



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

Friday, March 22, 2019

9:00 A.M.

114 North Main Street

Board Members Present: Ms. Deni Reilly, Mr. John Zeanah (for Mayor Luttrell), Representative Barbara Cooper, Ms. Elizabeth Low, Commissioner Mickell Lowery, Mr. Williams Brack, Ms. Cheryl Pesce, Mr. Demar Roberts, Senator Raumesh Akbari, Ms. Terry Woodard and Chris McLean

Board Members Not Present: Ms. Joann Massey (for Mayor Strickland), Ms. Julie Ellis, Ms. Cheyenne Johnson, Mr. John Pontius, Mr. Benjamin Orgel, and Mr. Mauricio Calvo

Staff Present: Ms. Jennifer Oswald, Ms. Christine Taylor, Mr. Jaske Goff, Mr. Abram Lueders, Ms. Ellery Ammons, Ms. Penelope Springer and Mr. Eleslie Walker

Guests: Mr. Andre Fowlkes, Ms. Latonya Burrow, Mr. James Stokes, Mr. Ray Brown and Mr. Marcus Harris

Call to Order

Chairman Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Chairman Reilly called for agenda item II: Approval of February 22, 2019 Minutes

Ms. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Reilly reviewed the recent activities of the other boards.

Chairman Reilly called for agenda item IV: Financial Report

Ms. Penelope Springer presented the Financial Report to the DMC Board.

Chairman Reilly called for agenda item V: 800 Initiative

Mr. Andre Fowlkes, President of Strat Co. introduced himself to the board and provided an overview of the 800 Initiative program. It is a business initiative aiming to help minority businesses in Memphis, with the goal of increasing 800 companies' combined revenue by \$50 million in five years. The 800 Initiative is an intensive program that focuses on empowering minority businesses within the City of Memphis.

Chairman Reilly called for agenda item VI: Ethics Forms

Ms. Latonya Burrow, Chief Ethics Officer, City of Memphis Board of Ethics informed the board of the City of Memphis Ethics policies.

Chairman Reilly called for agenda item VII: President's Report

Ms. Jennifer Oswalt thanked the board for their time.

Chairman Reilly called for agenda item VIII: New Business/ Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.