

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: August 1, 2023 4:00 p.m.

On the above referenced date, the August meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held in Expo 2. Those in attendance were Chair Sheri Weiner, Vice-Chair Jasper Hendricks, Commissioner Todd Hartley, Commissioner Anthony Owens (arrived later), and Commissioner Diego Eguiarte. Also, in attendance from the Fairgrounds were Finance and Administrative Manager Satrice Allen and Event Services Manager for the Fair, Scott Jones. Executive Director Laura Womack was not present. Metro Attorney Erica Haber was in attendance. Ed Henley with Pillars Development was present along with Ron Gobbell from GHP. Dirk Melton with Market Street Enterprises and Lindsey Paola with Nashville Soccer Club were also in attendance.

Chair Weiner read the legal notice and called the meeting to order. She then moved to the July meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Hendricks asked for a correction to be made in the 6th paragraph that Ms. Gilmore's office should be the Trustee's Office and not the Assessor's Office. Commissioner Hartley made a motion to approve, and Vice-Chair Hendricks seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were passed.

There was no public comment time on this agenda. Chair Weiner then moved to the Financial Report.

Ms. Allen gave a brief financial report. She stated that the FY24 budget was not displayed on the presented report but that some of the YTD financials were available. Commissioner Hartley asked that Ms. Allen send the new budget to the Board once it became available (and before the next meeting) and Ms. Allen stated that she would do that. Chair Weiner then moved to the Events Update item on the agenda.

Ms. Paola gave a quick soccer update. Mr. Jones also gave a brief fair update. Chair Weiner then moved to the Executive Director's Report.

Chair Weiner then read a quick report from Director Womack since she was not present that stated staff had started working on an independent fee study with consultants and that this was in the early stages. Chair Weiner added that at the next meeting, staff would also be presenting an in-depth study done by the Human Relations Commission which included fee structures and salaries. Chair Weiner then moved to Old Business and the Fairgrounds Improvement Project, Mixed Use, Fair Park Phase II, and Infrastructure Informational Update item on the agenda.

Mr. Henley gave a brief financial report on each project at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Gobbell also gave a quick update on each project and added that they would be doing a lot of the upcoming construction after the racing season was over. Mr. Melton stated that his update was almost the same as last month's meeting since it had only been 3 weeks and added that they would be trying to stay out of the fair's way. There was no new business.

Chair Weiner read her letter of resignation to the Board, effectively immediately after the meeting since she would be sworn in soon as the new District 22 Councilwoman. She added that Vice-Chair Hendricks would be the interim Chair until elections at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair, Sheri Weiner

Executive Director, Laura Womack