



Department Details

Department name: MILWAUKEE WORLD FESTIVAL, INC.

Type: Board or Commission

Meeting time:

Meeting location:

Primary contact:

Description: **PURPOSE:** Under a 20-year lease (expiring December 31, 2020) between the City of Milwaukee and the Harbor Commission, Milwaukee World Festival, Inc., controls the use of the Henry W. Maier Festival Grounds along the lakefront for cultural purposes such as Summerfest, ethnic festivals and concerts. This corporation is controlled by a Board of Directors, created and governed by the corporation's by-laws.

**COMPOSITION:** Not more than 25 members, two of whom directly represent the City. One is a citizen appointed by the Mayor, the other is a citizen appointed by the Common Council President. For the purposes of the by-laws, the term "citizen" excludes any elected or appointed public office holder or public employee of the City of Milwaukee.

Members serve three-year terms and may only be appointed to two consecutive terms.

In addition, the City Comptroller is an *ex officio* member of the Board during any period when the corporation has procured and has outstanding bond financing with the City of Milwaukee or the Redevelopment Authority.

The Common Council does not confirm appointments to this body.

Members who are not public officials continue to serve after the completion of their terms until reappointed or until successors have been appointed.

**CREATING AUTHORITY:** Authority of the Board of Directors of Milwaukee World Festival, Inc., as stated in its by-laws.

**SALARY:** None.

**STAFFING:** Milwaukee World Festival, Inc., 200 N. Harbor Dr., 53202; 273-2680

**LAST UPDATED:** March 9, 2018

Name	Title	Start Date	End Date	
Benjamin Wagner	Member	1/13/2025	1/13/2028	*
Appointed By: Mayor Cavalier Johnson				
Bill Christianson	Comptroller	4/16/2024	4/17/2028	
Jeff Musa	Member	2/4/2026	2/4/2029	*

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Appointed By: ALD. PEREZ

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\* indicates extended term