



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame
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Minutes
Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Meeting
March 28, 2025

The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame ("TNSHOF") met this day at 11:00 AM CT for a meeting with a physical location at 312 Rosa L Parks Ave, 13th Fl., Commissioner's Conference Room, Nashville, TN 37243 and hosted via WebEx with available call-in numbers. Notice being given seven (7) days prior on the TNSHOF website and Facebook page. The meeting was called to order at 11:11 AM CT by Graeter. Roll was called and a quorum was established, with the following members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT¹

Julie Bennett
Scott Carter
Mark Ezell*
Harold Graeter
Chris Massaro
[REDACTED]
Chris Wampler

Dane Bradshaw
Chris Corwin
[REDACTED]
Rebecca Paul
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Marianne Dunavant
[REDACTED]
Brad Lampley²
[REDACTED]
Vacant (Laird Veatch)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harold Byrd
Ammon Hitchcock
Candice Storey Lee

Shan Foster
Jack Sammons

Phillip Fulmer
Art Sparks

GUESTS PRESENT

Andi Grindley, Department of Tourist Development, Outreach Projects Coordinator
Kevin Mahoney, Department of Tourist Development, Assist. Comm. of Admin.
Rob Sherrill, Department of Tourist Development, Special Projects Coordinator
Alicia C.B. Widrig, Attorney and Secretary
Brad Willis, TNSHoF, Executive Director

AGENDA

Welcome,

Welcome and Call to Order. Graeter,

¹ Asterisk denotes present in-person.

² Lampley joined at 11:43AM CT.

Housekeeping

- Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-108(a)(d), the determination of necessity for conducting the TNSHOF meeting electronically was read into the record and rendered as essential to discuss the Board's budget and fundraising efforts.
- Approved the January 8, 2025, Minutes of the TNSHOF without a reading, as the Minutes were provided to members in advance of the meeting. Motion, by Paul with second by Graeter. No further discussion, move to a roll call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes	Ammon Hitchcock	
Dane Bradshaw	Yes	Brad Lampley	
Harold Byrd		Chris Massaro	Yes
Scott Carter	Yes	Rebecca Paul	Yes
Chris Corwin	Yes	Jack Sammons	
Marianne Dunavant	Yes	Art Sparks	
Mark Ezell	Yes	Candice Storey Lee	
Shan Foster		Vacant (Laird Veatch)	
Phillip Fulmer		Chris Wampler	Yes
Harold Graeter	Yes		

Motion carries. January 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes are approved and will be placed on Hall website for public viewing.

Financials, Mahoney, Financials were provided in advance of the meeting. Please see the attached Exhibit A. Not much has changed, call attention to that receivables dropped as the state grant process was completed and the Hall received half a million. Between February 28, 2025 and now, collected all receivables for March. Under prepaid expenses is listed \$1,000 and then within Exhibit B, pg. 2, is \$26,000 for the banquet. That represents a timing error. \$24,000 is prepayment to the Omni which is not recognized but is prepaid. Will be available for any questions.

Public Comment, Willis, Hearing no public comment the meeting proceeded.

New Business, Willis

1. State Grant Update, Willis, Learned that the Governor's team placed five (5) million in the Amended budget to assist with the build out of the museum but three will be conditions on the funding. In the coming weeks, will reach out to board members to determine the best directors to reach out to legislators to discuss the museum project and educate on how the funding will be utilized.
2. Museum Planning Update – Titans Partnership, Willis, The Titans approached the Hall with a proposal. They would like to relinquish space from their Pro Shop to build a specific section within the Museum to be Titans specific. The Titans plan to utilize Healy Kohler in order to have connectivity in design. The meeting with the Titans team was very positive and they are viewing the Hall's space as one that they see value and also a space they could tell their story. At this juncture, there are no numbers to share regarding additional costs. Open for discussion.
 - a. Graeter, Will this free up space within the Hall? Willis, No, the wall that would be closed off is now open and will lose that wall. The dividing wall between the Hall and Titan's pro shop would be removed. The area impacted was planned for the

Hall's football exhibit. Now the story of football will go from the state's broad story to focused on the Titan's within their space.

- b. Massaro, Are the Titan's paying for their section? Willis, Yes, they will be paying. The full plan was not fully discussed since it was an initial meeting. Will bring to the Board if the HK plan needs to be amended.

In the next month, the Nomination Committee will convene on April 22 and then meet in May for the full board to finalize the Nomination committee's honoree selection. Would request, if this group felt comfortable to empower Willis and Tourist Development to navigate the proposal with the Titans and when reengage the Board will have something to present for the Board's consideration. Paul made the motion with second from Bennett. Hearing no further discussion, move to a roll call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes	Ammon Hitchcock	Yes
Dane Bradshaw		Brad Lampley	Yes
Harold Byrd		Chris Massaro	
Scott Carter	Yes	Rebecca Paul	
Chris Corwin	Yes	Jack Sammons	
Marianne Dunavant	Yes	Art Sparks	Yes
Mark Ezell	Yes	Candice Storey Lee	
Shan Foster		Vacant (Laird Veatch)	
Phillip Fulmer	Yes	Chris Wampler	Yes
Harold Graeter	Yes		

Motion carried.

3. Healy Kohler 1220 Planning, Addressed during Item 2.
4. Conflict of Interest Policy Update, Willis, Mahoney attended the last meeting and explained the audit process which included the Hall of Fame. One item that was called into attention was the Hall's lack of a Conflict-of-Interest Statement. A draft policy and form were provided in advance of the meeting.
 - a. Widrig, The Policy is similar to other board's administratively connected to agencies as well as statements of interest that members of the state's executive department are required to submit. This adoption will place the Board into compliance.
 - b. Motion, by Paul for adoption of the Policy with second by Bennett. Hearing no further discussion, move to a roll call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes	Ammon Hitchcock	
Dane Bradshaw	Yes	Brad Lampley	Yes
Harold Byrd		Chris Massaro	Yes
Scott Carter	Yes	Rebecca Paul	Yes
Chris Corwin	Yes	Jack Sammons	
Marianne Dunavant ³		Art Sparks	
Mark Ezell	Yes	Candice Storey Lee	
Shan Foster		Vacant (Laird Veatch)	
Phillip Fulmer		Chris Wampler	Yes
Harold Graeter	Yes		

Motion carried.

³ Dunavant left the meeting at 11:40 AM CT.

5. Community Foundation Update, Willis, Looking for means to streamline the process and give toward the Hall's capital campaign. Held several meetings with the Community Foundation and they are better positioned to service a capital campaign. There will be some cost involved. Meeting on Monday to discuss numbers and additionally Pat Lawson introduced Frederick Strobel who owns the Burgundy group a marketing and PR firm. They will put a proposal together aiming to help the organization through a PR prospective when transitioning into a new space. Discussion/Questions?
 - a. Ezell, Working with the Community Foundation is a good step in a process that the Board can vote on and create a smaller working group to work with whom you choose.
 - b. Willis, Meetings have been very positive with the Community Foundation.

Reminder, Willis, If anyone has a candidate for Tennessean of the year or any of the other honoree categories, the Nomination committee is meeting on April 22 so please provide those to Willis as soon as possible for their consideration.

Closing Remarks, Graeter, With that we've reached the end of business. I appreciate all the time and dedication of the board. There is a lot of heavy lifting but also stay focused on the short term.

Motion, Graeter to adjourn the meeting with second by Paul. No further discussion. Move to a roll call vote:

Julie Bennett	Yes	Ammon Hitchcock	
Dane Bradshaw	Yes	Brad Lampley	Yes
Harold Byrd		Chris Massaro	Yes
Scott Carter	Yes	Rebecca Paul	Yes
Chris Corwin	Yes	Jack Sammons	
Marianne Dunavant		Art Sparks	
Mark Ezell	Yes	Candice Storey Lee	
Shan Foster		Vacant (Laird Veatch)	
Phillip Fulmer		Chris Wampler	Yes
Harold Graeter	Yes		

Motion carries with the meeting adjourning at 12:04 PM CT.

Approved:

May 8, 2025

Date


 Alicia C. B. Widrig, Attorney & Secretary

TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
FEBRUARY 28, 2025, AND DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2025	2024
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 842,518	\$ 425,050
Investments	-	-
Receivables	19,251	523,353
Interest Income Receivable	-	-
Inventory	-	-
Prepaid expenses	1,000	1,000
Total current assets	<u>862,769</u>	<u>949,403</u>
Noncurrent assets		
Capital assets, Net	<u>14,655</u>	<u>14,655</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>14,655</u>	<u>14,655</u>
Total assets	<u>877,424</u>	<u>964,059</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	2	2
Unearned revenue	<u>65,354</u>	<u>65,354</u>
Total liabilities	<u>65,356</u>	<u>65,356</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Investment in capital assets	14,655	14,655
Restricted for:		
Expendable:		
Scholarships		
Museum Exhibits	-	-
Unrestricted	797,412	884,047
Total net position	<u>\$ 812,068</u>	<u>\$ 898,702</u>

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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

*We had a disposition of assets on 7/1/24 in the amount of \$223,886.24 with the closure of the museum
This was primarily made up of build outs within the museum that were not fully depreciated upon closure

TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FEBRUARY 28, 2025, AND DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2025	2024
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>		
Membership dues	\$ -	\$ -
Banquet revenue	1,500	217,048
Golf tournament	-	48,119
Knoxville Fundraiser	-	-
Contributions	254	77,928
Museum ticket sales	-	-
Total operating revenues	<u>1,754</u>	<u>343,095</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Banquet	26,000	156,872
General and administrative	27,763	145,235
Golf tournament	-	14,534
Legislative Event	-	-
Knoxville Fundraiser	-	-
Hall of fame museum	35,590	49,144
Total operating expenses	<u>89,353</u>	<u>365,785</u>
Operating gain/(loss)	<u>(87,598)</u>	<u>(22,690)</u>
<u>NONOPERATING REVENUES</u>		
Gifts received for scholarship fund	-	5,000
Interest income	964	7,192
Grant revenue	-	500,000
Net nonoperating revenues	<u>964</u>	<u>512,192</u>
<u>NONOPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Transfer of scholarship account	-	-
Gifts to scholarship fund	-	5,000
<u>OTHER EXPENSES/LOSSES</u>		
Disposition of assets (Museum Closure)	-	223,886
Gain/(loss) before other revenues	<u>(86,635)</u>	<u>260,616</u>
Additions to permanent endowment	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in net position	(86,635)	260,616
Total net position, January 1	<u>898,706</u>	<u>638,091</u>
Total net position, December 31	\$ <u><u>812,072</u></u>	\$ <u><u>898,706</u></u>

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TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025, AND DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2025	2024
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Receipts from customers	\$ 505,857	\$ 332,278
Payments to suppliers	(62,648)	(455,119)
Payments to employee and contractor	(25,705)	(126,422)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	417,504	(249,263)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Gifts received for scholarship fund		5,000
Gifts paid to scholarship fund		(5,000)
Net cash provided by (used for) noncapital financing activities	-	-
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES</u>		
Purchases of capital assets	-	-
Net cash used by capital and related activities	-	-
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Interest received	964	7,192
Investment purchases	-	-
Proceeds from maturities of investments	-	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	964	7,192
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	418,468	(242,071)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	425,050	443,235
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	\$ 842,518	\$ 425,050
<u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING GAIN(LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Operating gain (loss)	(87,598)	(22,690)
Adjustments to reconcile operating gain (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities		
Depreciation expense	-	14,130
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	504,102	(515,817)
Decrease in inventory	-	-
Decrease in prepaid expenses	-	1,000
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	0	(0)
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	-	-
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 416,504	\$ (523,377)

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From: [Harold Graeter](#)
To: [Alicia Widrig](#); [Brad Willis](#)
Cc: [Andi Grindley](#)
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Alicia,

Here is the signed policy coversheet...and also my signed acknowledgement.

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From: Alicia Widrig <Alicia.Widrig@tn.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 2:30 PM
To: Harold Graeter <hgraeter@libertybowl.org>; Brad Willis <bradwillistshf@gmail.com>
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Good afternoon Harold –

Please sign above your name on the coversheet.

[@Brad Willis](#) – I’m going to ask for Andi’s assistance in creating an Asana board to collect the Acknowledgements.

Thanks,

Alicia



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