



**ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017**

Chairman Thomas J. Smith, Jr. called the **Regular Board of Commissioners** meeting to order on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission, 68099 Highway 59, Mandeville, Louisiana.

Commissioner Marlaine Peachey delivered the Invocation.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Bonnie Eades  
Mark Myers  
Susan Nuss  
Marlaine Peachey  
Thomas J. Smith, Jr.

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED**

Sharon Lo Drucker

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A MOTION** was made by Mark Myers and seconded by Susan Nuss, to approve the October 31, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **The Motion** carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mark Myers presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2017 and November 2017. He made **A MOTION** to file the Treasurer's Report for audit as presented. Susan Nuss seconded, and **The Motion** carried.

**STAFF REPORT**

- Donna O'Daniels, President & CEO, Tanya Leader, Vice President of Sales, and Renee Kientz, Vice President of Communications, gave the Staff Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

► None

**NEW BUSINESS**

► **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

- At the last meeting of the calendar year, the Board elects officers for the next calendar year. Mark Myers made **A MOTION** to ask Thomas J. Smith, Jr. to remain as Chairman for another year. Bonnie Eades seconded and **The Motion** carried. Mark Myers made **A MOTION** to reappoint Sharon Lo Drucker as Vice Chair. T. J. Smith, Jr. seconded and **The Motion** carried. T. J. Smith, Jr. said Mark has served well as Treasurer and entertained a motion to reappoint him to the position. Bonnie Eades made **A MOTION** to reappoint Mark Myers as Treasurer; Susan Nuss seconded, and **The Motion** carried.

► **PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

- The meeting dates proposed for calendar year 2018 are:

Tuesday, February 27, 2018	Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 (Includes Budget Public Hearing)	Tourist Commission Office, Mandeville
Tuesday, June 26, 2018	Tourist Commission Office, Mandeville
Tuesday, August 28, 2018	Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell
Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Tourist Commission Office, Mandeville
Tuesday, December 18, 2018	Tourist Commission Office, Mandeville

Mark Myers made **A MOTION** to establish the proposed dates as the meeting schedule for 2018. Bonnie Eades seconded and **The Motion** carried.

#### AUXILIARY AGENDA

► Donna said we just received our Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) audit. Mary Anne said we did not have any findings but had one error. The error was corrected and the auditor was satisfied.

#### ► COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- T.J. Smith said we will schedule a day-long retreat and that Judy Randall will come in for the program. It is a good way to finish the fiscal year, as we will be working on the budget for fiscal year 2018/2019.
- T.J. also mentioned the recent meeting of the Northshore Regional Partnership board, concerning the feasibility of a sports commission for the Northshore. The consultant is one of the original founders of the New Orleans Sports Foundation and will be issuing a report.

#### ► GUEST COMMENTS

- Valerie Weltz said the Northshore Harbor Center has been busy with holiday-related parties, and then they move on to Carnival season.
- Kathy Foley said her board gave approval to move forward with the Green 5 redevelopment project. They are looking at updating the Castine Center with new flooring and subdividing Hall B for more flexibility and meeting space.
- Bill McHugh said December 13 everyone is invited to the Southern Hotel for a holiday party given by John Georges and his wife. Their new office on New Hampshire is home to The Farmer, the Advocate's Northshore Bureau and the Northshore Bureau of WWL-TV.
- Stanley Mascair said he was involved with the Northshore Hotel/Motel/Campground Association years ago until he became based in New Orleans from 2004 until 2016. He is back on the Northshore, at the Hampton Inn Slidell. He thinks the Tourist Commission is vital to hotels and vice versa and would like to see more representation by hotels.
- Mary Anne mentioned the Parish Government manual for boards and commissions affidavit. There was some question about whether or not we were obligated to have the board sign the affidavits, as we are a political subdivision of the state and do not technically fall under the parish. Donna asked the board members to review it for now and the Commission will get back to them if it is necessary.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mark Myers made **A MOTION** to adjourn and Bonnie Eades seconded. **The Motion** carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 2:00 PM, at the Northshore Harbor Center in Slidell.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

*S / Rae Shipley*

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Rae Shipley  
Recording Secretary

*S / Thomas J. Smith, Jr.*

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Thomas J. Smith, Jr.  
Chairman