



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 10:30AM FIRST HORIZON PARK - UBER DISPLAYS LOUNGE

Attendees

Board Members: Jad Duncan (Vice Chair), Aaron McGee (Treasurer/Secretary), Kim Adkins, Victoria Crawford, Tiffany Degrafinreid, Jon Glassmeyer, Monchiere' Holmes-Jones, Kendell Poole, Russ Pulley, Adam Sansiveri, Victor Wynn

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

Visitors: Terry Baumgardt (TBA), Adolpho Birch (Titans), Danny Brown (eBid), Danny Butler (Preds), Kendal Cheesman (UPSHOT Nashville), Kyle Clayton (Preds), Carol Crawley (BRG/Cumming), Ben DeBoer (Mortenson), Amber Emberton (eBid), Ryan Harbour (NSC), Peter Heidenreich (H.S.), Abby Helper (Preds), Heather Hill (Cumming Group), David Kells (Preds), Necol Lyons (Metro Finance), Katie McMullen (Sounds), Karzan Mohamad-Ali (Cumming), James Morrison (Mortenson), Shannon Myers (Titans), Doug Scopel (Sounds), Lindsey Paola (NSC), Robert Sampson (Rsampson Consulting), Max Shafer (NSC), Don Twining (Cumming Group), Nancy VanReece (Nashville UPSHOT)

Call to Order

Vice Chair Jad Duncan called the meeting of the Sports Authority to order and thanked the Sounds for hosting.

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 June 18, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Duncan asked if there were questions or comments pertaining to the June 18, 2026, meeting minutes. There being none,

Upon a motion made by Director McGee and seconded by Director Glassmeyer, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the June 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

Spotlight Series: UPSHOT Nashville

As part of the Sports Authority Spotlight Series that started in 2022 in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, Director Pulley interviewed Nancy VanReece, President & CEO, Nashville UPSHOT, LLC. The series recognizes Nashvillians and Tennesseans who have advanced and supported girls and women in sports. Ms. VanReece shared a video promoting the growth of women's sports in Nashville and highlighting its next chapter- UPSHOT Nashville, the latest addition to the Upshot League, a new women's professional basketball team that began its inaugural summer this year. "Nashville's New Home Team" will be the sixth team in the UPSHOT, LLC league and a new civic asset for the city. Currently there are four teams: Jacksonville, Charlotte, Savannah and Greensboro (all league owned); Baltimore will also join the league in 2027 and a seventh team will be announced soon. Both Nashville and Baltimore are franchise teams.

Director Pulley noted that he and Ms. VanReece served together on the Metro Council and learned that they both share a love for women's sports. Ms. VanReece shared that the arrival of UPSHOT Nashville will not impact Nashville's active bid for a WNBA team due to WNBA league requirements which may delay the bid until 2033. However, should Nashville successfully embrace UPSHOT it may enhance the chances of the WNBA expanding here. Further, UPSHOT is not a direct developmental league for the WNBA, but rather an

opportunity league for women that want to play in the WNBA and for those who want to play in the US versus overseas.

UPSHOT will play at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym and is fully supported by Candace Storey Lee, Vandy's Director of Athletics. All are invited to attend the launch on Tuesday September 15 at 6:00pm at Memorial Gymnasium for the name and logo unveiling and launch of season ticket sales. The coach (who will also serve as general manager) will be announced in October and will help to build a team of eleven members with two auxiliary players. UPSHOT's season will run simultaneously with the WNBA with 17 home games and 17 away games. Its championship game will take place last Saturday in August in Jacksonville, FL. All games are broadcast on YouTube.

President's Report

President Fawknorton provided a brief overview of today's agenda. She reported that staff has been in conversations with Metro Human Resources and, as a follow-up to the board's request to further discuss staff compensation, a Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14 at our downtown office. President Fawknorton congratulated Director McGee who just completed his Doctor of Education in Education Practice and Leadership at Tennessee State University and Director Pulley who completed his master's in public administration from the University of North Carolina. She thanked them both as well as the entire board for their continued commitment to the Sports Authority despite their busy schedules.

Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Chair Russ Pulley reported that at the 9:30 meeting this morning, the Committee met and discussed the following:

- A. Consider approval of a Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Funds to Powers Management, LLC For Costs Associated with Hosting the 2026 SEC Tournament
Kyle Clayton, Chief Strategy Officer, Nashville Predators/Powers Management reported to the Committee that the amount requested is \$1,469,125.75 which will be paid from funds appropriated for SEC Tournament Commitments in the lease agreement (Exhibit B). The staff have reviewed the reimbursement request; they and the Committee recommended approval.

Upon a motion made by Finance Committee Chair Pulley and seconded by Director McGee, the Board of Directors unanimously approved a Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Funds to Powers Management, LLC For Costs Associated with Hosting the 2026 SEC Tournament

- B. Nissan Stadium Completed & Anticipated Capital Expenditure Projects Update
Shannon Myers, Titans, Chief Financial Officer provided an update to the Committee on capital projects at the current Stadium. She noted that current costs are under 10% of the budget's \$42M allocated funding. Completed project costs through August 1, 2026 are \$3,616,700.10. Ongoing projects include: 1) NFL mandated universal camera system – estimated at \$513,000; 2) Egress/ingress Improvements estimated at \$30,000; and 3) Fire Safety and Security cost estimated at \$25,000.

- C. Consider approval of a Resolution approving the Nissan Stadium Excess Property Release Policy
In preparation for the salvage of excess inventory at Nissan Stadium following the conclusion of the 2026/2027 Titans' season, staff has been working with the Metro eBid team and the Titans to develop a process, establish a schedule, and identify items that will be available. Staff will coordinate with Metro Departments to identify opportunities for reuse within Metro.

An initial interest survey is expected to be distributed to select Metro Departments by tomorrow, August 21, followed by an opportunity for all Metro Departments to express interest between September 1-30. Departments will be notified of their request status on or around December 1 to allow adequate time for coordination. Pickup is expected to occur shortly after the conclusion of the Titans' season with about a three-week window for removal. Remaining eligible property will be made available for sale through the Metro eBid auction process or will be processed with the demolition of the current stadium.

The stadium bowl seating will be handled separately. 5,000 seats have been sold to Harriott Seating with an option for 10,000 more seats. The floor-mounted seats will potentially be sold to the Titans. The proposed policy also provides for the donation of seats to non-profit sports groups, 501(c)(3) groups, etc. All costs associated with the removal of the seats will be the responsibility of the non-profit groups. Director McGee noted that due to staff limitations and the timeline, perhaps a third-party agency can be utilized to assist with the process. Vice Chair Duncan encouraged the board to help market the process to the public. The Finance Committee recommends approval.

Upon a motion made by Finance Committee Chair Pulley and seconded by Director Adkins, the Board of Directors unanimously approved a Resolution approving the Nissan Stadium Excess Property Release Policy

First Horizon Park Host Facility Report

Nashville Sounds Doug Scopel, Assistant GM reported that the Brauer Lounge now has the new name "Uber Displays Lounge" and a resolution will be brought before the board at the next meeting for formal approval. Uber Displays was selected following an open, competitive solicitation /RFP process led by Cumming Group on behalf of the Sports Authority to replace the scoreboards at First Horizon Park. Work will begin October 12.

Turning to operations, Mr. Scopel reported that First Horizon Park has hosted 63 of the Sounds 75 home games; two additional home stands will run through September 20 in addition to other special events. The Sounds organization is a proud AAA Affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers; currently the Brewers have the best record in MLB. The Sounds rank 6th in Minor League Baseball.

This year 19 members of the Sounds roster have been promoted to the Brewers. Because a significant part of the Sounds operation is to develop players for their ultimate journey to join the Brewers, the roster changes quite regularly. This year alone since March, the Sounds have seen 225 player transactions.

Katie McMullen, Community Relations Manager reported that the Sounds front office has completed 579 hours of their 1,000 allocated volunteer hours, donated 375 tickets to non-profits, six \$2,500 scholarships were awarded to college bound students in middle Tennessee, 2,783 home stand tickets were donated to the community and four local non-profit grants of \$5,000 were granted to agencies including Stars Nashville and

Alzheimer's Association. The goal this year is to donate \$100,000 in finances to the community; as of August 18, the Sounds have donated nearly \$64k.

Special event activities this year include Cosmic Baseball (glow in the dark) held May 22-23 to two sellout crowds of over 20k where the teams wore neon uniforms and played with UV-reactive baseballs. Banana Ball's Tailgators vs Party Animals on June 18-20 saw three sellout crowds over of 30k in attendance. On October 11 First Horizon Park will host UT Volunteers vs Troy University and March 5-7 will feature Vanderbilt, Ohio State, Cincinnati and Virginia Tech in a college baseball tournament. Also, Rick Sweet, Sounds veteran Field Manager placed 2nd in Minor League Baseball managerial career wins with his 2,497th win on August 2, 2026. This places him in good standing during the Sounds 2027 season to break Stan Wasniak's 2,530 career wins. The Sounds look forward to inviting Mr. Sweet to a board meeting in 2027 in celebration of his milestone achievements as well as a myriad of celebrations for the Sounds 50th year in baseball.

Titans Nissan Stadium Monthly Report

Kellen DeCoursey, Titans Project Executive, provided a detailed construction update on the new Nissan Stadium, highlighting the intricate ETF roof structure, exterior façade, LED linear lighting which will change colors while wrapped around the entire building, installation of secondary steel as well as the Nissan Stadium signage which glows at night. The goal is to have the structure fully enclosed by mid-October at which time the speakers and wi-fi systems will be installed. Brackets are in place for the installation of 60k seats; the first installation will begin in September with about 10k seats in place per month. The Titans' new logo was creatively woven by the fence contractor into the handle of the fence with great pride in craftsmanship.

Regarding infrastructure, the first phase of the Second Avenue project is well underway with curbs, concrete sidewalks and bike pathways; it is scheduled for completion by end of November. Also, the Sigenthaler Bridge Connector (SBC) project led by the Titans, will be a 25' wide 500' long bridge and ramp system that will extend from the south side of the bridge itself. Barge Design and Hawkins Landscaping are the partners involved in the design components and Reeves Young will be the actual builders. Stakeholders include Sports Authority, Nashville Department of Transportation, East Bank Development Authority and Metro Parks. Construction is slated to begin in November 2026 with anticipated completion by December 2027. Game days will experience minimal impacts of the SBC construction projects as fans will be able to access the current and new stadium via the existing Sigenthaler Bridge. President Fawknoson reminded all that the board gave approval of a change order requested by Metro Finance for the Titans to implement this important project which will eventually be financed with "Eligible Project Funds" as defined in the Development Agreement. Because of the magnitude of the project, she encouraged the board to reach out should they have questions or need additional clarification.

Adolpho Birch, Chief External & League Affairs Officer reported on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Firm Payments as follows: 75 Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms were paid \$110M; 61 Minority Owned Business Enterprise firms were paid \$133.8M; 39 Small Business Enterprise firms were paid \$37.5M. Total DBE payments are \$281.4M (57% of goal reached) out of total project payments of \$1.337B. The overall goal is \$458.3M (25%) with \$177M (38%) still needed to reach 25% of project cost to be paid to DBEs.

Tyler Baumgardt, Tennessee Builders Alliance reported that the project has employed over 9,124 workers of which 5,859 are minority, 777 are female with over 7.47 million labor hours to date averaging around 2,300 workers per day. There were no new recordable safety incidents since the last meeting. The current TRIR (Total Recordable Incident Rate) is 0.64; the goal is 0.5 which is best in class. Wellness efforts include water and popsicle distribution to keep workers hydrated. Sustainability Actual Diversion Rate is 90.19%, which is a strong indicator of commitment to the project.

Mr. Birch highlighted that the artwork program is well underway and every artist selected has a Tennessee connection. The artwork will be viewable by all fans throughout the venue. Additionally, the deconstruction process will involve a significant amount of effort to work out the logistics of repurposing inventory and/or demolishing materials. The Titans are working diligently with the Sports Authority to make salvageable items available for sale or to benefit various non-profits, community programs and foundations. Also, there will be opportunities for fans to have a custom engraved brick that will be placed on the west plaza in front of the stadium. Revenue from the sale of the Titans Legacy Bricks Program will benefit the Titans Foundation which supports community reinvestments. For more information visit nissanstadium.com/news/tennessee-titans-launch-the-titans-legacy-bricks-program/

Director Crawford thanked the Titans Foundation, Cumming Group and the Sports Authority directors for supporting the Fisk University Women's Basketball Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser. Organized by her (Coach Crawford), the event helped to raise money to improve resources including locker room renovations and operational support.

President Fawknorton reminded the board that the Facility Condition Assessment report for First Horizon Park from Venue Solutions Group will come before the board at the next meeting; board members were encouraged review the report prior to the meetings next month.

Adjourn

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 17 at GEODIS Park; the Finance Committee will meet prior to. The Personnel Committee will meet on Monday, September 14 at the Sports Authority office building.

Respectfully submitted, Valda Barksdale, The Metro Sports Authority
YouTube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zp6_15npNrA