Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: July 14th, 2026 9:00 a.m.

On the above-mentioned date, the July meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Expo 2 at the Fairgrounds.
Commissioners in attendance included:
Chair Jasper Hendricks
Vice-Chair Todd Hartley
Commissioner Anthony Owens
Commissioner Brittany Tabor

Also in attendance:
Laura Womack, Fairgrounds Executive Director
Satrice Allen, Fairgrounds Finance and Administrative Manager
Darrin Howard, Fairgrounds Event Services Manager
Ronnie Haywood, Fairgrounds Maintenance & Operations Manager
Scott Jones, Fairgrounds Fair Manager
Emily Tatum, Metro Legal
Lindsey Paola, Nashville Soccer Club
Bob Sargent, Track Enterprises
John Cheney, Collier Engineering
Ed Henley, Pillars Development

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order and read the legal notice. He then asked for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Hartley stated*, "So moved".* Commissioner Tabor seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved. There were no public comments.

Ms. Paola gave a quick soccer update. Mr. Sargent gave a brief speedway update.

Mr. Henley went over the financials of each project. Mr. Cheney went over all the current projects at the Fairgrounds.

Ms. Allen gave a brief financial report. There was no personnel report. Mr. Howard gave a quick update about the flea market and the new intern starting. Mr. Jones gave a fair update. Mr. Haywood gave a maintenance and operations report. And Director Womack gave her director's report which included an update on the fire last month at the speedway and the Youth in Government initiative that was presented to the Fairgrounds.

Chair Hendricks then moved to New Business and the consideration of a merit increase for the Executive Director item on the agenda. He stated that he and the director did meet, and he recommended that the board approve the 2% merit increase based on the budget recommendations. Vice-Chair Hartley stated that he would make that motion. Commissioner Tabor seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Consideration of BRIC Grant for back-up generator item on the agenda.

Director Womack briefly went over the BRIC Grant information and asked the board for a motion in support of the grant application. Chair Hendricks stated, *"I move that we authorize the executive director to apply for the emergency grant to purchase the generators for the Fairgrounds property ".* Vice-Chair Hartley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair, Jasper Hendricks

Executive Director, Laura Womack