



## Meeting Minutes

### Beer Board

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Tuesday, July 8, 2025

4:30 PM

Williamson County  
Auditorium

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jason Potts called the meeting to order at 04:31 PM

Board Members Present: Clyde Barnhill, Alderman Potts, Greg Caesar

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jessica Davey, Blake Harper, Sarah Schilling

#### SETTING OF THE AGENDA

1. **Consideration Of Changes In Agenda And Setting The Agenda**
  - i. **Discussion Of Removal Of Items From Consent/Changes Not Requiring A Vote**
  - ii. **Proposed Changes To The Agenda**
  - iii. **Approval Of Agenda As Submitted Or Changed**

Sponsors:

*A motion was made by Alderman Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Approve the Agenda as Submitted. The motion passed 3-0.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS (Open for citizens to be heard on any issue or concern, including those related to items on the agenda. Please submit a Speaker Card at the beginning of the meeting if you would like to address the Board/Commission. If you would like to speak on an agenda item, the Chair will hold your comment until the public comment period associated with the item. As provided by law, Boards/Commissions shall make no decisions or consideration of action of citizen comments for items not on the agenda, except to refer the matter to the City Administrator/Staff for administrative consideration, or to a schedule the matter for consideration at a later date. Those addressing the Board/Commission are requested to come to the microphone and identify themselves by name and address for the official record. The Chair may restrict the period for public comment, including the length of the public comment period, the number of individuals who can speak and the length of time each individual may speak. When time allows, the standard individual public comment time is two minutes.)**

**Comments on agenda items may be made in person or by emailing [recorder@franklintn.gov](mailto:recorder@franklintn.gov) before noon on the day of the meeting. Comments will be submitted for the record.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes**  
**June 10, 2025 Beer Board Meeting**

Sponsors:

*A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Alderman Greg Caesar to Approve the June 10, 2025 Beer Board Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. **Consideration Of Application Of Franklin Tomorrow Inc., D/B/A Franklin Tomorrow Summer Celebration, Bicentennial Park Pavilion At Intersection Of Third Ave N. And N. Margin St., Franklin, TN 37064, Mindy Tate, Managing Agent, For Special Event, Event Date And Hours: July 17, 2025 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Sponsors:**

Mindy Tate, CEO of Franklin Tomorrow, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Ms. Davey explained that this is a new event for Franklin Tomorrow, and the first event to be held at the newly-opened Bicentennial Park.

In accordance with state liquor laws, there will be barriers (rope) delineating the edge of the pavilion and "No Alcohol Beyond this Point" signage. However, Ms. Tate and Alderman Blanton, on behalf of Franklin Tomorrow, urged Staff to consider the monetary barrier posed to non-profits by requiring physical barriers for events serving alcohol at Bicentennial Park. They argued that this requirement is also an eyesore and disrupts the natural, open beauty of the new pavilion space. Alderman Blanton further explained that this event is 21+, and there will be paid security on site.

Blake Harper, Assistant City Attorney, stated that this is not city policy. The Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission mandates a delineated area for the distribution and consumption of alcohol, whether it's for a business or a special event. The state law does not require this delineation to be physical barriers like a fence.

Lisa Clayton, Parks Director, explained that the city has an array of mechanisms to create the delineation of these areas, such as stanchions, fencing, signage, and sandwich boards to name a few.

Mr. Stuckey reiterated that the city will work with Franklin Tomorrow to explore some potential options.

*A motion was made by Alderman Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.*

**OTHER BUSINESS****ADJOURN**

*A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Alderman Greg Caesar to Adjourn the Meeting. The motion passed 3-0.*

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:55 PM



Jason Potts, Chair

Minutes Prepared by Sarah Schilling, Assistant Deputy City Recorder, City Administrator's Office - 8/1/25, 3:57PM