preds), Don Twining (Cumming), Eric Wooden (Preds), Mike Wooley (Venue Solutions Group)

Call to Order

Vice Chair Duncan called the meeting of the Sports Authority Board of Directors to order, welcomed all to Bridgestone Arena and thanked the Preds for hosting.

Public Comment Period Pursuant to TN Open Meetings Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-101

There were no sign-ups for Public Comment.

Consider Approval of March 26, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Duncan asked if there were questions or comments pertaining to the March 26 board meeting minutes. There being none,

Upon a motion made by Director Glassmeyer and seconded by Director Holmes-Jones, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes.

President's Report

President Fawknottson congratulated NSC on advancing to the semi-final round of the CONCACAF Champions Cup by defeating Club America. She also announced that starting in 2027 Nashville will have an UPSHOT home team, a new women's professional basketball league. Former WNBA president and player Donna Orender is the league's commissioner; former Metro Council Member Nancy VanReece is its president and Taj McWilliams-Franklin will serve as VP of Basketball Operations. For over six years key Nashville leadership and community support under the direction of Margaret Behm (former Sports Authority board member) have been instrumental in the fruition of bringing a women's basketball to the city. Former Board Chair Cathy Bender is

one of the owners and Mojo Impact Collective, founded by Director Monchiere Holmes-Jones, provided essential leadership in bringing the league to Nashville.

President Fawknorton noted that officer elections are typically held at the July annual meeting, however due to recent appointments of new directors and challenges of meeting a quorum in the middle of the summer, elections will take place today. The Executive Committee will convene to consider best practical dates for the annual meeting moving forward. President Fawknorton shared Russ Pulley has been reappointed to the board and that an orientation will be held on Monday for all new board members.

Fawknorton continued, reporting that the Meridian Crowd Control Security Barriers have been deployed by First Horizon Park and are being stored outdoors at Geodis Park in a secure 24 hour accessible and monitored lot. They were originally scheduled to be stored at First Horizon Park, but the Sounds had a change in plans and no longer has capacity to store them every week. the Barriers will be stored at GEODIS Park long term.

Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Hogan reported as follows:

- A. Consider approval of a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds related to continuing obligations to maintain and comply with Storm Water Control Measures at First Horizon Park – The Committee considered a request to approve funds for the maintenance of the storm water areas at First Horizon Park given that the Authority is responsible for these areas through an MOU with Metro Water Services. The request is for the bioretention basin which requires regular maintenance throughout the growing season. Three quotes were received, with the lowest at \$11,400 from the Cumberland River Compact who have provided the service in the past. This will be a three-year contract and will be charged to the Authority Arena Revenue Fund. Staff recommends approval.

Upon a motion made by Director Pulley and seconded by Director Page, the Board of Directors unanimously approved a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds related to continuing obligations to maintain and comply with Storm Water Control Measures at First Horizon Park

- B. Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the President to negotiate and enter into contracts with wholesale vendors for the salvage and sale of seats as part of the demolition of the existing Nissan Stadium – The Committee also considered a resolution authorizing the Authority's President, with guidance from Legal, to negotiate and enter into contracts with vendors for the salvage and sale of seats as part of the demolition of the existing Nissan Stadium. Discussions have been ongoing with the Titans and Metro EBID regarding the salvage, removal and demolition of Authority owned items. The Titans have been approached by wholesale seating vendors interested in purchasing seats, including a proposal to buy 5,000-15,000 seats. There will only be weeks to remove salvageable items once the season ends and before demolition begins, so the timeline will be tight. Staff recommends approval.

Upon a motion made by Director Hogan and seconded by Director McGee, the Board of Directors unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing the President to negotiate and enter into contracts with wholesale vendors for the salvage and sale of seats as part of the demolition of the existing Nissan Stadium

First Horizon Park Scoreboard & Digital Signage Assessment - Mike Wooley, Venue Solutions Group, provided the Committee and Board with an update on the scoreboard and control room assessment. Mr. Wooley reported that First Horizon Park's video and scoreboard technology, originally installed in 2015, is beyond its 10-year lifespan. While the Sounds team were congratulated on doing an excellent good job of maintaining the equipment beyond its life expectancy, the overall condition of the technology system is in need of replacement and/or installation of LED displays, cabling systems, video technology production system, cameras, rack room cooling system, control room upgrades, and supporting systems, with a 20-year capital plan forthcoming. The final report will also include cost estimates.

Nissan Stadium/Titans Monthly Progress Update

Kellen DeCoursey, Titans Project Executive, reported that the Nissan Stadium construction project is making significant progress, including the start of lifting the ETF roof system cables, near completion of exterior façade, final installation of glazing, installation of advanced AV systems, large LED video boards and bowl speakers. The full LED system is about 70k square feet and will be one of the largest in the NFL. The stadium will feature a data analytics room and improved game day staff facilities including an organized productive flow of spaces for all vendors. A cooling tower system that will provide 9,000 tons of cooling air has been installed. Plus, a soldier pile retaining wall is being constructed to create a boundary that will divide the stadium parcel and the future Fallon development. The tensioning of the cables will take place over a couple of weeks.

Adolpho Birch, Chief External & League Affairs Officer reported that workforce participation has surpassed \$213 million in payments to DBE firms, with increasing numbers of firms involved. The Titans Construction Training Camp (TC2) celebrated its 10th cohort graduation seeing over 100 participants graduate. One highlight is the impactful story of Lacy, a graduate who overcame personal challenges because of TC2 via a Thistle Farm re-entry program.

Reggie Polk, Founder/CEO, Polk & Associates reported that the project is averaging around 2,000 workers per day with over 5.3 million labor hours. There were two new recordable safety incidents; nothing serious, both workers are back on the job site. The current TRIR (Total Recordable Incident Rate) is 0.68; 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. Sustainability efforts remain on track to achieve LEED Gold certification. The current Actual Diversion Rate is 91.15% (Good = 20%, Better = 30% and Best = 50%).

Bridgestone Arena/Predators Host Report

Max Shafer, Booking Director, announced that the Arena celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, David Kells, Predators Chief Venues Officer has been nominated for Venue Executive of The Year and the Arena has been nominated for Arena of The Year by Pollstar Magazine. The Arena has welcomed over 50 million fans since opening in 1996 and this year hosted its 23rd SEC tournament.

Amy Bratten, Social Impact & Growth Director, reported on the GUIDER program (Growth, Understanding, Inclusion, Diversity, Equality & Representation); Smashville's mechanism for curating community inclusion. Some of the GUIDER's series include Hispanic & Black Music Heritage Nights, Pride Night, Women of Smashville Night, Jewish Community Night and HBCU Night. In partnership with Metro Sports Authority and Metro Nashville Public Schools, the Industry Playbook Initiative was launched as an exposureship program to

introduce Nashville high schoolers to careers sports facilities. Information about these and other programs including the Nashville Predators Foundation can be found on the website at nhl.com/predators/community/. Rebecca King, Vice President of Community Relations and Executive Director of the National Predators Foundation shared that the Predators hosted eight major fundraisers benefiting over 190 organizations who will receive grants of over \$100k each. Grantees include: Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital, KABOOM!, YWCA, Smashville Schoolhouse MNPS teachers and college scholarships to high school students. Ms. King also reported on the various player programs that raise money for the community and local schools and/or youth centers.

Kyle Clayton, Chief Strategy Officer, provided an update on the \$1 billion renovations of the Arena schedule to begin later this month with all financing to be covered by the Preds. The project includes adding over 200,000 square feet of restaurant and club space, retail, hotel tower, improved seating, and a rooftop bar. The renovations are aimed at enhancing the fan experience with major interior upgrades, expanded concourses and a new Broadway-facing facade, with primary work finishing by 2030. The goal is for the plaza to remain open during the renovation process. The initial "Enabling Phase" will include vertical/elevator circulation throughout and replacement of the ice plant control system with completion anticipated for fall 2027. An update on the transformation plans will be presented to the board later this summer. Eric Wooden was introduced as the new Senior Vice President of the Arena transformation project.

Sean Henry, CEO expressed disappointment that the team did not advance to the playoffs, however applauded the Preds who have experienced 10 years of playoff appearances. With young and new players added to the roster, he is confident that meaningful games with chances to cheer will be played at Bridgestone Arena next year.

Officer Elections, Monica Fawknorton

The board's attention was directed to a memo from Metro Legal regarding procedures for board elections. The board conducted officer elections via floor nominations, resulting in the following appointments:

- There was one nomination for Chairperson. Director Pulley nominated Dan Hogan. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to elect Dan Hogan to serve as Chair of the Metro Sport Authority.
- There was one nomination for Vice Chair. Director Page nominated Jad Duncan. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to elect Jad Duncan to serve as Vice Chair of the Metro Sport Authority.
- There was one nomination for Secretary/Treasurer. Vice Chair Duncan nominated Aaron McGee. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to elect Aaron McGee to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Metro Sport Authority.

Adjourn

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 21 at Ford Ice Center – Bellevue. The board was encouraged to attend the Mayor's State of Metro Address at 10:00am on Wednesday, April 29 at Nissan Stadium.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, Metro Nashville Sports Authority
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