



## Council Executive Committee

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Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)  
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023  
Time: 11:00 am CST / 12:00 pm EST

**Present:** Tecia Puckett Pryor, Edward Mitchell, Sarah Cripps, Ryan Durham

**Absent:** Lisa Johnson

**Staff:** Lauren Percy, Lynette Porter, Ashley Edwards

1) **Call to Order**

After confirming there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at **11:02 a.m. CST / 12:02 p.m. EST.**

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and March 2023 Executive Committee Minutes**

The committee agreed to adjust the order of agenda items (reflected in the minutes below) to ensure topics that require discussion are prioritized.

***Sarah Cripps moved for approval as edited; Ryan Durham seconded. Approved.***

3) **May Council Meeting Preparation**

The committee discussed key components of the May meeting agenda:

- **Council Member Recommendations**

The committee discussed upcoming vacancies, including Chair and Vice Chair, in preparation for new terms beginning on July 1, 2023. The executive committee will present candidates to the full Council on May 5<sup>th</sup> before submitting names to the Governor's office. The Governor's office ultimately decides appointments for Chair, Vice Chair, new appointments, and reappointments.

- **Recognition of Council Members and Staff**

During the meeting, the Council will recognize members whose terms will end on June 30, 2023. The Council will also recognize staff members have earned milestones for their years of service to the State of Tennessee.

- **Committee Meeting Updates**

After discussion among the executive committee, it was decided that Council committees will begin reviewing and approving committee minutes *in* committee rather than as part of the full Council meeting minutes. This will ensure that members are responsible for approving only the committee minutes that they attended.

At this time, Tecia left the meeting. Vice Chair, Ryan Durham led the remaining agenda items.

4) **Debrief of March Council Meeting**

Lauren Percy, Executive Director, reviewed key trends from evaluations submitted by Council



members during the March Council meeting:

- Members felt prepared for the meeting (100% positive responses)
- The most important component of the March meeting was the discussion of public policy issues
- Members appreciated the new video overview provided by staff before committee meetings
- There was some confusion about the purpose of the committee report out interactive session, which included optional “homework assignments”

5) **Other Business**

Lauren Pearcy, Executive Director, thanked the committee for its prompt response in sending a letter to the TN House of Representatives related to HB 1249 (related to federal education funding) for the purpose of encouraging that effort to include expertise in disability. The bill has been taken off notice.

6) **Motion to Adjourn**

***At 11:54 a.m. CST / 12:54 p.m. EST Sarah Cripps moved to adjourn the meeting. Edward Mitchell seconded. Approved.***

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 4, 2023, 3:30 pm CST / 4:30 pm EST  
(Embassy Suites, Nashville Airport 10 Century Blvd, Nashville)

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Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

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Approved by: Lauren Pearcy, Executive Director