

Tupelo Coliseum Commission Regular Meeting Minutes July 21, 2025

Let it be known, the Tupelo Coliseum Commission did meet in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commerce room with the following present:

Chair- Jessica Hollinger
Vice Chair- Stephanie Coomer
Commission Secretary- Darrell Marecle
Commissioner- Cooper Miller
Commissioner- Keith Henley
Commissioner- Gerald Peralta
Commissioner- Devonte Thomas
Commissioner- Jon Paul Rhea

Representatives of the City of Tupelo Present:

Kevan Kirkpatrick –Executive Director -Cadence Bank Arena and Conference Center Leslie Bailey- Office Manager- Cadence Bank Arena and Conference Center

Chair Jessica Hollinger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes from June 2025 was discussed. Commissioner Devonte Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Keith Henley. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

Financial Report

Kevan Kirkpatrick discussed the financial report.

Director's Report

Kevan began his report by welcoming Jon Paul Rhea as our newest Commission member.

Kevan gave us an update on our past events. Paul Smitty Harris funeral was on 07/11, Aaron Lewis is 07/16 with approximately 1,042 attending, Dance Like the Stars 07/19 and we had 36 meeting events.

Kevan also updated us on our upcoming events. Dukes and Boots Blues and Comedy Show will be 07/26, Ole Miss Basketball Retreat 07/29-30, Body Building Championship 08/07-09 and we have 20 meeting events.



Kevan recapped his trip to Mercedez Benz Amphitheater on 06/24 for a meeting with Danny Wimmer of Danny Wimmer Presents.

Kevan also discussed his employees traveling to New Orleans to IAMV Venue Connect Conference 07/28-31.

Old Business:

None

New Business

2026 Budget approval was discussed and reviewed. Commissioner Cooper Miller made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Keith Henley. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

Check Approval:

Approval of checks from June 2025 was discussed. Checks could not be approved due to not having them from City Hall. June and July checks will be approved at the next Commission meeting.

Adjournment:

Chair Jessica Hollinger adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Darrell Marecle

Secretary

Jessica Hollinger /

Chair