



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Columbia Sports Commission

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Thursday, October 9, 2025  
12:00 PM

Regular

Columbia Sports  
Fieldhouse  
Meeting Room 4251  
4251 Philips Farm Rd.  
Columbia, MO.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

James Arnold, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Joey Wilmes was present as a representative from Columbia Parks and Recreation.

Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) staff members Adam Ziervogel, Tevin Riddle and Julie Aumus were present

**Present:** 11 - James Arnold, Jared Klarfeld, David Egan, Gabe Huffington, Kristopher Kunz, Ethan Cobb, Richard Walls, Elizabeth Kelly, Stephanie Priesmeyer, Neal Wilkinson and Carter Marcks

**Excused:** 3 - Amy Schneider, Susan Hart and Beau Baehman

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

David Egan motioned to approve the agenda, Carter Marcks seconded. Agenda approved as is.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Attachments:** [August 2025 Draft Minutes](#)

Carter Marcks motioned to approve the August Meeting Minutes, Neal Wilkinson seconded. Minutes approved as is.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

#### VII. REPORTS

**Attachments:** [Sports Commission Report - October](#)

The Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) Amateur World Championships were held in August at multiple locations, with Harmony Bends and Albert Oakland Park serving as the primary sites with one course in Jefferson City utilized. He noted that with 13 countries were represented, with a parade of nations at the opening ceremonies. The State Historical Society of Missouri, which houses the Midwest Disc Sports Collection, hosted a reception for the event.

Ziervogel stated that the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association (MBCA) Coaches Clinic took place at Columbia College on September 18-19, drawing approximately 600 coaches. He added that, after coordinating with the basketball schedule, MBCA will host the Norm Stewart Classic on December 5-6 at Mizzou Arena.

Ziervogel reported that the Missouri Interscholastic Cycling League held its Cranking at the Creek event at Gans Creek Recreation Area's new mountain bike course on September 20-21. Gabe Huffington plans to attend the regional championships in Arkansas to explore the possibility of Gans Creek hosting the event in the future on a two-year rotation with Arkansas.

#### Missouri Sports Travel Exchange Tradeshow Planning

The Missouri Sports Travel Exchange Tradeshow will be hosted in early March, registration has opened. There will be two education sessions, one from Special Olympics Missouri on their new unified sports competitions and one from local communications professionals titled "Telling Your Story." Ryan Rapp and Eric Morrison will speak on updates from Mizzou and the University at the Luncheon.

#### Sports Sales Activities

Ziervogel and Riddle with the CVB held a sales call with League One Volleyball (LOVB), which is exploring opportunities to collaborate with clubs in St. Louis and Kansas City on a clinic or potential tournament. The event would be open to all clubs, not just those affiliated with LOVB.

Ziervogel also reported that there was not enough interest from Missouri Youth Soccer Alliance (MYSA) groups to move forward with a futsal event.

Ziervogel announced that tickets are now on sale for the NCAA Cross Country Championship. So far, 350 tickets and 80 parking passes have been sold, with sales expected to spike once participating teams are announced. He stated the event does not sell out, but previous championships have sold between 5,000 and 5,500 ticket and around 2,000 parking passes. Mizzou required 150 volunteers for the event. Teams are expected to begin arriving as early as Tuesday or Wednesday.

Ziervogel informed everyone he will be going to the Travel, Events And Management in Sports (TEAMs) conference in Columbus, Ohio from October 13-16.

**VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Huffington reported that the tentative completion date for the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse expansion is December 11.

He also provided an update on the aquatics building, noting plans to add additional launch pads to better accommodate competitive swimming events, including relay races.

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**

November 13 2025

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Stephanie Priesmeyer made a motion to adjourn. Kris Kunz seconded. All voted in favor of adjourning at 12:30 PM.**

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