



Tupelo Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

The Tupelo Convention & Visitors Bureau met Tuesday, August 1, at 2 p.m. in the Tupelo CVB boardroom. Board members present were Neal McCoy, Stephanie Browning, Louis Britton, Steven Blaylock and Chauncey Godwin. Board members Leslie Nabors and Dimple Patel joined the meeting via telephone. Tupelo CVB staff members present were Jan Pannell, Jennie Bradford Curlee, and Stephanie Moody-Coomer. Mayor Todd Jordan, Kim Hanna attended the meeting representing the City of Tupelo.

Neal McCoy called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Louis Britton moved for approval of the agenda, Chauncey Godwin seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Stephanie Browning moved that the minutes from July 2023 be approved as presented. Louis Britton seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Kim Hanna presented the financial report. Stephanie Browning moved for approval of the financial report. Chauncey Godwin seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Jan Pannell, Jennie Bradford Curlee, and Stephanie Coomer presented staff reports.

Neal McCoy presented the final budget for approval. Chauncey Godwin moved approval of the FY '24 budget as presented. Stephanie Browning seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Steven Blaylock made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Leslie Nabors seconded the motion. All voting aye, the meeting moved to executive session.

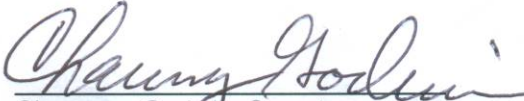
Louis Britton made a motion to come out of executive session. Steven Blaylock seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried and the meeting came out of executive session.

Steven Blaylock made a motion that the Tupelo CVB agree to pay 1/3 of Neal McCoy's salary and benefits in his new role as Project Manager of Destination Development for the City of Tupelo. The motion includes the stipulation that should Neal McCoy no longer be employed by the City of Tupelo in the role of Project Manager for Destination Development that the CVB Board of Directors has the right to re-consider whether the role is partially funded by the Tupelo CVB and has management over the CVB destination development line item. Dimple Patel seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Steven Blaylock made a motion that the CVB board of directors recommend to Mayor Todd Jordan by letter that Stephanie Coomer, CVB deputy director, be appointed as executive director of the Tupelo CVB to fill the role Neal McCoy has vacated. Louis Britton seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Chauncey Godwin, Secretary

  
Neal McCoy, Chairman