

Tupelo Coliseum Commission Regular Meeting Minutes June 16, 2025

Let it be known, the Tupelo Coliseum Commission did meet in regular session on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commerce room with the following present:

Vice Chair- Stephanie Coomer
Commission Secretary- Darrell Marecle
Commissioner- Cooper Miller
Commissioner- Keith Henley
Commissioner- Gerald Peralta
Commissioner- Devonte Thomas
Commissioner- Nat Grubbs

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 Kim Hanna- CFO

Vice Chair Stephanie Coomer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

Financial Report

Kim Hanna discussed the financial report.

Director's Report

Kevan gave us an update on our past events. Tupelo High School graduation was 05/23, Lee County graduation 05/24, AFA Conference 06/11-14 and we had 29 meeting events.

Kevan also updated us on our upcoming events. Aaron Lewis is 07/16, Dance Like the Stars 07/19 and we have 36 meeting events.

Kevan informed us of his travel to Mercedez Benz Amphitheater on 06/24 for a meeting with Danny Wimmer of Danny Wimmer Presents.

Old Business:

None



New Business

Wise Staffing contract renewal was discussed to renew for our staffing company for 3 more years, expiring May 2028. Commissioner Nat Grubbs made a motion to approve the contract as written, seconded by Commissioner Devonte Thomas. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

ChemAqua contract renewal for water treatment program for the towers and HVAC cooling loop was discussed to renew for an additional 3 years expiring May 2028. Commissioner Keith Henley made a motion to approve the contract as written, seconded by Commissioner Cooper Miller. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

Vestis (Aramark) contract termination was discussed due to their breach of agreement and failure to provide adequate service and materials. Commissioner Devonte Thomas made a motion to terminate the contract, seconded by Commissioner Nat Grubbs. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

Busylad contract for new linen service was discussed for a 3-month contract expiring September 30, 2025. Busylad was the lower of two quotes we received. Commissioner Nat Grubbs made a motion to approve the contract as written, seconded by Commissioner Keith Henley. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

Check Approval:

Approval of checks from May 2025 was discussed. Commissioner Cooper Miller made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Darrell Marecle. All commission members voted aye; the motion passed.

Adjournment:

Vice Chair Stephanie Coomer adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Darrell Marecle Secretary Jessica Hollinger

Chair