



Council Executive Committee

Location: Embassy Suites Nashville Airport
Embassy Boardroom,
10 Century Blvd., Nashville, TN 37214
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024
Time: 3:30 pm CST / 4:30 pm EST

Present: Ryan Durham, Sarah Cripps, Brent Wiles, Clancey Hopper, Edward Mitchell

Absent:

Staff: Lauren Pearcy, Lynette Porter, Ashley Edwards

1) **Call to Order**

After confirming there was a quorum, Ryan Durham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:44 pm CDT

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and the November Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.**

The committee reviewed the agenda with no discussion.

Clancey Hopper moved for approval; Brent Wiles seconded. Approved.

The committee reviewed the minutes with no discussion.

Edward Mitchell moved for approval; Brent Wiles seconded. Approved.

3) **Review January 26 Meeting Agenda**

Lauren Pearcy, Executive Director, reviewed materials ahead of the January 2024 Council meeting. During the meeting, Council members will:

- Review proposed bylaw edits and take action
- Work in committees to review progress made toward State Plan goal areas through December 2023
- Engage in two special presentations:
 - The proposed Department of Disability and Aging, by Commissioner Brad Turner
 - Communication modalities and culture, by First Tennessee Development District Council Member Courtney Johnson

Lauren also briefed the committee on guests and visitors who may be in the room during the meeting. Additionally, the committee discussed council member attendance trends.



4) **Staff Updates**

Lynette Porter, Deputy Director, shared a brief update on federal and state budget items. Congress has not approved the federal FY24 budget but has passed several continuing resolutions which funds Councils through February 2024. The Council will present its state budget to the Tennessee House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee in the coming weeks.

Lauren Percy, Executive Director, shared information regarding Council staff. In the fall the Council posted its open position without success in finding the right fit for the position and team. The Council has paused on hiring a new staff member until all staff are back at full capacity.

Council staff are working on information for upcoming Council member vacancies. Two standing committee chairs are part of the seats that will have new members appointed. The Council Chair will begin considering who from the current membership to serve in leadership roles beginning in the next fiscal year.

Members will receive an evaluation tool for rating the Executive Director. The Department of Human Resources will take lead on distributing and receiving the survey responses and will share with the Council Chair for further analysis. This will maintain confidentiality with individual survey responses.

The Joint Needs Assessment project, funded by the Council through Vanderbilt University, is continuing. The Vanderbilt research team has received feedback from multiple groups and has begun making edits to the draft.

5) **Other Business**

- Disability Day on the Hill is scheduled for February 27-28, 2024. The Council is able to reimburse members who are available and would like to attend the events in Nashville.

6) **Motion to Adjourn**

At 4:49 pm CST / 5:49 pm EST Sarah Cripps moved to adjourn the meeting. Edward Mitchell seconded. Approved.

Next call: Tuesday, February 6, 11:00 am CDT / 12:00 pm CDT)
Virtual, via Zoom

Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Lauren Percy, Executive Director