

Committee on Committees Meeting 03/19/24

Attendees:

Drew Hooker, Jeanie Diden (Meeting Minutes), Greg Miller (Chair), Stacy Prater, Chris Wheat (Absent). Director Brandon Ward and Aaron Kinser (State EMS) also present

Election of a Co-Chair

Motion: Drew Hooker (Prater/2nd Diden) Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes 10/25/23 - (Hooker/2nd Diden) Motion Carried

Appointment of a TCAT Representative for the Education Committee from each Grand Division

Hooker - Poised the question if there was really a need for a representative from each grand division and the fact that the education committee is such a large committee.

Miller - states that it was a recommendation from the full board to add someone from each grand division.

East - Christopher DeMott (TCAT Jacksboro/Paramedic)

Motion made from (Hooker/2nd Diden) - Motion Carried

Middle - Joseph Creecy (TCAT Hohenwald/Paramedic)

Motion made from (Hooker/2nd Prater) - Motion Carried

West - Jay Burkes (TCAT Crump/Paramedic)

There were no recommendations from the West TN area made to the committee and by default Mr. Burkes would be invited to attend, so Tory will reach out to Mr. Burkes to see if he is willing to accept.

Co - Chairs for the Committees

Air Ambulance - Matt Owens (SkyLife)

Dr. Frank Tift (Medical Director for the committee)

John Smith is rolling off the committee due to a position change recommendation was made to replace with Tyler Thompson

Education Committee - Kirk Harris (Roane State Community College)

Committee on Committees - Drew Hooker

Leadership and Advancement - Phil Sanderson (AMB Billing)

Ambulance Service Committee - Chair-Rick Valentine, Co-Chair

Clinical Issues Committee - Chair-Dr. Holley-no quorum

Motion to accept all of the above changes (Prater/2nd Diden) - Motion carried.

New Business

S. Prater - If anyone rolls off a committee, we allow those committees to vet someone to replace them with and then bring those recommendations to the Committee on Committees. But the Committee on Committees will vet/approve/or override that person and then take to the Board for approval (Recommendation by Prater). Motion -

D. Hooker - The vetting process needs to include a CV, background, and work through questions like the process that the air ambulance committee recently did when placing a medical director for their committee.

G. Miller - The committee on committees had to be created due to the first time ever, every committee had to be reelected. And part of what we were charged with was to make sure there was transparency in the formation of these committees and to painstakingly go through steps to make sure that these committees that there were some pretty strict expectations through the Governor's office to make sure attendance was above a certain level and that these committees were doing what they should be doing.

Motion - Anytime there is a committee member that rolls off of a committee for a job or whatever the case maybe, allow that committee to vet/due diligence in trying to pick who they would like as a replacement and bring it back to the committee on committees for approval to take back to the state board for final approval, with the caveat that the committee on committees still has the power to override if needed.

Motion made by Prater/2nd Hooker - Motion Carried

G. Miller - In the spirit of transparency, there were several of us that had received some questions earlier that the office had decided that the Office made a decision/recommendation for someone for the education committee to maintain continuity in an open ongoing project. We need to vet that officially.

B. Ward - We had a school and a person at that school that worked very long hours and put a lot of their time and talent and sweat equity into a program, that frankly our Office neither had the money/time/bandwidth to do, and when we replaced committees that person was left off. Brandon stated he had several folks reach out to him and said that was not a fair thing to do, and he agreed with them. Brandon stated that he had a conversation with the Committee on Committees Chairman about placing this person back on the committee. This is a limited decision as this person is planning to retire very soon. Brandon felt that we owed that much respect for the amount of work/talent/sweat equity

that went into the project, to at least finish out their career in a position that they had held for some time.

G. Miller - One thing he advised Director Ward on, when the committee met on 10/25/23, we had to seat all these committees and there were a lot of names and emails that were nominating individuals for committees, so we did not automatically reseat the old committees. That would have defeated the purpose of sunseting the old committees, and understandably some of the people that were formally on the old committees did not formally know that they had to submit and email/request to be placed back on the

B. Ward - Brandon stated that he wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that the Office tries their best to give everyone due process to make sure that if we are going to move/change something then we give every side an opportunity. This person stated that they did not have a clue that they needed to resubmit their interest.

G. Miller - Based on the action that the Office took, this would only be for the next few months based on the fact that this person would be retiring. He would like to participate until he retires. This is Randy White - MTSU

J. Diden - question posed "on those that we did not put back on committees, then how does this look if we place him back on this committee and we did not do that for others?"

G. Miller - Brought forth the name of David Bryant - Northeast State Community College (not currently represented in Region 1)

B. Ward - answering J. Diden's question- those were the only two individuals that reached out and if I removed you from a committee, you would reach out to that office regarding your concern.

S. Prater - States that his only concern is what if there are people watching and they call in and say well I didn't know that I needed to reach out to the board to be reseeded, and now they reach out.

D. Hooker - we made it very clear that there was no way that every school/TCAT would get representation. There was an oversight of TCAT, but there is 8 people from each grand division. Believes we are setting a bad precedent for anyone that doesn't get reappointed.

G. Miller - these committees were sunset on June 30th and the committee on committees met in October and wading back through emails to make sure that those who were interested/desire were given the opportunity.

D. Hooker - states that at the time the committee met in October 2023, Paula Todd was the representation for MTSU.

Motion made to place David Bryant on the education committee as a region 1 representative (motion by Hooker/2nd Diden) - motion carried.

Motion made to have Randy White as a consultant (non-voting) for the education committee as a consultant to create a process to hand that off with the education committee regarding the instructor coordinator program (motion by Hooker/2nd Prater) - Motion Carried.

D. Hooker - Caution/concern regarding placing the same/reusing individuals on several different committees/workgroups. Want to make sure that we are not overloading these individuals. Suggested a workgroup spreadsheet to keep up with who is on these committees/workgroups. Miller - also reiterated to make sure that the workgroups/committees are diversified.

D. Hooker - Revisited (11/02/23) the possibility of a First Responder Committee. States that the reason he brought it up today is because it was brought up at the Board. Now requesting that this be tabled until there is more information.

Miller - Wants to know who would be on the committee and some guardrails to be placed on what this committee will do. Under Title 68 the primary 911 ambulance providers is the immediate authority over the first responders and that they are tied in with the medical directors.

D. Blevins - This is to look at the Fire Service who also provides medical first response, this committee would represent this service.

B. Ward - states they do have representation as they can present to any current sitting committee. His concern that there will be so many different committees that the system will get bogged down and everyone will want their own subgroup.

Hooker/Miller - both request that this item be tabled until the next committee meeting in June.

No other new business brought forth at this time.

Reminder that our next scheduled state board meeting is 03/20/24