



Council Executive Committee

Location: Virtual (Teams)
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Time: 11:00 am CST / 12:00 pm EST

Present: Ryan Durham, Brent Wiles, Edward Mitchell, Sarah Cripps

Absent: Kim Boyd

Staff: Lauren Percy, Lynette Porter, Ashley Edwards

The Committee conducted this meeting by electronic means of communication (Zoom for Government). Members of the committee reside across the state, which is key to their ability to represent the diversity of Tennessee. The matters considered by the Executive Committee at that meeting required timely action by the body and physical presence by a quorum of the members is not practical within the period of time requiring action. Required public notice was given.

1) **Call to Order**

After confirming there was a quorum, Ryan Durham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 am CST / 12:05 EST.

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and the June Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.**

The committee reviewed the agenda and the minutes from January 31, 2025. Sarah Cripps submitted an edit to the date at the top of the agenda (change from January 31 to March 4) and an edit to the "next meeting" section of the minutes (change from March 3 to March 4).

Edward Mitchell moved for approval of the agenda as edited, and Sarah Cripps seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved.

Sarah Cripps moved for approval the minutes as edited, and Edward Mitchell seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved.

3) **Business Items**

Staff Updates:

- Under the direction and leadership of Dr. Alicia Cone, the Council has submitted its annual Program Performance Report (PPR) to the Administration on Community Living ahead of the March 30 due date. This report shares updates on progress toward Tennessee's state plan goal areas.
- Staff reminded members of upcoming Council meetings. The Council plans to host its determination of progress meeting virtually on September 19, 2025.
- In August of 2026, all state Councils are required to submit new 5-year state plans. The Tennessee Council will begin the process of drafting its new state plan goals, objectives, and activities ahead of the November Council Retreat. Council members will review the



drafted plan and make edits as necessary. This draft will then be posted to the Council's website for 60 days of public review. Council members will play an active role in ensuring the goals, objectives, and activities match the needs and opportunities in our state.

- Council staff continues to interview potential Council members who will fill seats in July of 2025. Recently, Council Member Swathi Dasari, representing the Mid Cumberland Development District submitted her resignation from the Council to take a position with the Department of Disability and Aging. Her seat will be included in the vacancies staff are working to fill.

Policy Updates

- Council staff have met with Congressional delegation staff from Tennessee to share about the Council and its role. Council Vice-Chair Brent Wiles was essential to making these connections.
- Disability Day on the Hill is upcoming and eight Council members are signed up to attend.

4) **Other Business**

There was no other business.

7) **Motion to Adjourn**

At 11:38 am CST / 12:38 pm EST Edward Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Cripps seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 11:00 am CST / 12:00 pm EST (Virtual)

Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Lauren Pearcy, Executive Director