



## MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS COMMISSION

Friday, January 27, 2023, 9 AM  
114 North Main Street

**Board Members Present:** Demar Roberts (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Low (Secretary), Williams Brack (Treasurer), Deni Reilly, John Zeanah (for Mayor Harris), Ed Stephans III, Commissioner Mickell Lowery, Victoria Young, and Senator Raumesh Akbari

**Board Members Not Present:** Benjamin Orgel (Chair), Ashley Cash (for Mayor Strickland), Julie Ellis, John Pontius, Cheryl Pesce, and Councilwoman Cheyenne Johnson

**Staff Present:** Paul Young, Christine Taylor, Penelope Springer, Penelope Huston, Lauren Bermudez, Lawrence Green, Abe Lueders, Tori Haliburton, and Sam Caldwell

**Guests:** Christopher Hearn, James Stokes, Corinne Kennedy, and Member of the Public

Vice Chairman Demar Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Christine Taylor called roll for board members present and confirmed that we do not have quorum. Because quorum is not confirmed approval of minutes will be moved to the end on the agenda.

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

Vice Chairman Demar Roberts commended DMC President Paul Young and staff on the successful State of Downtown event held at the New Daisy on Beale. Chairman Roberts is chairing today's meeting because Chairman Orgel is getting married this weekend and the board wishes him well.

### **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 VI: President's Report**

Paul Young gave brief updates on the State of Downtown event and informed board if they missed the event, it could be viewed on YouTube. DMC is entering Budget Season and plan to send a survey to board members to participate. Also update board on 100 North Main Street.

Recognizing the quorum has been confirmed, Vice Chairman Demar Roberts called for approval of DMC November minutes. Elizabeth Low motioned to approve November minutes, Ed Stephans seconded the motion, after roll call vote passed unanimously.

### **Vice Chairman Demar Roberts called for agenda item V: Audit Report**

Penelope Springer introduced Christopher Heran to present the DMC Audit Report. Williams Brack motioned to accept Audit Report as presented, Elizabeth Low seconded the motion, after roll call vote passed unanimously.

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

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