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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Commission Members

**FROM:** Cliff Lippard  
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**DATE:** 18 December 2025

**SUBJECT:** Commission and Staff Updates

### **Commission Update**

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-113, requires the State Board of Education to establish a review committee for the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement Act (TISA) on January 1, 2026. The executive director of TACIR is a statutory member of the committee, which is directed to meet at least four times per year and regularly review TISA, including the preparation of an annual report on or before November 1 of each year. The State Board met on November 21, 2025, and formally appointed the committee members, though no meeting dates have yet been set.

### **Staff Update**

Two staff members have recently completed important state leadership programs. In November, Research Manager Bob Moreo graduated from the Tennessee Government Management Institute, a two-week program that provides mid-level managers in state government with the opportunity for academic study, learning in practical management skills, and cross-agency networking to enhance the individual skills of middle managers. Earlier this month, Senior Research Associate Madison Thorn graduated from LEAD Tennessee, a 12-month program designed to develop eight core leadership competencies in emerging leaders, thus building bench strength within agencies and creating a pool of leadership talent for the state. Please join me in congratulating Bob and Madison on their accomplishments.