

County of Tarrant
City of Grapevine
State of Texas

MINUTES

The Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors met in Session on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Hall of the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau, 636 S. Main Street, Grapevine, Texas with the following persons in attendance:

Joe Szymaszek	Chairman
Mark Terpening	Vice Chairman
Cynthia Blankenship	Board Member
Mike Oakley	Board Member
Debi Meek	Board Member
Jeff Babcock	Board Member

Constituting a quorum, with the following liaisons and staff members present:

Leon Leal	Council Liaison
Bruno Rumbelow	City Manager
Paul W. McCallum	Executive Director
Leigh Lyons	Assistant Executive Director
Becky Roberson	Executive Assistant

Special guests attending included Mayor William D. Tate and members of the City of Grapevine City Council.

Absent: Iain Scouller, Dan Weinberger and Chuck Pacioni

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman, Joe Szymaszek, called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chairman Szymaszek called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. With a motion from Jeff Babcock and seconded by Mark Terpening, the minutes from the November 21, 2024 meeting were approved.

At 7:16 p.m. Chairman Szymaszek suspended the meeting.

At 8:22 p.m. Chairman Szymaszek resumed the meeting and thanked Mayor William D. Tate, City of Grapevine City Council, CVB Board members and CVB staff for attending the meeting. He then welcomed CVB Executive Director, Paul W. McCallum to the podium.

PRESENTATION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Director McCallum shared an abbreviated history of the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau. He introduced the first fulltime Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, Bob Phillips and thanked him for the part he played in changing the once Grapevine Tourist and Convention Bureau to the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau. He spoke of the grassroots effort to build up the beloved programs and festivals and the core group of dedicated staff and volunteers that kept them going and grew them into the robust events they are today.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Director McCallum reported on the achievements from the year. He shared a video highlighting each division of the Convention and Visitors Bureau along with significant successes. He spoke to the dedication of the staff and praised them for facing challenges head on.

NEW BUSINESS

Director McCallum introduced the employees that joined the Convention and Visitor's Bureau over the last year. He then presented the following staff awards: Rookie of the Year Award to Niki Barham, Sales Administrative Secretary, Joey Wilkins "Can Do" Award to Scott Baker who serves as the Creative Marketing Manager, and the Unsung Hero Award to Administrative Secretary, Katy Hintze. Director's Awards went to Catherine Haberman, Darryl Gauthier, Patrick McCage and Heather Egan. The Employee of the Year went to Controller, Shelley Wimberly. He also recognized Nick Ramirez for his 36 years of service to the Convention and Visitors Bureau and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement. Director McCallum thanked the CVB staff for their tireless work over the past year and thanked the CVB board, City Council and Mayor Tate for their leadership and support.

Mayor Tate addressed the Council, Board and staff, reminiscing about Grapevine Christmases of yesteryear and all of the changes that our little town has seen. He spoke of the robust year of festivals and events. He praised the CVB staff for their commitment to the community. He stated the importance of the hospitality industry and the importance of it to Grapevine. Director McCallum and Chairman Szymaszek echoed Mayor Tate's sentiment and gratitude to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

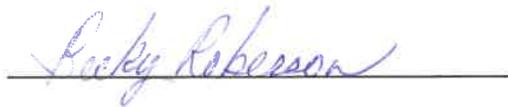
There being no further business, Board Chairman Szymaszek called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Motion: Cynthia Blankenship

Second: Mark Terpening

Approved: 6 - 0

ATTEST:



Becky Roberson

Executive Assistant

APPROVED:



Joe Szymaszek

Chairman