

Metro Tourism and Convention Commission Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2022

Members in Attendance: Leesa LeClaire, Hank Adam Locklin, Neely, Shannon Sanders, Howard Kittell

Representatives from Metro Nashville in Attendance: Ann Mickelson (Metro Legal), Ginger Hausser (Mayor John Cooper's office)

NCVC Staff in Attendance: Andrea Arnold

MTCC Co-chair Leesa LeClaire called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m. L

LeClaire conducted a roll call for attendance:

Sherry Franklin – no
Nealy Glenn – yes
Mark Hayes – yes
Howard Kittell – yes
Leesa LeClaire -yes
Hank Locklin – yes
Randy Miller – no (has resigned position)
Shannon Sanders – yes
Q-Juan Taylor - no

LeClaire stated that this is a special called meeting to discuss and approve a letter from the Metro Convention and Tourism Commission to the Metro Transportation Licensing Commission encouraging strict regulations of entertainment transportation vehicles. LeClaire distributed a draft of the letter.

Discussion ensued regarding proper diplomatic procedure for edits, and various edits to the letter. While advocating for strict regulations of entertainment transportation vehicles, the Commission desires to express gratitude to the MTLC for their service and recognition of the challenging situation. More discussion including proposed rules being discussed by the MTLC and examples of safety issues and disruption they cause to the hospitality industry. Specific items to address include:

designated on/off boarding spots,
designated routes,
establish policies related to alcohol consumption,
noise limitations,
overall policies to address safety, and
limited number of permits issued.

Members also expressed a desire to advocate for traditional tour operators and transportation companies to be segmented in a separate group from the entertainment transportation vehicles.

LeClaire read the final version of the letter with discussed edits aloud.

Shannon Sanders made a motion to accept the final draft of the letter; Howard Kittell seconded; ayes – six; nos – zero; motion passed.

Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55; Hank Adam Locklin seconded; ayes – six; nos – zero; motion passed.