



**MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Thursday, September 24, 2015
12:00 P.M.
114 North Main Street**

Board Members Present: Chairman Bob Lundy, Mr. Carl Person, Ms. Sharon Leicham, Mr. Ernest Strickland, Mr. Rick Copeland (for Mayor Luttrell), Mr. George Little (for Mayor Wharton), Councilman Bill Boyd, Mr. George Shadrouti, Ms. Bobbi Gillis, Ms. Deni Reilly, Commissioner Van Turner, Senator Lee Harris, Ms. Terry Woodard, Mr. Benjamin Orgel, and Mr. Al Lyons

Board Members Not Present: Mr. Isaac Northern and Representative Barbara Cooper

Staff Present: Mr. Paul Morris, Ms. Leslie Gower, Mr. Jaske Goff, Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Mr. Brett Roler, Mr. Jerome Rubin, Mr. Chris Porter, and Ms. Debra Streeter

Guests: Mr. Wayne Risher and Ms. Michelle Corbett

Call to Order

Chairman Lundy called the meeting to order at 12:11 PM

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item II: Approval of Minutes

Mr. Little made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 27, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item III: Chair's Report

Chairman Lundy stated that Mr. Goff would cover the items listed on the DMC Board Update memo as part of his departmental update.

Chairman Lundy introduced Mr. Benjamin Orgel as the DMC's newest Board Member. Mr. Orgel was appointed by Mayor Luttrell to replace Ms. Bobbi Gillis, whose term has expired. Chairman Lundy thanked Ms. Gillis for her many years of service to the DMC and noted that she will continue her volunteer service to Downtown as a member of the CCRFC Board of Directors.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item IV: Financial Report

Ms. Oswald presented the current financial reports to the Board.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item V: Search Committee Report and Recommendation

Mr. Lundy and Mr. Morris provided a detailed overview of the search process to find the next President & CEO of the Downtown Memphis Commission. Mr. Morris stated that a copy of the meeting minutes from the DMC Search Committee's meeting on September 22, 2015 was included for their reference in the meeting packet. Mr. Lundy announced that the Search Committee voted unanimously to nominate Mr. Terence Patterson as the next President & CEO of the Downtown Memphis Commission. Mr. Patterson was the recommended choice of DHR, the executive search firm hired by the DMC to recommend finalists for the position.

The Search Committee members in attendance at the meeting spoke in support of Mr. Patterson and discussed their reasons for selecting him for this position. Mr. Patterson briefly addressed the Board and thanked them for consideration of his candidacy. He reiterated that he is deeply committed to making Memphis better and he sees the DMC and Downtown playing a critical role in the overall success of Memphis, Shelby County, and the entire mid-south region.

Mr. Strickland made a motion to select Mr. Terence Patterson as the next President & CEO of the DMC. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In response to a question from Mr. Shadroui, Mr. Morris clarified that the DMC Chairman is responsible for negotiating the terms of employment for the DMC President and that the process would begin now that the Board selected Mr. Patterson.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item VI: President's Report

Mr. Morris asked the Vice Presidents to present their departmental reports. Ms. Gower reminded the Board about the DMC's Annual Meeting and Block Party at the Chisca on Main at 4:30 PM later that day. Ms. Gower also discussed the Race for the Cure event in late October and introduced Mr. Chris Porter as the Marketing Department's new Marketing Coordinator.

Mr. Rubin discussed a new project to modernize the elevator at the Peabody Tower parking garage. He also provided updated safety statistics for Downtown Memphis showing a decline in overall incidents and panhandling incidents as compared to this time last year,

Mr. Goff discussed the DRB's recent approval of the One Beale mixed-use project and the Tennessee Brewery redevelopment. He also provided an update of the CCDC's recent approval of a \$200,000 grant for the Central Station Redevelopment project and the CCRFC's recent policy change to add additional incentive to new development projects located in the Edge neighborhood.

Chairman Lundy called for agenda item IX: New Business/ Adjournment

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.