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## ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Commission Members

**FROM:** Cliff Lippard *Cliff*  
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**DATE:** 13 December 2017

**SUBJECT:** Staff and Commission Updates

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### **Commission Update**

There are several updates. First, the Commission will elect a new vice-chair at the start of the meeting. The vice-chair, who serves a two-year term, may be elected from among any of the current members.

Next, Mayor Keith McDonald of Bartlett, Tennessee, has been appointed by Lt. Governor McNally to serve as a member of the Commission, effective August 31, 2017. Mayor McDonald previously served on the Commission from 2008 to 2012. Please join me in welcoming him back.

Also, Senator Jim Tracy, with his recent appointment as the United States Department of Agriculture's Tennessee Director for Rural Development, has left the Senate and thus vacated his position on the Commission. Senator Tracy served on the Commission for over ten years, providing valuable input and insights on a number of our most influential analyses. A resolution honoring his service is attached. Please join me in thanking Senator Tracy for his service.

Finally, a resolution honoring Mayor and former Vice-Chairman Tom Rowland, whose service was recognized at the last meeting, is also attached.

## **Staff Update**

Rachel Jakubovitz, senior research associate, has left the Commission's staff to serve as an administrative judge with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Please join me in wishing Rachel good luck in her new position.

Lynne Holliday has joined the Commission's staff as a part-time senior research consultant. Lynne, who retired from the University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service in 2014, has extensive public finance and public policy experience. In addition to her time as a finance consultant with CTAS, she served as a director with the Tennessee Department of Education and as a senior research associate with TACIR. Please join me in welcoming Lynne back to the Commission.

Also, Research Manager Mark McAdoo graduated from the LEAD Tennessee program on December 11, becoming the fifth member of our staff to graduate from this comprehensive leadership course for state employees.