

**NATCHEZ CONVENTION PROMOTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

Commissioners Present: Helen Smith, Dana Wilson, Barbara Bruce, Lance Harris & Robbie Cade Furdge & Katie McCabe

Staff: Devin Heath, Lynsey Gilbert, Sarah Sookraj, Jessica Cauthen & Roscoe Barnes

Guests: Walter Tipton & Monica Cross

CALL TON ORDER & WELCOME

- Helen Smith called the meeting to order at 1:06pm and welcomed everyone.

Katie McCabe joined meeting at 1:07pm

Dana Wilson motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce to approve the April 20, 2022 minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the minutes from the Special Call Meeting, Branding Discussion for Monday, April 25, 2022 amended to read 2022.

Helen Smith motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to accept the minutes for the April 29, 2022 Special Call Meeting with the correction of the year and date.

The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to accept the payment docket.

The motion carried unanimously.

Robbie Cade-Furdge joined meeting at 1:19pm

NEW BUSINESS

Katie McCabe motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade Furdge, to accept and approve the funding request for Allumer Natchez for November of this year in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Lance Harris recused himself

The motion passed with 5 votes in favor.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to support the Norman Puckett 2022 Golf Tournament to occur in June 2022 in the amount of \$3,000.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

Katie McCabe motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade-Furdge, to accept the funding request for the Natchez Open Golf Tournament in the amount of \$4,000.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Bruce motioned, seconded by Dana Wilson to allow for \$2,000 for the North Natchez Rams Reunion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade-Furdge, to table requests for Bass Tactix Outdoor Ministry FOM until we get further information to include locations of all events listed specifically and hotels that will be utilized as well as, local food providers that will be providing for the various events too.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade-Furdge, to approve the nominations for the Tourism Marketing Advisory Committee as presented today with Charles Merrit for NAPAC, Pat Miller as a new representative for restaurants, Sarah Lindsey Laukhuff - Lodging, Carter Burns – Historic Natchez Foundation, and Lyn Jenkins - Lodging.

The motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Bruce motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade-Furdge to approve the employee evaluation performance template.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Dana Wilson, to empower himself to chair a Natchez Convention Center Committee consisting of Lance Harris, Katie McCabe, Devin Heath and Lynsey Gilbert to work with legal council and provide NCPC representation, meet with any persons or entities related to current or future endeavors actions or operations related to the Convention Center and to make reports and recommendations to the NCPC on how best to take actions to ensure the best results for the City of Natchez and the NCPC.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Robbie Cade-Furdge, to go into closed determination for Executive Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Lance Harris motioned, seconded by Dana Wilson, to go into Executive Session for issues related to contracts at 3:00pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

Helen Moss Smith motioned, seconded by Lance Harris, to return to regular session.

The motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken by the NCPC during the Executive Session.

Helen Moss Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:27pm.

ATTEST:

Helen Smith, Chairperson

Robbie Cade-Furdge, Secretary/Treasurer