



## Council Executive Committee

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Location: Conference Call - Zoom  
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
Time: 11:00 am CDT / 12:00 pm EDT

**Present:** Tecia Puckett Pryor, Ryan Durham, Tatum Fowler, Lisa Johnson, Lesley Guilaran

**Absent:**

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

1) **Call to Order**

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at **11:03 a.m.**

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and December 2021 Executive Committee Minutes**

There was no discussion.

***Lesley Guilaran moved for approval; Lisa Johnson seconded. Approved.***

3) **Leadership Transition Update & Discussion**

Lauren Percy, Executive Director, shared an update with the committee about the leadership transition process. Lauren's first official day as the Executive Director was Monday, January 10. Her current focus is getting familiar with council workstreams and projects, continuing to build on a strong internal culture and defining what the culture looks like in a virtual work environment. The staff have been incredibly supportive during this transition and the team-centered mentality is a strength of the council staff.

4) **Budget Updates**

The Federal government has not yet passed a final budget for the fiscal year. The council receives funding from a continuing resolution, which allows councils to allocate funds on a monthly basis. This does, however, impact long term planning and obligation of funds.

State budget hearings will begin in the Tennessee General Assembly in the coming weeks. Council staff will share information with the committee as we learn it.

5) **Council Structure & Council Member Roles**

During the leadership transition, staff have done a deep dive into how we define the structure of the Tennessee Council and council member roles. Staff hope to have tools developed for the committee to review in February, with information about how to become a council member, how committees and committee chairs are selected, and how council chair and vice chairs are appointed.



6) **New Member Orientation**

Three new members were appointed by Governor Lee at the end of last year, and will join the council for the February 25 meeting. On February 18, the Council will host a new member orientation. Staff asked Executive Committee members if they were available and willing to facilitate part of the orientation.

7) **Disability Day on the Hill**

In 2022, Disability Day on the Hill will occur over the course of several weeks and will remain a virtual event. The Council has been asked to support the initiatives of the Tennessee Disability Coalition, including an advocacy webinar in January, advocacy team meetings in February, and virtual legislative meetings in March. The Council will support council members in whatever capacity they can to ensure they are able to fully participate in this event.

In addition to Disability Day on the Hill, Lauren shared updates about several council projects related to public policy:

- The Disability Policy Seminar, held in Washington, DC annually, is scheduled to happen in March and will occur in person. Council staff will share opportunities related to this event with members soon.
- The Council will onboard a part-time intern to work with its public policy projects. The Council will share the intern with the Governor's office.

8) **Motion to Adjourn**

***At 11:57 a.m. CST / 12:57 p.m. EST Lesley Guilaran moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Johnson seconded. Approved.***

**Next call:** February 8, 2022 11 a.m. CDT / 12 p.m. EDT

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Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

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Approved by: Lauren Percy, Executive Director