

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
HATTIESBURG TOURISM COMMISSION
BOARD MEMBERS & MANAGEMENT**

Minutes of a special called meeting of the Board Members of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission of the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, inviting the Board Members of the Hattiesburg Convention Commissioners held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center on:

November 15, 2017

Be it remembered that on the 15th day of November, the Board Members of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission met in a special called meeting at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, being a place fixed by law for such meetings. Frank James, Chairman of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The following Members of the Board were found to be present:

PRESENT

Bonnie Warren
Frank James
Marshall Bell
Anthony Harris

ABSENT

Torksy Williams
Fei Xue, Ph.D.
Adrienne Garanich-Hicks

ALSO PRESENT

Bud Kirkpatrick, HCC Liaison
Andy Stetelman, HCC Chair
Aubrey Lucas, HCC Commissioner
Charles Brown, HCC Commissioner
Charlie Jones, HCC Commissioner
Carey Varnado, Counsel
David Ott, Counsel
Marlo Dorsey, Management
Jessica Cathey, Human Resources
Amanda Hargrove, Marketing

New Business

Tourism Commission Chair Frank James thanked the Convention Commissioners for their attendance in the Special Called Meeting for the purposes of creating a Joint Committee with representation from both commissions to prepare a cooperative agreement for both commissions and a forward thinking vision statement. Chair James shared several transitional challenges, along with proposed solutions, to move forward for the benefit of both commissions.

A motion was made by Bonnie Warren to consider going into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing recent transitional challenges and potential cooperative opportunities with Hattiesburg Convention Commission, and

Aubrey Lucas persuaded the group to not enter executive session. Following this recommendation, Bonnie Warren asked all employees to kindly leave the room to the commissioners and counsel for further discussion.

Following several updates and discussion items between both commissions and counsel, the group agreed to a joint committee meeting for the purposes of creating a cooperative agreement between both commissions. At the request of Carey Varnado, counsel for the Convention Commission, the Convention Commissioners said they would voluntarily attend a meeting with the Tourism Commission to discuss in further detail the following week at the office of David Ott.

Having no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.

Hattiesburg Tourism Commission

Frank James, Board Chair

Attested:

David Ott, Counsel