

**TENNESSEE COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL
COMMISSION
Microsoft Teams Video Conference
Nashville, Tennessee**

**Minutes
November 5, 2021**

The Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission met this day at 9:00 AM CT for a meeting both in person and utilization of a Microsoft Teams forum. Notice being given seven (7) days prior on the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development website. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM CT by Chairman Carroll Van West. Roll was called and a quorum was established, with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Commissioner Mark Ezell | Steve Gaines |
| Ashley Howell | Patrick McIntyre |
| Chuck Sherrill | Carroll Van West |
| Cecile Wimberley | |

MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Rep. Clark Boyd | Rep. G.A. Hardaway |
| Sen. Rusty Crowe | Jennifer Core |
| Sen. Todd Gardenhire | Dr. Warren Dockter |

GUESTS PRESENT

Melanie Beauchamp, Department of Tourist Development, Assistant Commissioner, Rural Tourism & Outreach

Ashley Fuqua, Department of Tourist Development, Legislative Liaison & Assistant General Counsel, Acting Attorney & Secretary for the Commission

Andi Grindley, Department of Tourist Development, Outreach Projects Coordinator

AGENDA

Welcome, West

Welcome and Call to Order.

Housekeeping, Fuqua

- b. Motion, To approve the grant. Motion by Wimberley, second by Sherill. All members voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.¹
3. America 250 Meeting Update, West, there was a discussion of different states' commissions. 18 now. Wish to split into regions soon. A call will occur on November 16, 2021, for the Southeast region.
4. Southeast Regional Office of the Parks Service Meeting Update, West, the park has a point person with the Park Service who is working with the America 250 and will work with a committee on the Southeast regional. Tennessee's representative will come from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Announcement that the park service will not have a special initiative for funding for the America 250. The funding will run through the America 250 Foundation. Will continue to listen into meetings for updates to provide the Commission. Meeting occurred in Atlanta.

Announcements, West

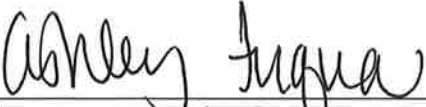
- Fuqua made a statement that she did not see anyone on the call wishing to make public comments but if someone appeared, comments were welcomed. There were no public comments.
- West, hopefully a lot of public comments in December.
- Wimberley, when will we have a final list of December dates? Beauchamp, will look through dates and provide to Chairman West.

Closing Remarks, West

West thanked everyone for attending and provided that an update will be sent the following week regarding community input meetings. West, Dismiss as business has been concluded, with second by Ezell. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 am.

Approved:

12/10/2021
Date



Ashley Fuqua, Acting Secretary
Department of Tourist Development

¹ Gaines had a bad connection but confirmed he voted in the affirmative.

