

DATE: November 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Appointments to the Advisory Board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Success

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Tenn. Code. Ann. § 49-7-217(f) allows for the creation of an advisory board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Success, which may provide recommendations and guidance to the Commission in the following areas:

- Improvement of the identity, visibility, and distinctive capabilities and overall competitiveness of HBCUs;
- Engagement of the philanthropic, business, government, military, homeland security, and education communities in a dialogue regarding new HBCU programs and initiatives;
- Improvement of the ability of HBCUs to remain fiscally secure institutions that can assist the state in reaching its educational goals;
- Elevation of the public awareness of HBCUs; and
- Encouragement of public-private investments in HBCUs.

The board shall be appointed by the Commission and include representatives of a variety of sectors, including philanthropy, education, business, finance, entrepreneurship, innovation, and private foundations, as well as sitting HBCU presidents. The HBCU presidents will be ex-officio members of the advisory board.

Ex-officio members include:

- Dr. Forrest Harris (American Baptist College),
- Dr. Kevin Rome (Fisk University),
- Dr. Keith Lindsey (Knoxville College),
- Dr. Logan Hampton (Lane College),
- Dr. Carol Dean Johnson (LeMoyne Owen College),
- Dr. James Hildreth (Meharry Medical College), and
- Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover (Tennessee State University).

THEC staff is recommending the appointment of 9 new members to the Advisory Board for HBCU Success beginning on November 7, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

- 1. Mr. Spruell Driver, Contract Officer, Sponsored Programs Vanderbilt University**
Serves as a representative of the education sector. Represents Middle Tennessee.
- 2. Mrs. Laschinski Emerson, Director - A1 Learning Connections**
Serves as a representative of the education and entrepreneurship sectors. Represents East Tennessee.
- 3. Dr. Sharon Gentry, Director, Clinical Informatics, Strategic Development, and Integration, HCA**
Serves as a representative of the business and education sectors. Represents Middle Tennessee.
- 4. Ms. Sandra Long, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, HBCU Research Magazine**
Serves as a representative of the entrepreneurship and philanthropy sectors. Represents Middle Tennessee.
- 5. Dr. Doug Magee, Associate Head of High School, Ensworth School**
Serves as a representative of the education sector. Represents Middle Tennessee.
- 6. Ms. Deidre Malone, President and CEO, Carter Malone Group, LLC**
Serves as a representative of the entrepreneurship sector. Represents West Tennessee.
- 7. Mr. Damon Rawls, Principal Strategist, DRC Business Consulting**
Serves as a representative of the entrepreneurship and business sectors. Represents East Tennessee.
- 8. Commissioner Van Turner, Shelby County Commission**
Serves as a representative of the business sector. Represents West Tennessee.
- 9. Dr. Fallon Wilson, Director of Research, Black Tech Mecca**
Serves as a representative of the innovation and philanthropy sectors. Represents Middle Tennessee.