



## Council Executive Committee

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Location: Embassy Suites Nashville Airport (10 Century Blvd, Nashville, TN)  
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025  
Time: 3:30 p.m. CST / 4:30 p.m. EST

**Present:** Ryan Durham

**Present Virtual:** Brent Wiles, Edward Mitchell, Sarah Cripps, Kim Boyd

**Absent:**

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

The Committee conducted this meeting by hybrid electronic means of communication (Microsoft Teams). Members of the committee reside across the state, which is key to their ability to represent the diversity of Tennessee. Due to unforeseen circumstances, several members were unable to be present in person for this meeting. As a result, both an in-person and virtual option were made available for members and members of the public. Required public notice was given.

1) **Call to Order**

After confirming there was a quorum, Ryan Durham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. CST / 4:38 p.m. EST.

2) **Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and the January 7, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.**

The committee reviewed the agenda and the minutes from January 7, 2025 meeting. There was one recommended edit to the January 7 minutes.

***Edward Mitchell moved for approval of the minutes as edited and Kim Boyd seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved.***

***Sarah Cripps moved for approval of the agenda and Kim Boyd seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved.***

3) **Business Items**

- **Council 2024 Annual Report**

The Council published its most recent [Annual Report](#) to the website. Thanks to the expertise of Communications Coordinator Dirk Strider, the Council has been able to produce both a digital version and plain text, printable version of the report for the first time. Executive Committee members are encouraged to share it widely and provide feedback to staff if you have it.

- **Budget Updates**

The Council has not been asked to go before any committees of the General Assembly to answer questions about its state budget request. Related to the FY25 federal appropriation, the US Congress has approved an additional Continuing Resolution



through mid-March, which means Councils will receive a portion of funding based on FY24 levels until a full FY25 budget is passed. The FY26 budget will be released with the State of the Union address.

- **Upcoming Member Vacancies**

The Council anticipates having four vacant seats beginning on July 1, 2025. Members who have recommendations for individuals to serve as Council members should reach out to staff. We are searching for members to fill the following upcoming seats:

- At-Large Member
- Upper Cumberland Development District
- Southwest Development District
- South Central Development District

- **Review January 31, 2025 Council Meeting Agenda**

The committee reviewed the agenda of the upcoming Council meeting. Members will hear reports, including an update from the Audit Committee. Members will also engage in focus groups to support the work of the Joint Needs Assessment.

4) **Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the committee.

7) **Motion to Adjourn**

***At 4:02 p.m. CST / 5:02 p.m. EST Brent Wiles moved to adjourn the meeting. Kim Boyd seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Approved.***

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 3, 2025, 11:00 a.m. CST / 12:00 p.m. EST  
Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

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Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

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Approved by: Lauren Percy, Executive Director

