

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUSKOGEE TOURISM AUTHORITY REGULAR SESSION April 21, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Muskogee Tourism Authority met in a Regular Session at 4:00 p.m., on April 21, 2022, at The Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, 401 South 3rd, Muskogee, Oklahoma, with Chair Daniel Chepkauskas presiding.

Item 1: Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call. (Daniel Chepkauskas, Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Daniel Chepkauskas and the roll was called as follows:

Present: Chair Daniel Chepkauskas; Vice Chair Evelyn Hibbs; Trustee Tracy Cole; Trustee Sharon Champlin; Trustee Mike Gragg; Trustee Jaime Stout

Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Shiron Ray; Trustee Aanje Wilkerson, Trustee Traci McGee

Staff Present: Dr. Jerri Stoutermire, Chief Operating Officer; Jordyn Jorgenson, Tourism Director; John Tyler Hammons, Attorney at Law; Angie O’Neal, Legal Assistant to Mr. Hammons.

Chairman addressed the audience by asking if anyone had any public comments.

Chairman addressed the audience by introducing Tony Corbell, Executive Director of The Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame. Mr. Corbell shared short video of events happening at the OMHOF and offered tour of facility after meeting is adjourned.

Trustee Traci McGee joined meeting at 4:08

Item 2: Consider approval of the March 17, 2022, meeting minutes, or take other necessary action. (Daniel Chepkauskas, Chair)

Motion was made by Trustee Jaime Stout, seconded by Trustee Tracy Cole, to approve the minutes for March 17, 2022.

AYE: Chair Daniel Chepkauskas; Vice Chair Evelyn Hibbs; Trustee Tracy Cole; Trustee Sharon Champlin; Trustee Mike Gragg; Trustee Traci McGee; Trustee Jaime Stout

NAY: None

OTHER: Secretary/Treasurer Shiron Ray (absent); Trustee Aanje Wilkerson (absent)

The Chair declared the motion approved.

Item 3: Consider approval of the April 7, 2022, meeting minutes, or take other necessary action. (Daniel Chepkauskas, Chair)

Motion was made by Trustee Sharon Champlin, seconded by Vice-Chair Evelyn Hibbs, to approve the minutes for April 7, 2022.

AYE: Chair Daniel Chepkauskas; Vice Chair Evelyn Hibbs; Trustee Tracy Cole; Trustee Sharon Champlin; Trustee Mike Gragg; Trustee Traci McGee; Trustee Jaime Stout

NAY: None

OTHER: Secretary/Treasurer Shiron Ray (absent); Trustee Aanje Wilkerson (absent)

The Chair declared the motion approved.

Item 4: Consider approval of Second Amendment to the Muskogee Tourism Authority Trust Indenture permitting one Trustee to serve without being a resident of the city of Muskogee or take other necessary action. (Daniel Chepkauskas, Chair)

Dr. Jerri Stoutermire discussed the Amendment and the need for a seat for individual that resides outside of the city limits. Mr. Hammons said this change to the By-laws would need City Council's approval.

Motion was made by Trustee Jaime Stout, seconded by Trustee Tracy Cole, to approve the Second Amendment to the Muskogee Tourism Authority Trust Indenture.

AYE: Chair Daniel Chepkauskas; Vice Chair Evelyn Hibbs; Trustee Tracy Cole; Trustee Sharon Champlin; Trustee Mike Gragg; Trustee Traci McGee; Trustee Jaime Stout

NAY: None

OTHER: Secretary/Treasurer Shiron Ray (absent); Trustee Aanje Wilkerson (absent)

The Chair declared the motion approved.

Item 5: Consider approval of the Advisory Committee recommendations or take other necessary action. (Daniel Chepkauskas, Chair)

Discussion of committee meeting. Trustee Traci McGee asked about if an applicant was denied are they able to reapply for same year. Jordyn Jorgenson, Tourism Director, stated that based on what was presented, not at this time. Discussion also included the suggestion that committee members should attend and research events before making decision on funding the event.

Motion was made by Trustee Jaime Stout, seconded by Chairman Daniel Chepkauskas to accept the Advisory Committee's recommendations.

AYE: Chair Daniel Chepkauskas; Vice Chair Evelyn Hibbs; Trustee Tracy Cole; Trustee Sharon Champlin; Trustee Mike Gragg; Trustee Traci McGee; Trustee Jaime Stout

NAY: None

OTHER: Secretary/Treasurer Shiron Ray (absent); Trustee Aanje Wilkerson (absent)

The Chair declared the motion approved.

Item 6: Receive reports from Oxford Productions, Inc. Board Staff. Dr. Jerri Stoutermire, COO (Roxy Updates, Plan Updates) Jordyn Jorgenson, Director of Tourism, (Film Friendly Certification, Red Bud Award Submission) (Daniel Chepkauskas, Chair)

Staff discussed The Roxy website updates, the progress on the Strategic Plan, application submitted for Red Bud Awards, and the Travel OK website.

The Chair declared no action would be taken.

There being no other business before the Board of Trustees, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Daniel Chepkauskas
Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Ray
Secretary/Treasurer