

COASTAL MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL-CALL MEETING
June 1, 2021
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Coastal Mississippi Board met Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 1:14pm in the MS Coast Convention Center located at 2350 Beach Blvd Suite A, Biloxi, MS 39531.

Commissioners Present: Brooke Shoultz, President; Mark Henderson, Vice President; Carla Todd, Treasurer; Rob Stinson, Secretary; Bill Holmes; Clay Wagner; Danny Hansen; Janet McMurphy; Jim Williams; Kim Fritz; Nikki Moon; Rich Westfall; Richard Marsh; Rusty David; Shirley Dane (via phone)

Staff Members Present: Milton Segarra, CEO; Cindy Jo Calvit, Executive Administrative Assistant; Pam Tomasovsky, Director of Finance; Zach Holifield, Director of Leisure Business Development; Anna Roy, Public/Media Relations Manager

Others Present: Hugh Keating, Legal Counsel; Je'Nell Blum, Dukes, Dukes, Keating and Fanica; Anita Lee, Sun Herald; Tristan Ruppert, WLOX

Others Present via Phone: Advisory Members: Cynthia Sutton, Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce/Tourism/Main Street and Mike Davis, Mississippi Hotel and Lodging Association; Rebecca Powers, Harrison County Board of Supervisors; Pam Ulrich, Harrison County Administrator; Mary Perez, Sun Herald

President Shoultz called the meeting to Order.

1. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Hensen, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

2. Commissioner Fritz made the motion to append the Special-Call Meeting notice to the Special-Call Meeting minutes (attached). Seconded by Commissioner Stinson, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- A&E	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

3. Commissioner Wagner made the motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss the need to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Henderson, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- A&E	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

4. Commissioner Henderson made the motion to exit Closed Session and reconvene in open meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Williams, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- A&E	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

5. Legal Counsel stated there was no official action taken in Executive Session.

6. Commissioner Stinson made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing job performance of CEO & Staff. Seconded by Commissioner David, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

7. Commissioner Hansen made the motion to exit Executive Session and reconvene in open meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Moon, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

8. Legal Counsel stated there was no official action taken in Executive Session.

9. Commissioner Westfall made the motion for President Shoultz to reach out and negotiate with an independent consultant to speak with each Commissioner individually, the CEO and possibly Staff to help alleviate the negative issues within the Board and Organization. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

10. Commissioner Fritz made the motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss the need to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Todd, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

11. Commissioner _____ made the motion to exit Closed Session and reconvene in open meeting. Seconded by Commissioner _____, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

12. Legal Counsel stated there was no official action taken in Executive Session.

13. Commissioner Stinson made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing job performance of CEO & Staff. Seconded by Commissioner David, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

14. Commissioner Hansen made the motion to exit Executive Session and reconvene in open meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Moon, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes

Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

15. Legal Counsel stated there was no official action taken in Executive Session.

16. Commissioner Holmes made the motion to take no further action on the complaint submitted on March 29, 2021 by the CEO pertaining to a statement allegedly made by one of the Commissioners during an event on March 24, 2021.

This motion is made following an investigation into said complaint wherein the Commissioner stated the alleged comment was misquoted and further, the witnesses did not agree on the substance of the comment. As a result, there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action of the Commission.

However, the complaint shows that comments can be heard and/or construed in different manners, particularly when related to sensitive matters. The Commissioners take the allegations in the complaint seriously and in an effort to ensure that there are no such miscommunications in the future, it is further moved that all Commissioners and employees of the CVB review and follow the CVB's inclusivity and diversity policy, thus respecting all Commissioners and CVB employees without regard to race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, national origin or ancestry, or any other protected class.

Seconded by Commissioner Holmes, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Recused	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Opposed
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Opposed
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Opposed
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.

17. Commissioner Marsh made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm. Seconded by Commissioner Fritz, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Dane	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner McMurphy	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner David	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Stinson	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Henderson	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Williams	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted June 1, 2021.