

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: September 10, 2024 8:30 a.m.

On the above referenced date, the September meeting for the Board of Fair Commissioners was held at the Fairgrounds in Expo 3. Those in attendance were Chair Jasper Hendricks, Vice-Chair Todd Hartley, and Commissioner Anthony Owens. Commissioner Diego Eguarte was not present. Also, in attendance from the Fairgrounds were Executive Director Laura Womack, Finance and Administrative Manager Satrice Allen and Fair Manager, Scott Jones. Metro Attorney's Erica Haber and Phylinda Ramsey were present. David Hickinbotham from GHP was in attendance. Lindsey Paola with the Nashville Soccer Club was present. Dirk Melton with Market Street Enterprises was in attendance. Bob Sargent with Track Enterprises was also present.

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order and read the legal notice. He then moved to the approval of the August 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 Monthly Informational Reports on the agenda.

Ms. Paola gave a quick soccer and Geodis Park update. Mr. Melton gave a brief report and stated that everything was going well. Mr. Hickinbotham gave a quick update on the capital projects at the Fairgrounds as well as the financials of the projects and added that all was well with the budgets. Mr. Sargent gave a brief speedway report. There were a couple of questions. Chair Hendricks then moved to Division Updates and the Executive Director's Report item on the agenda.

Director Womack thanked the staff, vendors, the family farms, and volunteers for all their hard work on the fair. She stated that they were still working on the transit MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and it should be ready for the October meeting. She announced the Speedway Hall of Fame Banquet would be November 6th. She reported that they were working on a license agreement for Track Enterprises for 2025.

Ms. Allen gave a brief financial report. There were several questions and comments. Commissioner Owens asked Ms. Allen if she could add more details on the Aging Report about the promoters being contacted every month. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Personnel Update item on the agenda.

Vice-Chair Hartley stated that the Personnel Sub-Committee would be meeting before the next board meeting. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Operations Update item on the agenda.

Director Womack did not have anything to report, and she gave the floor to Mr. Jones to do a fair update. Mr. Jones gave a brief update and stated that all was going very well so far.

Chair Hendricks then asked for list of all the RFP's/contracts that currently existed. There was no Old Business, so Chair Hendricks moved to New Business and the Food & Beverage Services Contract item on the agenda.

Director Womack stated that they had been working on this since April of 2023 and it was in the final stages. She went over the revenue sharing piece again which had evolved (and had already been sent to the board). She then asked the board for the authorization to allow her to execute the contract and to route through DocuSign and added that everyone had accepted the draft. Vice-Chair Hartley stated, "*So moved.*" Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Vice-Chair Hartley then made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair, Jasper Hendricks

Executive Director, Laura Womack