

# **MINUTES OF THE HATTIESBURG TOURISM COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS & MANAGEMENT**

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

**November 15, 2016**

Be it remembered that on the 15th day of November, the Board Members of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission met in a special meeting at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, being a place fixed by law for such meetings. The meeting was called to order at **1:20p.m.** by Frank James III, Chairman of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission. The following Members of the Board were found to be present:

**PRESENT**

Shelia Varnado  
Cathie Price  
Frank James  
Marshall Bell  
Bonnie Warren  
Anthony Harris

**ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT**

Bud Kirkpatrick, HCC Liaison  
Andy Stetelman, HCC  
Lewis Myrick, HCC  
Richard Taylor, Management  
David Ott, Bryan Nelson  
Kris Powell, Bryan Nelson

**New Business**

Rick Taylor introduced David Ott and Kris Powell of the Bryan Nelson P.A., Attorneys at Law. He noted that at the previous meeting of the Board a request was made to engage legal representation on retainer to advise the Commission at regular meetings and during its normal conduct of business. He stated that Attorney Ott would be the principal firm representative to the Tourism Commission, assisted by Attorney Powell as required.

A motion was made by Cathie Price, duly seconded by Marshall Bell, to consider going into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing legal matters. There was a unanimous favorable vote to consider going into Executive Session. A motion was made by Cathie Price, duly seconded by Sheila Varnado, to go into Executive Session. Upon discussion, there was a unanimous favorable vote to go into Executive Session.

During Executive Session, Sheila Varnado made motion to authorize Larry Albert to serve as a special representative of the Tourism Commission to meet with legal counsel and other officials to advance the initiatives of the Tourism Commission and the tourism industry at the state and local level. This motion was duly seconded by

Bonnie Warren, and received a unanimous favorable vote.

A motion was made by Marshall Bell, duly seconded by Bonnie Warren to leave Executive Session. There was a unanimous favorable vote to leave Executive Session.

**Call for Other New Business**

Frank James called for any other New Business. There were no other items of business.

With no other activities to report, upon a motion made by Bonnie Warren and duly seconded by Anthony Harris, and with unanimous approval of the members present, the meeting of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission was adjourned.

**Hattiesburg Tourism Commission**

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Frank James III, Board Chair

**Attested:**

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Richard Taylor, Executive Director