



MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS COMMISSION

Friday, June 23, 2022, 9 AM

114 North Main Street

Board Members Present: Demar Roberts (Vice Chair), Ashley Cash (for Mayor Strickland), Deni Reilly, John Zeanah (for Mayor Harris), Julie Ellis, Elizabeth Low (Secretary), Ed Stephens III, Cheryl Pesce, Commissioner Mickell Lowery, Representative Barbara Cooper, and Councilwoman Cheyenne Johnson

Board Members Not Present: Benjamin Orgel (Chair), John Pontius, Williams Brack (Treasurer), Senator Raumesh Akbari, and Victoria Young

Staff Present: Paul Young, Brett Roler, Christine Taylor, Penelope Springer, Penelope Huston, Abram Lueders, Lauren Bermudez, Lawrence Green, Sara Barrera and Sam Caldwell

Guests: Cheryl Hearn, and Member of the Public

Vice Chair Demar Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Christine Taylor called roll for board members and confirmed that we have quorum. After reviewing meeting protocols, Vice Chair Demar Roberts called for approval of the minutes from May 27, 2022, meeting. Cheryl Pesce motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Ed Stephens seconded the motion, before roll call vote, Elizabeth low proposed an edit to correct a motion that was called out of order to approve the nominating committee at the last meeting. Correction is noted and will be updated. Roll call vote was continued to approve the minutes with the noted corrections, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Demar Roberts called for agenda item III: Chair's Report

Chairman Roberts reported that Chairman Orgel is traveling and thanks everyone for the great work we are doing at the DMC and hopes everyone is staying safe and having an enjoyable summer.

Vice Chairman Demar Roberts called for agenda item IV: Financial Update

Penelope Springer presented the financial report, monthly highlights, and answered board questions.

Vice Chairman Demar Roberts called for agenda item V: Officer Elections

Paul Young gave a brief overview, board member Ed Stephens updated the board on the nominating committee meeting that was held Monday, June 13th. The committee would like to nominate to maintain the current slate of officers.

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| Chairman | Benjamin Orgel |
| Vice Chair | Demar Roberts |
| Secretary | Elizabeth Low |
| Assistant Secretary | Penelope Springer |
| Treasurer | Williams Brack |

Julie Ellis motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented, Ashley Cash seconded the motion, after roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Demar Roberts called for agenda item VI: President's Report

Paul Young gave brief updates on the upcoming Budget season, 114 North Main Tower progress, Shoppers Garage, Mobility Center, the new DEI position and answered questions regarding the Pinch District project.

Vice Chairman Demar Roberts called for agenda item VII: New Business/ Adjournment

Chairman Roberts made brief closing remarks, seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned.