

TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Fall Quarterly Meeting, November 15, 2017

10:00am-2:00pm CST

WELCOME REMARKS

Chairman Evan Cope called the Fall Quarterly meeting to order at 10:00am.

ROLL CALL

Evan Cope-present	AC Wharton-present
Dr. Nancy Dishner-present	Comptroller Justin Wilson-present
Secretary Tre Hargett-absent	Vernon Stafford-present
Dr. Sara Heyburn Morrison-absent	Jeremy Chisenhall-present
Pam Koban-present	Jimmy P. Johnston-present
Treasurer Lilliard-present	Dakasha Winton-present
Mintha Roach-present	Frank Watson-present

There were 12 voting members present, constituting a quorum.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Cope welcomed everyone and entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made and seconded by Comptroller Wilson. A voice vote was taken and the motion was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Cope entertained a motion to approve the July 2017 minutes. A motion was made and was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Cope welcomed Commission member Dakasha Winton to the THEC Commission. Chairman Cope commented on the nature of today's meeting. Agenda items include recommendations on the state higher education operating appropriation, tuition rates, and capital outlay and maintenance. All of these recommendations focus on 2 things: meeting the Drive to 55 mandate and affordability for students and families. The proposed 2018-19 binding tuition adjustment range of 0-3% will be the fourth consecutive lowest rate of increase in over 40 years. He thanked the Governor and Legislature for investing in our colleges. He discussed this meeting also marks the beginning of the full implementation of

the FOCUS act in that the first of the locally governed institutions will request severance from the Board of Regents for capital management and procurement functions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Mike Krause expressed his appreciation for those in attendance and commented on the passing of THEC's first executive director, Dr. John Folger. Mr. Krause recognized Dr. Jason Lee, Lottery Scholarship & Financial Aid Research Director, for earning his doctorate from the University of Georgia. Mr. Krause called upon Associate Executive Director Troy Grant who gave a brief presentation on GEAR UP and ADVISE TN programs.

Mr. Krause discussed the fiscal recommendations that would be addressed in the meeting. He communicated his hope that in the future, if cuts are required to the state appropriation, higher education will continue to make affordability a priority and keep tuition increases low.

INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS

Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR)

Chancellor Tydings reported that Fall enrollment is up 2.9% in community colleges and 4% in TCATs over the previous year. TBR is on track to meet the completion rate for the Drive to 55 and will meet the goal by 2025. Meetings are ongoing with THEC to prepare campuses for the Fall 2018 implementation of Tennessee Reconnect and the adult learners it will bring to campuses. Class hours and support services will be revised to accommodate more adult students as thousands of new enrollments are expected under the program. Mississippi State Community College started a Reconnect program using institutional funds ahead of state implementation, resulting in a 33% increase in adult students in the Fall 2017 semester.

Enrolled in 2015, the first cohort of TN Promise graduated in Spring 2017. The two-year success rate for this group was 56% compared to the national average of 17%.

Chancellor Tydings announced the Board's approval of a warranty program that will begin in early Winter 2018. If any employer finds that a TCAT graduate doesn't demonstrate the skills identified in their training curriculum, then the student will be retrained for free. Warranties will keep standards up to date with current needs.

University of Tennessee (UT)

President Joe DiPetro announced that UT Martin freshman enrollment is up 11%, transfer student enrollment at UT Martin is up 13%, and UTC has a 16% increase in transfer students. Both schools are working with community colleges to help Promise students complete bachelor's degrees. The UT system has experienced a 1.5%-2% growth in enrollment across the board.

President DiPetro discussed the national trend of the dropping number of high school graduates over the next decade. UT exceeded Drive to 55 goals by 100 graduates in 2017. Dr. Linda Martin has been appointed Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Success. Dr. Stacy Patterson has been appointed Vice President for Research and Outreach in Economic Development. The Vice President for Human Resources is retiring in December and that position will be filled quickly. A search for a new Title IX Coordinator is ongoing.

Three UT Knoxville students were awarded the Junior Nobel Prize recently and traveled to Dublin to attend the ceremony. UT Chattanooga's bachelor's degree in Nursing was named "Best in Tennessee" by RN.org. UT Martin was ranked the best online college in Tennessee by College Choice. UT Health Science Center recently hosted a meeting about opioid addiction and will be creating programs to provide training on the opioid addiction crisis in the state. Two UT campuses could have saved money by using outsourced facilities management, but all UT schools opted out of the Governor's proposal. Schools will use cost saving suggestions from the proposal.

Mr. Stafford asked if Title IX relates to students or both students and staff. President DiPietro answered that Title IX relates to both with a focus on students and mandatory reporting.

UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver was recognized as being very active in recruiting and community outreach.

State Universities (Locally Governed Institutions or LGI)

Chairman Cope recognized Dr. David Rudd, President of the University of Memphis, who reported that the new Locally Governed Institution (LGI) boards are in place and doing well. The growth and performance data has grown. Institutions are doing different things and he will have some data to share in future meetings. All institutions are performing well and are working more together than in previous years. Collaboration is important and he will

report on outcomes in later meetings. He reported on limited funding of campus safety and requested that the funding continues as security on campuses is a national concern.

Chairman Cope recognized Dr. Brian Noland who addressed the commission regarding a public policy issue that impacts ETSU. Dr. Noland spoke briefly about the context and origin of the ETSU School of Pharmacy. He noted that in 2005, the pharmacy was opened under the condition that the school would never seek public funding to support operations. After providing a snapshot of the demographics and budget of the school, Dr. Noland asked for the opportunity to revisit the public policy conversation that began in 2005 regarding school funding. He noted that the issue is one of equity for Tennessee students enrolled in the program given the disparity of tuition costs for ETSU students as opposed to students attending the state's other school of pharmacy at the University of Tennessee. Commissioner Koban asked Dr. Noland to discuss current demand for students graduating in the field of pharmacy. Dr. Noland noted that demand has flattened over the past decades for pharmacy graduates; however, he further noted that the "conversation" should not be about expansion or push to grow enrollment, but more a discussion around equity for Tennessee students.

Mr. Krause acknowledged the circumstances brought up by Dr. Noland and proposed that THEC staff would begin to work with him to explore what financial or financial aid opportunities were available given the 2005 prohibition on state funding for the school. No objections were raised by the Commission members, and Dr. DiPietro added that the University of Tennessee would like to work with ETSU and THEC on the issue as well.

Postsecondary Education Authorization

Chairman Cope recognized Dr. Stephanie Bellard Chase who recommended reauthorization for 31 institutions, temporary authorization for 13 institutions, and conditional authorization for 5 institutions. Dr. Bellard Chase also recommended temporary authorization of 2 new institutions, approval of 22 new programs for existing authorized institutions, and optional expedited authorization for 52 institutions.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. A motion to approve was made by Comptroller Wilson and seconded by Mr. Chisenhall. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

New Academic Programs

Chairman Cope recognized Chief Academic Officer Betty Dandridge Johnson who introduced and briefed the commission on the proposals for approval of new academic programs.

Austin Peay State University, Bachelor of Science, Aviation Science

Chairman Cope recognized Dr. Rex Gandy, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Austin Peay State University (APSU), who presented the proposed Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science with a concentration in rotor-wing. This new degree program is committed to preparing aviation professions by providing state of the art pilot training and combining it with a broad undergraduate education concentrating on aviation-related business, flight training and management, emergency services, and law enforcement. Graduates of the proposed program at APSU will obtain their Private Helicopter Pilot certification, Commercial Helicopter Pilot certification, Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) certification, and CFI Instrument Helicopter certification while earning the degree.

The proposed program, housed in the Department of Engineering Technology, will appeal to veterans including those who have completed some helicopter flight training but have not obtained FAA certifications or an undergraduate degree, as well as civilians. All ground school aviation classes will be available at Fort Campbell. In air flight training courses will operate from the Outlaw Field Regional Airport.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Stafford recognized there is a lot of helicopter usage in that particular area of the state and asked about the student pipeline. Dr. Gandy stated that beyond the Bureau of Labor statistics, they have received direct inquiries from interested parties, namely Veterans from Fort Campbell. Mr. Stafford next asked where jobs could be expected for students completing the program. Dr. Gandy explained that jobs affiliated with medical, corporate, and agricultural fields (surveying and wildlife study) exist. He acknowledged that the local area would become saturated and then students would need to move out. Mr. Wharton asked about the availability of instructors and Dr. Gandy stated that there are a number of credentialed instructors affiliated with Fort Campbell. Ms. Koban asked whether the predicted 10% increase in jobs for pilots included fixed-wing pilots. Dr. Gandy replied that they believe the increase in demand for helicopter pilots will be equivalent (10%). He also stated that growth is anticipated for both drones and helicopters because of different load capacities. Treasurer Lillard noted that the Department of Treasury manages the risk for the MTSU flight school and stated that the Board of Claims has different standards for aircraft and coverage for

crafts and liability will need to be coordinated. Dr. Gandy acknowledged the comment and stated that they are prepared to begin negotiations to ensure coverage.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Wharton and seconded by Treasurer Lillard. Chairman Cope then recognized Mr. Stafford who made a motion to amend that motion by asking that THEC review this program in 12 months and report on its status. Mr. Krause reported that this is always the protocol with new programs but a commission member absolutely has the authority to request this on the record. Ms. Koban seconded the amended motion and a voice vote was taken. The amended motion passed unanimously.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Master of Public Health, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control

Chairman Cope recognized Dr. India Lane, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success for the UT system, who presented the proposed Master of Public Health (MPH) in Chronic Disease Prevention and Control. This new program at UT Chattanooga is designed to train students as public health practitioners and scientists. This professional program will assist public and private agencies with program development and evaluation as it relates to chronic disease prevention and control through physical activity and healthy eating. The program integrates a biological, behavioral, and ecological perspective to understand how healthy eating and physical activity can prevent and manage chronic diseases at the community, national, and global levels. The traditional delivery program is designed for part-time and full-time enrollment of working professionals.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. A motion to approve was made by Treasurer Lillard and was seconded by Comptroller Wilson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

OFF CAMPUS INSTRUCTION

Chairman Cope recognized Amanda Klafehn, Policy, Planning, and Research Analyst, who presented the off campus instruction recommendations. In July, the Commission approved two new off-campus instruction policies, one specific to Community Colleges and Universities (A1.4A) and one for the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (A1.4B). Under the new policy (A1.4A), the Commission is required to approve all new off-campus centers for community colleges and universities. Upon close review of off-campus inventories it was determined that many existing off-campus locations were operating as centers (offering at least one complete academic program and having an administrative

presence). Moving forward, THEC staff will continue to monitor off-campus instruction in a few different ways: through annual review of enrollment data for the Fact Book, regular communication of the Academic Program Inventories to institutions/systems, and through the THEC website, which will host the listing of approved off-campus locations. This approval of this action item corrects the misidentification of current off-campus locations.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Stafford and seconded by Dr. Dishner. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

University of Tennessee Lone Oaks Farm Master Plan

Chairman Cope recognized Taylor Odle, Assistant Director of Fiscal Policy & Research, who introduced the University of Tennessee Lone Oaks Farm Master Plan. Master plans provide an opportunity for long-range planning that incorporates the institution's needs and ambitions, while also providing the public and state government a sense for how the institution might evolve over time. THEC requires institutions to develop a new master plan every ten years. This is the first master plan for Lone Oaks Farm.

Mr. Odle noted that Lone Oaks Farm was purchased by the University of Tennessee in 2015. The farm encompasses a 1,200 acre working farm in Middleton, Tennessee and is managed by the UT Institute of Agriculture. The master plan focuses on youth development, outdoor leadership, and STEM education. THEC staff visited the location to tour the farm and review the master plan in October. Mr. Odle recognized Dr. Ben West, Director of Lone Oaks Farm, for the presentation.

Dr. West noted that Lone Oaks Farm was purchased to support West Tennessee's 4-H Camp programs. There are approximately 180,000 4-H students across the state. Dr. West emphasized the importance of diversified scopes of successful 4-H centers to generate revenue and increase visibility. It is anticipated that Lone Oaks Farm will host 1,500-3,000 4th-12th grade students for camp each summer. In total, 430,000 students live within a 75-mile radius of the farm.

Dr. West detailed the master planning process for the farm, which included multiple design and planning firms, as well as support from current students at the UT College of Architecture and Design. The master plan calls for dividing the farm into three areas: hospitality, agricultural production, and youth education. Focusing on youth education, Dr. West outlined the \$45M infrastructure investments in learning centers, labs, outdoor cabins, teaching centers, recreational amenities, and administrative spaces. The

investments will provide education and outdoor experiences for K-12 students, faculty, and community members, as well as promote STEM careers and healthy lifestyles.

Responding to a question from Mr. Stafford, Dr. West noted that the farm will be funded through gifts and philanthropy and emphasized the farm's current partnerships with local K-12 districts. Dr. West reported on the staff size (12) and capacity needs of the growing farm through a question by Dr. Dishner. Ms. Koban asked if this would only be directed to just Tennessee youth or outside the state. Dr. West replied that they will direct programs to both in state and out of state. The master plan serves as a guide for the farm over the next decade, and THEC staff recommended it for approval.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Koban and seconded by Mr. Stafford. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2018-19 Operating State Appropriation Recommendations

Chairman Cope recognized Steven Gentile, Associate Chief Fiscal Officer, who gave a brief overview of the 2018-2019 funding recommendations. Mr. Gentile introduced Crystal Collins, Director of Fiscal Policy Analysis, who presented information on the 2018-2019 Operating State Appropriation Recommendations as determined by the outcomes-based funding formula. Ms. Collins also discussed an increase in the state need-based award program, funding for the state's agricultural and medical units, and strategic investments in non-formula units.

Ms. Collins discussed top performing institutions in the outcomes formula, highlighting the performance of Volunteer State Community College and Tennessee Technological University (TTU). Dr. Phil Oldham, president of TTU, spoke briefly about successes at his institution.

Ms. Collins also discussed global changes in outcomes at community colleges and universities from 2015 to 2016. Ms. Collins next presented data on the effects of Tennessee Promise on outcome production.

After discussion on state appropriations, strategic initiatives, dual enrollment, and financial aid the Commission was presented with recommendations for operating increases.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Stafford inquired about affordability and future projections. In response, Ms. Collins discussed binding tuition ranges and the

strategic financial plan. Dr. DiPietro discussed reviewing the strategic initiatives process. Comptroller Wilson discussed an analysis of the outcomes-based funding formula that his office will be releasing.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Stafford made a motion to approve and Mr. Wharton seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with eleven aye votes and Comptroller Wilson abstaining.

2018-19 Student Fee Recommendations

Chairman Cope recognized Mr. Odle to present the 2018-19 student fee recommendations. Mr. Odle reviewed the Commission's authority under the FOCUS Act, including the duty to issue binding tuition (maintenance fee) and mandatory fee ranges for in-state, undergraduate students. The Commission issues two fee ranges: one for increases in the tuition rate and one for the combined increase in tuition and mandatory fees. Mr. Odle reviewed the Commission actions in May for the 2017-18 academic year, including a range of 0-4 percent. The average tuition and fee increase for Fall 2017 was 2.6 percent. This increase was below national and regional average increases (3.1 percent for universities and 2.9 percent for community colleges).

Mr. Odle presented a chart showing tuition and fee increases over the years in Tennessee. Over the last three academic years, consecutive increases have been the lowest in over four decades. The staff recommendation for the 2018-19 binding tuition range increases is 0-3 percent. Mr. Odle reviewed how THEC staff considers student affordability and financial aid (including average grant aid, debt, and default rates), inflationary cost increases, regional/national trends, and state appropriations to develop tuition ranges. Increases in state appropriations, as requested by the Commission, allow tuition and fee increases to remain low.

The staff recommendations are that the Commission considers the tuition range as guidance only, with flexibility to approve final binding tuition ranges later in the fiscal year once clarity around the state budget and overall impact on higher education funding is determined. THEC staff recommended a tuition (maintenance fee) guidance range and a tuition and mandatory fee guidance range of 0-3 percent at universities, community colleges, and TCATs.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made to approve by Mr. Wharton and Mr. Stafford seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with eleven aye votes and Comptroller Wilson abstaining.

2018-19 Capital Projects Recommendations

Chairman Cope recognized Mr. Gentile to present the 2018-19 capital appropriation recommendations. Mr. Gentile reviewed the new capital outlay prioritization process and selection criteria adopted by the Commission at the Spring Quarterly Commission Meeting. The new process, necessitated by the FOCUS Act's creation of six new governing boards, takes into consideration, among other criteria, how proposed capital outlay projects are congruent with state policies and goals (such as the Drive to 55 and degree production), how projects meet institutional goals, and the extent to which projects meet institutional space and facilities' needs.

Mr. Gentile then provided an overview of the ten recommended capital outlay projects that THEC staff selected from the 22 proposals submitted by the eight governing boards. In total, THEC staff recommended \$371.4 million in capital outlay projects, with representation from UT (two projects for \$84 million), TBR (five projects for \$143 million), and the LGIs (three projects for \$145 million). Mr. Gentile reviewed the top three projects in-depth: the MTSU Academic Classroom Building, the UTIA Energy & Environmental Science Research Building, and the Cleveland State Community College Campus Revitalization project.

Mr. Gentile then presented the overall capital maintenance recommendation. As with the capital outlay process, the process by which THEC staff selects capital maintenance projects changed with the introduction of the FOCUS Act. The Commission approved the new process at its Spring Commission Meeting and Mr. Gentile summarized the process, stating the allocated maintenance pools are recommended for each governing board based on aggregated facilities age and use. THEC staff recommended \$119.3 million in capital maintenance, which included 26 projects for TBR, totaling \$22.9 million; 37 projects for the LGIs, totaling \$48.9 million; and six projects for the UT system, totaling \$47.5 million.

Mr. Gentile also reviewed the staff recommendation for \$5 million in capital special initiatives: \$4.2 million to build or renovate one-stop advising centers across the community college sector, and \$800,000 to implement a statewide facilities inventory system.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Dishner and seconded by Ms. Koban. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with eleven aye votes and Comptroller Wilson abstaining.

Capital Management Severance

Chairman Cope recognized Mr. Gentile to present the Capital Management Severance agenda items. Mr. Gentile explained that the FOCUS Act requires LGIs to remain under TBR purview for capital management, procurement, and data management until November 30, 2017, at the earliest. The Commission has the sole authority to approve severance on these items and, for this Commission meeting, two LGIs (APSU and ETSU) were requesting severance on capital management and three LGIs (APSU, ETSU, and TTU) were requesting severance on procurement.

Mr. Gentile reviewed the requirements for capital management severance, which included identification of a facilities management organization structure, proper design and lease agreement front-end documents, a data management software program, and sufficient training and State Building Commission preparation. THEC staff assessed both institutions' abilities within fifteen areas of proficiency, including the designer selection process, legal procedures, and business procedures.

Mr. Gentile also reviewed requirements THEC staff were placing on the two institutions should the Commission approve their severance. First, the LGIs would work closely with TBR on managing the transfer of legacy project management and on paying invoices through the end of the fiscal year; second, the LGIs would continue to work closely with THEC on training and process support where needed; finally, the LGIs would submit necessary documents to the Office of State Architect for appropriate State Building Commission policy changes.

Mr. Krause requested that both APSU and ETSU presidents address capital severance from their perspectives. Dr. Alisa White, President of APSU, mentioned that having staff on campus who could manage capital projects would increase efficiency by limiting implementation delays. Second, APSU staff would be held accountable to the APSU trustees, thereby improving the oversight of the governing board. Dr. Noland discussed that having ETSU work directly with the architect, instead of having TBR as an intermediary, would allow the institution's needs be met more effectively.

Dr. DiPietro commented on the cost efficiency of capital management happening at the campus rather than the system level, stating that it was counterintuitive to him that there were such efficiencies.

Mr. Wharton inquired about the template for assessing an institution's ability to sever. Mr. Krause referenced the fifteen areas of proficiency and that both institutions provided material to support their abilities within those areas.

Dr. Rudd addressed Dr. DiPietro's comment on cost efficiency by stating that there may be cost efficiencies found in the capital management process—from design to construction—if not within personnel.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Stafford made a motion to move that, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-8-101(a)(2)(C), the Commission approve the request of the Board of Trustees of Austin Peay State University to assume the responsibility of the capital project management on December 1, 2017, subject to applicable State Building Commission policies and continued guidance by THEC staff and Mr. Watson seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stafford then made a motion to move that, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-8-101(a)(2)(C), the Commission approve the request of the Board of Trustees of East Tennessee State University to assume the responsibility of the capital project management on December 1, 2017, subject to applicable State Building Commission policies and continued guidance by THEC staff and Dr. Dishner seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Procurement Severance

Chairman Cope recognized Ms. Collins who presented on the first round of procurement severance. Ms. Collins spoke about the requirements and timelines for severance, focusing specifically on the core principles for severance. Ms. Collins stated that APSU, ETSU, and TTU had requested to sever on procurement.

After a brief discussion of the four core requirements for procurement severance, Ms. Collins presented the staff recommendation for each of the three LGIs.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Wharton inquired about the effect of severance on entering into co-op agreements. Ms. Collins stated that severance would allow LGIs to enter into those agreements on their own behalf. Ms. Koban inquired why all six LGIs are not requesting severance at the earliest date. Dr. Rudd commented about the

process for determining timing for requesting severance. Treasurer Lillard made comments about changes to the thresholds for procurement related contracts away from the state standards. Mayor Wharton asked if all policy and procedures met state law and Ms. Collins assured the commission that they did. Ms. Winton asked about the Fiscal Review Committee process. Ms. Collins discussed the requirements for fiscal review. Comptroller Wilson commented on the audit process for severed institutions.

Chairman Cope opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Koban made a motion to move that, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-8-101(a)(2)(C), the Commission approve the request of the Board of Trustees of Austin Peay State University to assume the responsibility for the procurement function on December 1, 2017, and that the Board of Regents no longer be responsible for the performance of this function for the university as of that date and Mr. Stafford seconded. A voice vote was taken and passed with eleven aye votes and Comptroller Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Wharton commented on the need to provide ethics training to those involved in the procurement process. Dr. Rudd commented that institutions are prepared. Mr. Krause asserted that there is likely more oversight from the LGI boards than was previously offered. Dr. Rudd agreed.

Ms. Koban made a motion to move that, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-8-101(a)(2)(C), the Commission approve the request of the Board of Trustees of East Tennessee State University to assume the responsibility for the procurement function on December 1, 2017, and that the Board of Regents no longer be responsible for the performance of this function for the university as of that date and Dr. Dishner seconded. A voice vote was taken and passed with eleven aye votes and Comptroller Wilson abstaining.

Ms. Koban made a motion to move that, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-8-101(a)(2)(C), the Commission approve the request of the Board of Trustees of Tennessee Tech University to assume the responsibility for the procurement function on December 1, 2017, and that the Board of Regents no longer be responsible for the performance of this function for the university as of that date and Mr. Chisenhall seconded. A voice vote was taken and passed with eleven aye votes and Comptroller Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Krause advised the next THEC board meeting will be January 23, 2018.

Chairman Cope adjourned the meeting at 2pm.