

NATCHEZ CONVENTION PROMOTION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Commissioners Present: Jennie Guido, John Grady Burns, Donna Sessions, Sheila Duffy-Lehrman, Fred Marsalis (online and in person)

Commissioners Absent: Robbie Cade Furdge

Staff: Lynsey Gilbert, Roscoe Barnes, Mallory Meng, Jessica Butts

Guests: Ryan Richardson (NCC), Peyton Cavin (Silas Simmons)

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Jennie Guido called the meeting to order and welcomed at 1:02pm. John Grady Burns called roll for commissioner attendance and quorum.

APPROVE MINUTES

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Donna Sessions, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from December 17, 2025 as presented. Full reports may be requested from Visit Natchez.

The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Donna Sessions, to accept the financials and payment docket as presented by Silas Simmons.

The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Donna Sessions, to approve the new TMAC representative for restaurants as well as new term dates for half of the current TMAC members.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Fred Marsalis, to approve Living History Natchez marketing request in the amount of \$1,000, as recommended by TMAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

Donna Sessions motioned, seconded by John Grady Burns, to approve Natchez Concours d'Elegance marketing request in the amount of \$2,500, as recommended by TMAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Sheila Duffy-Lehrman, to approve Live at 5 marketing request in the amount of \$4,000, as recommended by TMAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Sheila Duffy-Lehrman, to uphold the recommendation of TMAC and support the North Natchez Rams Reunion marketing request with Visit Natchez printed materials as an alternative to a monetary contribution.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jennie Guido motioned, seconded by Sheila Duffy-Lehrman, to approve Stay Tuned Music Festival in the amount of \$1,000 under the Natchez Arts & Music Experience (NAME) guidelines.

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Jennie Guido spoke to the board about MS Tourism Association's Legislative reception on March 4, 2026, in Jackson, MS from 5pm-7pm. All commissioners are invited and Lynsey will share the digital invite when it is received.

Sheila Duffy-Lehrman told the group about her assistance and support in helping Natchez secure a rotation of medical school with Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine.

ADJOURN

Without objection, Jennie Guido adjourned the meeting at 3:31pm.

Attest:

Jennie Guido, Chairwoman

John Grady Burns, Secretary/Treasurer