

**THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE
AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**

Minutes of the April 5, 2013 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors
LP Field-Post Game Interview Room
April 5, 2013
8:00 am

Board Members: J.D. Elliott, Margaret Behm, Steve North, Chuck Meriwether, Kim Adkins, Lauren Brisky, Cathy Bender, Emmett Wynn, Nancy Vincent

Staff: Margaret Darby (legal), Jane Madden and Sonny Lyons (HR)

LP Field: Walter Overton

Bridgestone Arena: Sean Henry

Visitors: Brasher Burbank

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. and recognized Margaret Darby to read from the Metro Code of Laws (Ordinance No. BL2006-1050).

After the reading of the Metro Code of Laws, Ms. Darby made a recommendation to the Board that it would be sufficient for the Code to be included as a paragraph at the top of every agenda that is issued so that it is made available to all the members of the public to keep from having to read it every time. The members unanimously voted to approve this recommendation.

Chairman Elliott stated appreciation for outstanding assistance from Sonny Lyons and Jane Madden from Human Resources, Alfonzo Alexander, Kim Adkins, Cathy Bender, Margaret Behm, Nancy Vincent, and Ralph Perry for the search for the Executive Director. Alfonzo Alexander, Chair of the Search Committee, was not able to attend the meeting so Margaret Behm presented the report of the Search Committee.

Margaret Behm gave a summary report of the process of the Search Committee. There were 156 applicants that applied for the position of Executive Director. These applicants were narrowed down to 13. The Chair, Alfonzo Alexander, and Jane Madden went through these and determined seven that they wanted to interview by phone, then five people were chosen to interview with the Committee. On Friday, March 29, the Committee met along with Coach Temple and Chairman Elliott who interviewed the five and then decided to meet with two of those again, Monica Fawknorton and Toby Compton. Ms. Behm was pleased to announce that the committee recommended Toby Compton for the position of Executive Director of the Sports Authority. She continued by saying Mr. Compton presently serves as a Director of Strategy, in business development with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. He recruits businesses and industries in the city. The committee was particularly impressed with his experience and strategic planning and his initiative and ability to build coalitions in this position. He also presently teaches as Adjunct Professor at Lipscomb University, teaching political communication and political diplomacy and advocacy. Prior to joining the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Mr. Compton served as a Senior Advisor and Legislative Director with the office of Mayor Karl Dean for four years. During that time Mr. Compton developed an expertise in knowledge in many facets of Metro Government. He was responsible for the Mayor's initiatives and council including the Mayor's first budget. In state legislature he lobbied passage of many initiatives on behalf of Metro Government that needed state approval including the legislation needed for the Music City Center. He helped build coalitions among Metro's six separate cities. He managed the Mayor's policy agenda. He has a good working relationship and knowledge of the activities that mandate our Authority. He has an outstanding working knowledge of Metro Government. Mr. Compton has

marketing and public relation experience and worked as the Executive Director of The Associated General Contractors of Tennessee. Most notably Mr. Compton understands the importance of the Arena and LP Field and its relevant economic development of Nashville and the quality of life for its citizens.

After the information was presented, Ms. Behm stated on behalf of the Committee their recommendation was for the hiring of Toby Compton as the new Executive Director of the Sports Authority.

Chairman Elliott reported that Roberts Rule of Order does not require a second when it is from a Committee but asked if someone would like to second it, which was done.

Upon a motion duly made, the Sports Authority unanimously voted to offer Toby Compton the position.

The Board expressed gratitude for the great work Ms. Fawknotsen has done in filling in during this interim period.

Chairman Elliott informed the committee that Sean Henry will have plans ready by the end of the month for review of the new work to the Bridgestone Arena. A called meeting will be held to review and approve the upgrades.

Chairman Elliott again expressed his thanks for Alfonzo Alexander and the search committee for their work in the search process and also thanked Walter Overton for allowing the Board to use the meeting room for this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.