

First Energy Stadium Commission

James Schlegel - Chairman
Gary Yeager, Jr. - Vice Chairman/Secretary
Rick Denunzio - Member
Rick Mountz - Member
Michael Schorn - Member
Carlos Torres - DPW Liaison
Donna Reed - City Council Liaison

Stadium Commission Meeting

Date: April 29, 2026
Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room
Present: James Schlegel, Gary Yeager, Jr., Rick Denunzio, Rick Mountz, Michael Schorn,
& Donna Reed
Absent: Carlos Torres
Guest: N/A

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman James Schlegel.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the March 26, 2026 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Rick Mountz to approve without change and seconded by Michael Schorn; the motion passed. The minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- Chairman Schlegel shared a wrap-up on the bank building. He & Michael Schorn attended the City Council Meeting on Monday, April 13th. Both spoke publicly upon their historical perspective on how long this process has taken and the logistical resolution to what was desired all along.
- The 1st ordinance ("Approving the Agreement of Sale for the Purchase of 2040 Centre Avenue") passed unanimously and then the 2nd ordinance ("Amending the lease for First Energy Stadium by adding 2040 Centre Avenue to the parcel.") also passed unanimously.
- Final phases will include closing the deal and allowing The Fightins to move in and utilize this space accordingly.

III. New Business

- The Commission continued dialogue on coordinating a “tribute at the ballpark” for Strat Marmarou. Jim shared an email from Scott Hunsicker on available home games to do so. Michael Schorn will connect with Strat’s family and then report back on their chosen date.
- Ideas were shared on the surface, such as naming “StrataFries” for that game to commemorate the LOVE for his favorite item, but execution and timing would prove difficult. Regardless, Jim will present highlights to be read in Strat’s honor celebrating his unwavering service to The Commission and obvious connections to First Energy Stadium, The City, and other longstanding organizations.

IV. Miscellaneous

- The meeting ended with members revisiting our willingness to volunteer and seeking more communication on the upcoming events calendar. Regardless of the engagement in and around the field or within the Redner’s Event Center, The Commission maintains its purpose to act as an entrusted liaison.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Rick Mountz, seconded by Michael Schorn, and the meeting concluded at 7:36 p.m. The next meeting of The Commission is scheduled for June 24, 2026.