

NATCHEZ CONVENTION PROMOTION COMMISSION
Rescheduled Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 1:00pm

Commissioners Present: Jennie Guido, John Grady Burns, Barbara Bruce

Commissioners Absent: Robbie Cade Furdge

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

Guests: Ryan Richardson (NCC)

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Jennie Guido called the meeting to order and welcomed at 1:12pm. John Grady Burns called roll for commissioner attendance and quorum.

Ryan Richardson presented the Convention Center report. Barbara Bruce entered the meeting at 1:17pm.

APPROVE MINUTES

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the rescheduled meeting minutes from September 18, 2025 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS

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

The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed updates to the marketing assistance guidelines that reflect current policies and timing. The marketing assistance application will not change. John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to adopt the changes discussed and edit the current marketing assistance guidelines.

The motion passed unanimously.

The board also discussed the guidelines and application for the new program- Natchez Arts & Music Experience (NAME). These guidelines are similar to the marketing assistance guidelines but will focus on public music & art. John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the suggested NAME guidelines and application for promotion and use.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The board was presented an updated version of confidentiality agreements for both staff and commissioners. The confidentiality agreements were previously approved by our attorney and current changes are only minor. John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the confidentiality agreements as presented. All current and future employees and commissioners will sign a copy for each individual's file.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the MS Songwriters Festival marketing request in the amount of \$2,500, as recommended by TMAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the Pilgrimage Garden Club's Spring Antique Showcase marketing request in the amount of \$2,000, as recommended by TMAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the Natchez Powwow's marketing request in the amount of \$5,000, as recommended by TMAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

John Grady Burns motioned, seconded by Barbara Bruce, to approve the MS Fire Chief Association's Mid-Winter meeting conference support request in the amount of \$2,500.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Due to a scheduling conflict for commissioners, November's NCPC meeting will be moved to Monday, November 24, 2025, at 1:00pm, same location.

Without objection, Jennie Guido adjourned the meeting at 2:47pm.

Attest:

Jennie Guido, Chairwoman

John Grady Burns, Secretary/Treasurer