

VISIT MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING  
July 12, 2017  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Visit Mississippi Gulf Coast Board met Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at its office located at 2350 Beach Blvd, Suite A, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Commissioners Present: Clay Wagner, President; Bill Holmes, Vice-President; Duncan McKenzie, Treasurer; Dan Wittman; Danny Hansen; Kim Fritz; John Carter; Mary Spain; Nikki Moon; Richard Chenoweth; Richard Marsh; Rich Westfall

Commissioners Present via Phone: LuAnn Pappas; Myron Webb

Commissioners Absent: Carla Todd, Secretary

Staff Members Present: Renée Areng, Executive Director; Lisa Jones, Finance Manager; Cindy Jo Calvit, Executive Administrative Assistant; Erin Rosetti, Public/Media Relations Manager; Tori Ward, Content Marketing Manager; Kristen Parker, Leisure Group Sales Manager

Others Present: Hugh Keating, Legal Counsel; Advisory Members: Gloria Frey, Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Clay Williams, Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority and Sonja Gillis, Lynn Meadows Discovery Center; Susan Perkins, Mississippi Restaurant Association; Kelli Lyons, AVL; Kim Marmalich, AVL; Keith Wilson, Biloxi-D'Iberville Press; Michelle Masson-WLOX

President Holmes called the meeting to Order.

1. Commissioner Fritz made the motion to attach the Special-Called Meeting notice to the Special-Called Meeting minutes (attached). Seconded by Commissioner Westfall, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- A&E	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

Commissioner Chenoweth joined the meeting.

2. Commissioner Fritz made the motion to begin advertising for Allegiant Airlines. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

Commissioner Spain joined the meeting.

3. Commissioner Fritz made the motion to have the Governance Committee look at the specific accounting procedures and personnel procedures that currently has things only the Executive Director can approve and give a report at the next board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Westfall, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

4. Commissioner Carter made the motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss the need to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

5. Commissioner Westfall made the motion to reconvene from Closed Session. Seconded by Commissioner Marsh, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

6. Commissioner Chenoweth made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, job performance, employment agreements and audit matters. Seconded by Commissioner Moon, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

7. Commissioner Moon made the motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Marsh, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

8. Legal Counsel reported No Action Taken in Executive Session.

9. Commissioner Spain made the motion to accept the Employment Contract for Kaley Bacon Holley, National Sales Manager, effective August 1, 2017 subject to goals evaluated as needed. Seconded by Commissioner Chenoweth, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

10. Commissioner Spain made the motion to refer the Employment Contracts for Jessica Knesal, Destination Services Manager and Ariadne Strutton, Destination Services Coordinator to the Executive Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Marsh, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

11. Commissioner McKenzie made the motion to request AVL Audit Firm to review VMGC Credit Card Policy and Grant Acceptance & Expenditure Policy and make recommendations to send to the Governance Committee for review. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the president called the question, with the following results:

Commissioner Carter	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Pappas	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Chenoweth	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Spain	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Fritz	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Todd	Voted ---- A&E
Commissioner Hansen	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wagner	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Marsh	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Webb	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner McKenzie	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Westfall	Voted ---- Yes
Commissioner Moon	Voted ---- Yes	Commissioner Wittman	Voted ---- Yes

The motion having been duly made, seconded, and a favorable vote received from the Board, the president declared the motion adopted July 12, 2017.

12. President Wagner adjourned meeting.