



Tennessee Higher Education Commission

AGENDA

Spring Quarterly Meeting

Nashville Room, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower

May 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. CDT

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2026, Winter Quarterly Meeting

Chair's Report

Executive Director's Report

Institution Spotlight – Southern College of Optometry

Consent Calendar

- I. Postsecondary State Authorization (*Action Item*)
 - A. Authorization of New Institutions
 - B. Optional Expedited Authorization

Regular Calendar

- I. Legislative Update (*Information Item*)
- II. Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation Revenue Update (*Information Item*)
- III. New Academic Programs (*Action Items*)
 - A. University of Tennessee, Knoxville: Bioinformatics, Bachelor of Science (BS)
 - B. University of Tennessee, Knoxville: Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Management, Master of Science (MS)
 - C. Austin Peay State University: Athletic Training, Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)
 - D. East Tennessee State University: Hospitality and Tourism Management, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
 - E. East Tennessee State University: Environment, Health, and Disaster Science, Master of Science (MS)
 - F. Middle Tennessee State University: Mechatronic Systems Engineering, Master of Science (MS)
 - G. Tennessee Technological University: Integrative Biology, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- IV. Tuition and Fee Policy (*Action Item*)
 - A. FY2026-27 Binding Tuition and Fee Policy
 - B. FY2026-27 Separate Tuition and Fee Policy Requests

- V. Focused Baccalaureate Degrees (*Information Item*)

- VI. Other Business