

MINUTES OF THE 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, held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center on:

Special September 29, 2017 Meeting Selection of Executive Director

Be it remembered that on the 29th day of September, the Board Members of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission met in a special called meeting. The meeting was called to order at **1:06 p.m.** by Frank James, Chairman of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission. The following Members of the Board were found to be present:

PRESENT

Shelia Varnado
Frank James
Marshall Bell
Bonnie Warren
Anthony Harris

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

Danielle Herrington, Administration

Business for Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission was called by agreement on the above date. All members of the Commission were present, there being two vacant posts for Commissioners. There was no objection to the special meeting. The only item for the agenda for this special meeting was the final selection of the Executive Director for the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission.

The Hattiesburg Tourism Commission conducted confidential interviews with the assistance of SearchWide to evaluate the relative merits of the various candidates. The Board recognized the need to discuss a personnel matter in Executive Session and Anthony Harris moved to go into Executive Session and all agreed.

Having completed the discussions of a personnel matter involving the Executive Director position, Anthony Harris moved to exit executive session and again all commissioners agreed. It was determined in the Executive Session that Marlo Dorsey would be the new Executive Director of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission. Chairman James was provided authority to negotiate the salary within an agreed upon salary range. Chairman James was authorized to finalize the agreement and enter into the contract and report back after the agreement was final. The Board decided Mrs. Dorsey's start date should begin at acceptance of the offer. Sheila Varnado reminded the Board of the current contract with SearchWide, which states the Board will have the opportunity to continue with SearchWide for 12 months if circumstances change surrounding the selection of the new Executive Director.

Shelia Varnado announced to the members of the Board her decision to resign from her position due to constraints on her time due to her Mother's poor health. All expressed appreciation for her service to the Commission.

With no other activities to report, and with unanimous approval of the members present, the meeting of the Hattiesburg Tourism Commission was adjourned.

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Frank James, Board Chair