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Nashville Farmers' Market Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes

The Farmers' Market Board of Commissioner's meeting occurred on June 16, 2026, at the Nashville Farmers' Market Conference Room.

The attendees included the following:

Scott Moskovitz – NFM Board Vice – Chair

Marcela Gomez – NFM Board Member

Darrell Lane – NFM Executive Director

David Griffin – NFM Finance & Administration Manager

Courtney Cotton – NFM Marketing Manager

Chales Kizer – NFM Building Maintenance Superintendent

Katie Cummings – NFM Special Program Coordinator

Justin Marsh – Metro Legal Attorney

Frank Badou – Nashville Chicken & Waffles

Amber Badou – Nashville Chicken & Waffles

Zachery Bollen – Fire & Smoke, LLC.

Ronald Cerdas – Succulent Vegan Tacos

Adriana Ortega - Succulent Vegan Tacos

Theodore Washington III – Sweethearts Bakery

Opening Announcement

- The opening public announcements were administered by Board Vice – Chair Moskovitz and the meeting started at 9:30 a.m.

Public Comments

- Mr. Bollen of Fire & Smoke, LLC. spoke about his concern with the overall management of the NFM. He expressed concerns about enforcement of rules and regulations, as well as, gave some suggestions to improve the financial performance of the market.
- Ms. Ortega spoke about her ongoing concern of the live animal activity during NFM sponsored festivals and how it is negatively impacting her business.
- Mr. Cerdas spoke about his ongoing concern of the live animal activity during NFM sponsored festivals and how it is negatively impacting his business.

- Mr. Washington III spoke about the termination of his Kitchens at the Nashville Farmers' Market agreement and his opinion of the circumstances that led to the termination.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Due to a lack of quorum, this was deferred one meeting and will be revisited during the July 21 meeting.

Board of Commissioner's Officer Elections

- Due to a lack of quorum, this was deferred one meeting and will be revisited during the July 21 meeting.

Presentation of Nashville Chicken and Waffles and approval of sublease agreement

- Executive Director Lane presented to the Board of Commissioners' a recommendation for approval of a new sublease agreement with Nashville Chicken and Waffles to fill the current restaurant vacancy within the Market House. Mr. and Mrs. Badou presented their business concept to the board and some of their goals for the space. Due to a lack of quorum, the board did not vote on the business, however, NFM management will be moving forward with a sublease agreement with Nashville Chicken & Waffles.

Old Business – Former Tenant Account Status

- Executive Director Lane presented the resolution of former tenant A & M Marketplace. Market management worked with Metro Legal to settle the account for less than owed and this will close out the contract.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Lane discussed departmental accomplishments that have been completed thus far for fiscal year 2026. Included in the discussion were updates on the following items: Overall market accomplishments for FY26, Far Better Distillery lease, tenant payment plan, temporary lease update, onboarding of a new tenant, dividing the vacancy in the market house into 2 or 3 smaller locations, finalizing the FY27 budget, NFM staff performance reviews will be administered at the beginning of July, and the upcoming Watermelon Festival on August 15.

Market Staff presented updates to the board of the following items:

- Special Programs Coordinator Cummings presented to the board metrics from calendar year 2026 about the Fresh Bucks Program.
- Finance & Administration Manager Griffin presented to the board metrics about the Kitchens at the Nashville Farmers' Market.
- Building Maintenance Superintendent Kizer introduced himself to new board member Gomez and discussed his role within the market.

Finance & Administration Report

- Finance & Administration Manager Griffin presented to the board preliminary financial results as of May 31, 2026. Included in the report were detailed budget and previous fiscal year comparisons. A discussion also occurred about the FY 27 Budget pending Metro Council approval, a new appropriation of reserve funding for maintenance and property enhancements, and an update on sublease agreement renewals.

Final Comments and Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.