



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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 9:30AM FORD ICE CENTER BELLEVUE DRAFT PICKS

Attendees

Finance Committee Members: Russ Pulley (Chair), Aaron McGee (Treasurer), Jon Glassmeyer, Anna Page, Victor Wynn

Board Members: Dan Hogan (Board Chair), Kendell Poole

Staff: Monica Fawknorton (President), Valda Barksdale, Brandon Little, Melissa Wells, Josh Thomas (Metro Legal)

Visitors: Adolpho Birch, Jennifer Boniecki (Preds), Danny Butler (Preds), Bradley Crafton (Metro Finance), Carol Crawley (BRG/Cumming), Haley Davidson (Titans), Kellen DeCoursey (Titans), Adam English (Sounds), Michael Gallagher (TBA), Luke Goodman, Ryan Hampton (MNPd), Ryan Harbour (Nashville Soccer Club), Keith Hegger (Preds), Heather Hill (Cumming Group), David Kells (Preds), Greg McClarin (Metro Finance), Jacob Murphy (Cumming Group), Lindsey Paola (NSC), J Rocco (JLL), Robert Sampson (Rsampson Consulting), Doug Scopel (Sounds), Lauren Shields (Spelman Student), David Urso (Preds), Bill Wickett (Preds), Dan Williams (Preds)

Call to Order

Finance Committee Chair Russ Pulley called the Finance Committee meeting of the Sports Authority to order and welcomed all in attendance.

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

There were no sign-ups for public comments.

Consider approval of April 16, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Pulley asked if there were questions or comments pertaining to the April 16, 2026, meeting minutes. There being none,

Upon a motion made by Director McGee and seconded by Director Page, the Finance Committee unanimously approved the April 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Consider a Resolution authorizing an increase in funding for Cumming Management Group, Inc to pay for the completed comprehensive condition assessment of First Horizon Park

President Fawknorton reported that in October 2025, the Sports Authority approved a resolution authorizing funding in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the engagement of Cumming Management Group, Inc. to solicit a qualified firm to provide a comprehensive assessment of the current condition of First Horizon Park. Subsequently, Cumming Group issued a Request for Proposal (RFP), and one qualified firm, Brentwood-based Venue Solutions Group (VSG), responded. VSG is known nationally and is an industry standard for facility condition assessments. VSG's prior work for the Sports Authority includes a comprehensive assessment of both Nissan Stadium and Bridgestone Arena in 2016. Also, in 2022-2023, VSG provided an assessment (limited scope) of Nissan Stadium for Metro during the vetting of the stadium deal by the East Bank Committee of the Metro Council.

On February 16, 2026 VSG conducted an on-site visit at First Horizon Park and followed up with a draft report which is currently under review by Cumming Group, Sports Authority staff and the Nashville Sounds. Once all

comments and edits have been addressed, the report will be presented to the Sports Authority Board. VSG is performing this work as a Cumming Group subcontractor and the resolution will increase the authorized funding amount from \$35,000 to \$145,000 to cover VSG's assessment in addition to the Cumming Group fees.

Upon a motion made by Director Page & seconded by Director McGee, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Resolution authorizing an increase in funding for Cumming Management Group, Inc to pay for the completed comprehensive condition assessment of First Horizon Park

Consider a Resolution approving a contract with Uber Displays, LLC, for the repair and replacement of scoreboard and digital signage at First Horizon Park

President Fawknorton and Heather Hill (Cumming Group) reported that in November 2025, the Sports Authority approved a resolution authorizing funding in an amount not to exceed \$75,500 to engage Cumming Management Group, Inc. to provide professional consulting and project management services related to the solicitation and oversight of a qualified company to lead the repair/replacement of the scoreboard and digital signage at First Horizon Park. The resolution additionally approves the funding of the scoreboard project from a Sports Authority fund. Subsequently, Cumming Group issued a Request for Proposal (RFP), and four qualified companies responded. An evaluation panel comprised of the Sounds, Cumming Group, Monica Fawknorton and Don Deering (former board liaison to First Horizon Park) reviewed the proposals and selected UberDisplays, a local company which was also the lowest bidder. On February 19, 2026, the Sports Authority approved Cumming Group's recommendation to notice an Intent to Award a contract to UberDisplays.

Following months of successful negotiations led by Cumming Group with input from Metro Legal, staff recommends approval of the contract. The maximum value of the contract is \$2.6 million (including \$70k in contingency funds) and, in addition to the scoreboard and digital signs, includes desperately needed updates to the control room.

Director McGee inquired about the level of confidence surrounding the warranty as it relates to Major League Baseball (MLB) standards to which Ms. Hill noted that the warranty meets expectations. The MLB standards will be released no later than 2030.

Upon a motion made by Director Page and seconded by Director McGee, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Resolution approving the proposed contract with Uber Displays, LLC, for the repair and replacement of scoreboard and digital signage at First Horizon Park

Consider a Resolution amending the agreement between the Sports Authority and Cumming Management Group to expand scope and increase the contract value for construction representative services for the new, enclosed NFL stadium

President Fawknorton reported that in June 2024, after issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP), the Sports Authority entered into a contract with Cumming Group Management, Inc. to serve as the Authority's Representative for construction of the new Nissan Stadium. A maximum contract value of \$4.2 million was set for a scope of work that includes: quality control, budget & schedule review, financial oversight for the Authority, and review and consultation with Metro Planning for certain exterior and infrastructure related items.

Fawknorton reminded the committee that during the February 19, 2026 Sports Authority meeting, the Authority approved a resolution requesting a change order to the Stadium Development Agreement for the construction of a "Connector" off the Siegenthaler Pedestrian Bridge. Staff recommends the board approve an amendment to Cumming Group's contract, expanding the scope to include financial oversight related to the Connector as well

additional funds for DBE oversight and financial accounting related to stadium construction. Stadium construction increase is \$480,095 and the bridge connector is \$168,000, bringing the total contract from \$4.2 million to \$4,848,095 million, an increase of \$648,095.

Director McGee questioned whether Pillars involvement on the project was related to DBE monitoring to which Ms. Hill reported they are an accounting subcontractor for Cumming Group. The additional funds requested today for DBE monitoring will only cover those projects associated with the Titans project. The DBE monitoring will help to ensure documentation and billing are accurate. Director McGee commented that Cumming Group's scope of work has expanded to which Ms. Hill commented that the Nashville team is comprised of 60 members while internationally there are over 3,000 team members. Cumming Group has the capacity and resources to dedicate team members to manage the multiple contracts.

Upon a motion made by Director McGee and seconded by Director Page, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval a Resolution amending the agreement between the Sports Authority and Cumming Management Group to expand scope and increase the contract value for construction representative services for the new, enclosed NFL stadium

Metro FY27 Budget Update

President Fawknorton reported that the Mayor's FY27 Budget recommends a 1.7% across the board increase to employee base pay plus an additional potential 2% merit increase. This will provide employees with a 3.7% total increase, based on acceptable performance. Additionally, the Mayor recommends a 1.5% across the board reduction for all Metro departments. Director McGee inquired whether the budget reduction will impact bonds issued and staff salaries to which President Fawknorton noted no. Salary increases approved by Metro Council will be funded by the Finance Department. Director McGee also inquired about the timeline for staff evaluations to which President Fawknorton noted staff evaluations will be completed within the upcoming weeks and merit increases will be presented for recommendation to the Personnel Committee.

The Mayor's proposed FY27 budget will have its first reading by the Metro Council on Tuesday. Council hopes to pass a final budget on June 16, two days before the Sports Authority meeting.

The Personnel Committee will meet on June 8 for the President's annual review.

Adjourn

Chair Pulley noted that the Finance Committee recommendations will go before the full board for final approval immediately following today's meeting. There being no other business the committee adjourned. Director McGee congratulated and welcomed Chair Pulley on serving and chairing his Finance Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, The Metro Sports Authority
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