



To: Downtown Memphis Commission Board of Directors
From: DMC Staff
Date: June 16, 2020
RE: Bylaws update

The DMC is updating the Bylaws for all related entities in 2020. The primary changes are to update the Downtown Memphis Commission name from the former Center City Commission, ensure accuracy, and to reflect our current procedure.

It came to our attention that the Bylaws version being used by the staff and Board did not reflect changes that were approved by the Board in 2008. We have enclosed the minutes from that meeting which reflect the changes, and such changes are reflected in the document for approval.

The Statute under which the CBID is created (and which requires that a member of the House and Senate be a member of the DMC Board) has been amended twice. It was amended shortly after DMC was created to require two House and Senate members and amended a second time to go back to one House and one Senate member. For a period of time, the Council Chair and Commission Chair also appointed two members each so their representation would match that of the House and Senate. The doubling of the House, Senate, City Council, and County Commission members is why the number of members increased to twenty for a period of time. It is now back to sixteen. The document before you reflects the accurate board composition for which we have been operating and which is provided for under the statute.

In conclusion, the changes in the document before the Board for approval do not represent changes from our current operating procedure but rather a correction and clarification of the document.