



# TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

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REGULAR CALENDAR ITEM: II.

**MEETING DATE:** February 7, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Committee Appointment  
**ITEM TYPE:** Action

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## BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section VI of the THEC Rules of Procedure:

*The Commission shall have three standing committees consisting of the Executive Committee; the Access, Academics, and Student Success Committee; and the Finance and Operations Committee.*

*The Executive Committee of the Commission shall consist of its officers. The Executive Committee shall have such powers as given through action of the Commission. In addition to the powers that have or may be granted to the Executive Committee through the action of the Commission, it is hereby specifically charged with the responsibility to review personnel matters; to review the policies, rules and regulations of the Commission; and to review and monitor the goals and objectives in the Commission's strategic plan (master plan).*

*The Access, Academics, and Student Success Committee shall consist of one nonvoting member and four to six voting members, nominated by the Chair and confirmed by the Commission. The nonvoting member shall be the Executive Director of the State Board of Education. These members shall serve a term of one year. The Access, Academics, and Student Success Committee shall review, provide feedback, and advance work related to student experience, including: affordability, outcomes funding formula design, academic programming, and credential completion. The Access, Academics, and Student Success Committee shall provide recommendations to the full Commission on agenda items under their purview.*

*The Finance and Operations Committee shall consist of five to seven voting members, nominated by the Chair and confirmed by the Commission. These members shall serve a term of one year. The Finance and Operations Committee shall review, provide feedback, and advance work related to funding and budgets, including development of internal budget requests, appropriations, binding tuition ranges, capital funding, and any other funding. The Finance and Operations Committee shall provide recommendations to the full Commission on agenda items under their purview.*

Commissioner Robert Smith has been appointed to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The Chair of the Commission may nominate Commissioner Smith for a vacant position in a committee, and this nomination may be confirmed by the full Commission.