

Minutes: Meeting of the Metropolitan Government Board of Fair Commissioners

Date: October 15, 2024 5:00 p.m.

On the above referenced date, the October 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 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 read the legal notice and called the meeting to order. He then moved to the approval of the September meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Hartley made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Eguiarte 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 and also announced that the FIFA Club World Cup would be coming in June. Mr. Jones gave a fair update. There were several questions and comments and a lengthy discussion. He added that they would be selecting a new carnival company for the next five years and that two carnival contractors had already been on site to see the campus. Mr. Melton gave a brief report and stated that leasing was right on schedule and that everything was going well. There were a few questions and comments and some suggestions. Mr. Sargent gave a quick speedway update. 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. Chair Hendricks then moved to Division Updates and the Executive Director's Report item on the agenda.

Director Womack announced that the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet was coming up soon. She went over the strategic plan survey coming up and there was a brief discussion about this. Chair Hendricks then moved to the Financial Report.

Ms. Allen gave a brief report. There was some lengthy discussion over several topics. Chair Hendricks moved to the Operations Updates item on the agenda. Director Womack stated she did not have anything other than what Mr. Jones had already reported on for the fair. Chair Hendricks then moved to the personnel sub-committee update item on the agenda.

Vice-Chair Hartley stated that the Personnel Sub-Committee had met, and he then went over each of the recommendations. There was a brief discussion. Chair Hendricks then asked for a motion to accept the report from the committee. Commissioner Eguiarte stated, "*I move that we accept the report along with the proposed recommendations of the committee*". Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. There was no Old Business, so Chair Hendricks then moved to the MOU with Metro Transit Authority for the construction of an inbound transit stop on Nolensville Pike item on the agenda.

Director Womack went over the final version of the MOU and some of the details about the process. Chair Hendricks then asked for a motion to accept the MOU and Vice-Chair Hartley stated, "*So moved.*" Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion 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,

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Chair, Jasper Hendricks

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Executive Director, Laura Womack