

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: June 11, 2024 4:00 p.m.

On the above referenced date, the June meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held at the Fairgrounds in Expo 1. Those in attendance were Chair Jasper Hendricks, Vice-Chair Todd Hartley, Commissioner Anthony Owens, and Commissioner Diego Eguiarte. Also, in attendance from the Fairgrounds was Executive Director Laura Womack and Fair Manager, Scott Jones. Metro Attorney's Erica Haber and Terry Costonis were present. David Hickinbotham from GHP was in attendance. Lindsey Paola with the Nashville Soccer Club was present. And Bob Sargent with Track Enterprises was also in attendance.

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order and read the legal notice. He then moved to the approval of the April meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were passed. There were no public comments. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Financial Update.

Director Womack gave the financial update since Ms. Allen was not present. There were a few questions and suggestions from the board. Director Womack added that starting on July 1, they would have 4 total business units which would help staff keep track of revenues/expenses for each area of business. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Events Update item on the agenda.

Ms. Paola gave a quick soccer update. Mr. Sargent gave a brief speedway report. And Mr. Jones gave a report on the progress of the fair and went over some of the attractions. He also introduced Bella Estrada-Thorpe, the new Fair Coordinator. There were a couple of questions. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Executive Director's Report.

Director Womack gave some updates on the courtyard restoration and the Food & Beverage contract. There were a few questions and comments. Chair Hendricks and Vice-Chair Hartley both stated that, going forward, they would like to see the RFPs on projects of this size before they went out. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Capital Projects Update item on the agenda.

Mr. Hickinbotham gave a quick summary on the projects at the Fairgrounds. There were a couple of questions. There was no Old Business. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Consideration of adopted COLA percentage and merit increase for Executive Director item on the agenda.

After a lengthy discussion and several questions and comments, it was decided that the Board would get from Metro HR a general recommendation of best practices for increases and review the summary of what the Metro Council passed and then make a decision at the next meeting. There was also some discussion about forming a subcommittee for this and legal read from both the bylaws and rules and procedures concerning some of these issues. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Nominations and elections of Chair and Vice-Chair item on the agenda.

Commissioner Owens nominated to continue to stay with the current elections of Jasper Hendricks as Chair and Todd Hartley as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Eguiarte seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Chair Hendricks then asked for a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Owens stated, "*I make a motion to adjourn*". Commissioner Eguiarte seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Jasper Hendricks

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Executive Director, Laura Womack