



**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Andrew Jackson Building, Ninth Floor  
502 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0800

**COUNCILS COMMITTEE**

Andrew Jackson Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room

Thursday, August 25, 2016

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Ashley Dunkin  
Kelly Drummond  
Gary Houston  
Petrina Jones-Jesz  
Amy Lawrence  
Steven Neely  
Wendy Shea  
Destiny Sweeney

**Members Absent**

Robert Terrell

**Staff Present**

Dana Cobb  
Lindsey Cody  
Susan Cope  
Rodger Jowers  
Richard Kennedy

Rosalyn Leavell-Rice  
Shaun Noblit  
Kristi Paling  
John Rust  
Jill Grayson-Stott  
Gwendolyn Wright

I. Welcome and Introductions – Ashley Dunkin, Chair

Chair Dunkin called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and welcomed all members and staff and asked each person to introduce herself/himself.

II. Approval of Minutes

**IT WAS MOVED (SHEA) AND SECONDED (SWEENEY) TO APPROVE THE May 2016 MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

III. Children's Advocacy Days 2017 Update – John Rust

Children's Advocacy Days (CAD) 2017 will be held March 14-15, 2017 at War Memorial Auditorium. Rust provided information about the 2017 theme that will center on the ingenuity of The United States space exploration accomplishments. A photo of the prototype of wooden rockets for speakers acknowledgments was shared with the committee.

IV. Review of Regional Coordinators' Activities

Information was presented about individual council and coordinator activities by: Lindsey Cody, East Tennessee; Kristi Paling, Upper Cumberland; Rodger Jowers, Southwest; Dana Cobb, Northwest; Susan Cope, Mid-Cumberland; Gwen Wright, Memphis/Shelby County; Rosalyn Leavell-Rice, Southeast; Jill Grayson-Stott, Northeast and Shaun Noblit, South Central. Each of the reports included council activities that have occurred since the last meeting of the Commission, as well as information about special projects and upcoming council meetings and events.

Detailed information regarding activities in each region was included in materials distributed.

V. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Minutes Approved by:

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John Rust  
Director of Field Operations

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Ashley Dunkin  
Committee Chair