

Transcript

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Perfect thank you.

So you heard me.

Nothing that award birds yes.

We have awards to give out to some of our board members today.

We're just going to do this one.

Right now they all just that are coming.

First of all we would like to present our certificate of appreciation invited.

By has been the 10 year she's done this for 10 years been ex officio for her department.

To you.

Thank you for your dedication.

Perhaps intent on a little bit more easily.

Perfect.

Whenever you're ready miss latifah look awesome size OK.

So we'll start with.

I'm gonna try and make sauce.

5 and 10.

So you'll see me look at this ever so often I want to make sure that I'm not a part of any reason to get.

Out.

Here any later really quick off quiz.

This can't be for communications or strategic partnership committee member at least at first.

Hopefully someone will get this outside of that.

What does the P stand for within the CFP network and you'll get a little mini gift from one of our sponsors?

What's your question?

What?

Does the P stand for within the corporate PFP network but just to raise your hand?

Partnerships wait for what you say corporate.

Does the P stand for in the CSP network?
Oh I thought it was perfect social learning.
Because OK who said lashhan.
I made my first hand.
He worded it too out of.
His eyes.
OK clearly have to just like have multiple books now this will be for lishan 'cause I
have the camera yeah this is from.
Number.
The front of the one of our home so I'm gonna keep sitting down if that's OK.
Of course.
Yeah.
So I will be thinking what is the CSP network for those who don't know.
At its heart it is a space for.
Business corporate civic anger institutions to come together for the state of
Tennessee this is a cross industry.
So you're talking healthcare utilities.
Boards industries creditors entertainment you name it.
And then also across various.
Roll.
I'm gonna keep looking at my phone for time so that is volunteer engagement.
Philanthropy we don't say di but philonging is what these meals sustainability et
cetera.
And so these folks come together they are.
So sharing ideas building relationships and.
Working towards a greater impact with state affinity.
So because of.
Time I want you to check out the one pager on.
Your.
Move on.
And then review that as you well.
You also have a postcard that we could talk about in a second but that basically is
what we do who we are.
What we're trying to build but I'm gonna get to you in this final 3 minutes?
Why it matters now?

This is definitely worth leaning into.

I think that the Commission we believe that Commission is uniquely positioned.

And can nurture something like this.

If we believe that businesses have a vital role?

In what the future of Tennessee.

Kind of looks like then it is worth looking at how we invest in the infrastructure of supporting folks showing up to do this type of work.

Oh.

Hmm I think we all know this.

It is not currently in the budget and I think everyone in this room understands the financial constraints that come with public entities historically in the Air Force space.

You know but I think we can still ask a couple of really important questions.

One how do we prioritize this.

The Commission 's already decided its initiative.

How do we prioritize?

I think another question to think about is what.

Is possible when we think about strategic staffing?

Strategic partnerships and then also how do we keep up the momentum keep up the momentum and move this from the Super cool idea.

To something that will.

Be.

Statewide engine of sorts.

So these are the questions I hope the Commission will think of do you.

Have a Coast Guard on your table?

2 events have happened so far.

Again we can talk events another time all the things that are happening you can check out the QR code mission vision pillars all the great things.

But I want to implore this group this fabulous body is if it resonates with you if you think that businesses again it's this is a good space for us to be involved in and it's good to help them connect across the state if we want to be.

If we want to be serious?

I think about how we're building a Service plan for the state of Tennessee and we have to really intentionally think about how we support these folks.

To close there's a proven hunger for this work from the folks that we've been working with and we have to make sure that it's not built on sand.

We have to make sure that there's something behind it because this has opportunity to be potentially one of the most powerful service tools in the state.

One of the most powerful service tools in the state because we have many already that will be done.

I don't have time for questions and items but I just wanted to make sure that the Commission understands what we're doing and what you all have been doing for a while.

Thank you.

No nothing.

And please if you have questions or comments please get in touch with Lisa because we really do want to continue with her efforts on this.

Did you have something on set?

Yeah I'll I'll come into Blake and other staff have also been involved but spearheading it's been a heavy lift and she has done a great job of rallying the troops the troops being these amazing philanthropy corporate partners across the state there's a lot more work to be done.

But let me put an awesome job.

So just let people.

Well.

And on the flip side of that I'll echo what latifah said there at the end we spend a lot of time talking about our mission right to increase volunteerism and voluntary engagement at the state level.

We cannot do that I'll reiterate.

We cannot do that if we aren't simultaneously supporting the organizations that are funding and hosting the volunteers we can say all day long.

Walmart volunteers.

But there's not opportunities for them to serve and people funding those opportunities that work can't happen.

So initiatives like CSP and others that.

May seem out of our lane at face value.

They're not.

They're right where we're supposed to be in the right in our lane.

So please continue to be thinking innovatively.

Right that's the innovative idea it's come from fruition.

It's got a lot of support.

I think there's a lot more things like CSP on the horizon if we're willing to reach out and and grab them.

So thank you Linda.

And to.

Appreciate it.

OK we're gonna start our business meeting and I believe we do have a quorum today so that's gonna help us.

We're not gonna have to do a roll call vote every time.

When I'm ready for?

So every student is Terry.

Can you all clarify for members as far as voting and how they go and voting should be voting in all that please?

Don't know.

Thank you OK.

So this is our business meeting and everyone who is here as.

A how do we word it in our state plan.

Government.

Appointed participants commissioner will vote and today and we're going to check a quorum in just a minute but today we're going to do our votes by after we have our presentation of number one we've got to approve the minutes we've got approve the state plan.

The way we'll do this is we will bring up on the board what we need to the show. I'll.

Ask if there are any questions or any comments we'll vote.

By either yay or nay if we don't have a corn we'll have to do a roll call.

But we'll call it everybody 's name and hearing your yay or nay.

Our secretary Jessica will record the votes.

We're going to vote on some funding issues the AmeriCorps formula funding recommendations from the grants committee Eileen will give us a brief presentation of what that's about which is health I imagine.

In America funding timeline revision which we had to do.

We also have the election of our 2026 officers the board development committee this year developed an application process by which you could apply for any position.

And they have pulled together those applications and have a slate of officers that

they'll present to us and we'll vote on those.

Let's see.

Believe that's about it.

And then we have at the very end we've got a little bit of time for certificates that we're going to be out awards for those who have served and then we will call the meeting adjourned.

Did that answer your question?

Please tell me because.

Go ahead.

OK.

OK did I.

Did I add a qualifier?

Great.

So all of the governor appointed commissioners are voting members.

But so are you.

By both the federal statute and the executive order the representative of the state Department of Education is a voting ex officio member.

Are there other exhibition members for voting?

No no.

I'm not.

No no.

What what what the what the Commission has typically done when we do the roll call?

The the secretary will call the voting members first and then call the ex officio.

The ex officio votes though are more just an advisory vote.

They don't.

They can't help us reach forum.

They can't sway the results of the vote.

But we do like to hear their opinion on what's being presented.

But yours is actual about about.

Thanks for clarification.

Thank you.

Appreciate that.

Any other questions or concerns yes gin?

I was gonna clarify we use sometimes when we don't have physically present.

That's when we have to do the roll.

Yes that's right.

Yeah that is true.

We abide by state statute if you don't have a in person quorum.

You have to do a roll call vote if you're allowing online participation.

Sorry that's a lot of things added together.

So we should have an in person forum today which means we can do instead of having to do the roll call vote.

Like Terry said we can just do a voice vote.

Which is a time saver?

Any further clarification needed?

Pretty good.

OK are you going to start recording.

It's just the order.

Let me double check but I think I started it when you did the record.

JY **Jessica Youngblom** 13:33

It's recording.

13:34

Yeah yeah yeah yeah.

Thank you.

Thank.

It was just.

Our first order of business is to confirm a quorum there are currently 24 voting members so we will need 13 voting members for a quorum.

As Jessica could you please do a roll call for us.

JY **Jessica Youngblom** 13:51

Yes, ma'am.

George bovi.

Destiny brown.

13:57

Present.

JY Jessica Youngblom 13:59
Kim Carpenter Drake.
It was here.

14:07
You might want to come back to Kim.
She's she's showing online but she's not here in person.

JY Jessica Youngblom 14:13
OK, Stephanie Davis.

14:16
I am there.

JY Jessica Youngblom 14:18
Nathan farner.
Terry Frank.
Amy Gillian.
Katie goforth.
Rebecca Henderson.
Andrea Hill.
James hogard.

14:47
It's hard is here.

JY Jessica Youngblom 14:50
Holly Jones.
Lizette Lopez.
Greg Lyles.

14:58
Here.

JY Jessica Youngblom 14:59
Lee Moulton.
Patricia Powell.

15:04
Here.

JY Jessica Youngblom 15:05
Jason Scott.

15:07
Here here.

JY Jessica Youngblom 15:08
Terry silver.
Tracy vandervate.

15:13
Here.

JY Jessica Youngblom 15:14
Amy Walter.
Betty White.

15:23
Here.

JY Jessica Youngblom 15:25
Krista Whitney.

15:27
Here here.

JY Jessica Youngblom 15:28

Eileen wolem.

Yvonne wood.

15:34

Here.

JY

Jessica Youngblom 15:38

Suzanne Carr.

Leshan, Dickson.

15:46

Air fried ****.

JY

Jessica Youngblom 15:47

Deshonta gleaton.

Adam Jarvis.

15:52

President.

JY

Jessica Youngblom 15:53

Caroline ledley. Heidi lemming.

Nestor Reyes.

16:04

President.

JY

Jessica Youngblom 16:06

Nancy sheilyn.

And then Jessica young bloom here.

I just want to confirm. Heidi, is Heidi there? Did she say present?

16:16

She left.

JY Jessica Youngblom 16:17

OK.

I just wanna make that and then the other one.

I wasn't sure if it's Amy Walter.

16:23

She left as well.

JY Jessica Youngblom 16:24

OK, cool.

16:26

What about him?

JY Jessica Youngblom 16:29

Kim put in the chat that she's here.

16:31

Perfect.

Do we have a corn?

Apple.

JY Jessica Youngblom 16:37

We have 15 voting members.

16:42

And how many in person.

JY Jessica Youngblom 16:45

We have.

15 in person members.

Sorry. So we have 20 members in total, but 15 that count for quorum.

17:00

And one of those is online.
So I think that gives us 14 in person.
Which gives us an in person forum I believe?

JY Jessica Youngblom 17:09
Yes.

17:09
OK.
Thank you Jessica.

JY Jessica Youngblom 17:12
Yep.

17:12
Our first order of business activity is approval of the minutes of the meeting on August the 8th 2025 you should have received a link to these minutes last week and a copy today.
With your packet let's take just a minute and review.
Does anyone have any corrections or additions?
Do I hear a motion to approve?
Nathan Betty second.
All in favor yay.
Yeah.
Any opposed nay?
OK.
Thank you.
Jean would you please give us your director 's report.
Sure thank you.
Thank you.
So a couple things.
As you all probably know there's a government shutdown.
Under a rock in a cave at the bottom of the ocean.
So.
So far that has not impacted volunteer Tennessee or volunteer Tennessee 's partner

programs and we don't expect that it will because all of the money.

For volunteer Tennessee 's operations.

And the pass through money that goes out to the partners in the community was under last year 's appropriations and was so it's already been approved by Congress and the money has already been granted to volunteer Tennessee.

So we don't expect any interruptions to the current program year or the current operations for volunteers in the seat.

But that doesn't mean to say that there aren't lots of challenges associated with the shutdown for folks at the local levels particularly.

Family members.

The AmeriCorps members get a very very small living allowance.

It's not a whole lot of money and a lot of those members rely on things like food stamps to be able to to do their year service.

Because it really isn't just a small amount of money.

So that's having an impact for individual members at the local level.

The the appropriations for the federal fiscal year that we're in right now.

That hasn't been approved which is why we're in the shutdown because they haven't approved that budget yet.

The the Senate version would essentially be level funding the house version would cut the program airport funding by about half the president 's budget includes essentially wind down funding for the agency.

I would expect that out of all of this stuff that probably what will happen.

And once they do end the shutdown is that there would be a continuing spending resolution that essentially would be last year 's funding which would be level funding they may make some tweaks here and there but usually when they do what's called a CR.

Is they just use last year 's budget and say this is what you have for this year 'cause I think it's unlikely that they're gonna be able to do individual appropriations for individual federal agencies especially since we're already in November?

So that would be good if we're funded at last year 's levels it would be level funding so that that's good news.

So one note I'll kind of moving off of a mayor corps the executive committee created an ad hoc committee to look at the process by which.

Donations to friends of volunteer Tennessee flow to volunteer Tennessee.

And you know how that process works.

And so they formed an ad hoc committee and I think that ad hoc committee would probably welcome anybody else who wants to be on that ad hoc committee.

So if you're interested in that.

Just talk to talk to Nathan.

He's carrying that committee.

At the first meeting is what the 17th week.

That I believe.

Thanks Linda.

Yeah thanks Chad.

Is new?

Oh the 10th.

Yes sorry sorry it's yeah it is it's Monday.

So if you're interested in being on that committee just let Nathan know.

And then I can forward you the the meeting invitation I will say just as a side note we're switching over to using Webex webinar and it will be our first time using that for that meeting.

So just be patient as we figure that new system out.

Let's see.

The governor 's volunteer stars awards and the comprehensive conference on volunteers and service learning the dates are set.

For March.

8th and 9th.

So the GDSA will be on the 8th which is Sunday.

We're trying to figure out how to do the conference instead of having the conference.

Monday Tuesday having it start Sunday afternoon and the Holiday Monday and then be done.

We discussed this a little bit earlier when destiny asked about if the changes to the conference would help attendance.

That's one of our goals is to try and help attendance but also we think it will potentially be a little less expensive if we do.

Monday 'cause we're already using the space on Sunday or the governor 's volunteer stars awards so just mark that down in your calendar.

I'll be at the same place.

Yes it's it's going to be at the same place that the Franklin area.

Yeah the the last thing I'd like to note is.

The.

Last year friends of volunteer to see apply for a small grant for a member assistance fund and friends matched that money with some of its own money to be able to help American members who were having some sort of financial difficulty.

During their term of service and this is for the the 2425 service year that ended a few months ago but there were 5 applications that were funded.

A total of 12 were received.

And they distributed \$750.00 out of that fund and you can see here the breakdowns most of it was for transportation.

And then there's a couple other things medical housing.

Demographics take a look at that.

That most of these were.

Fairly young folks.

And you can see they were the split part time full time a little more than half were part-time members.

Not to be.

That's it for the well it lists the programs where the members were that actually got money.

Anyway this is a good thing.

There's money still left in that in that fund because we didn't use all of it.

And it's continuing into this year and so we expect with all of the stuff that's going on that I mentioned earlier difficult to swim airport members that hopefully folks will take advantage of this.

So I just wanted to note this is a a great.

Thing that volunteer exhibit C is done in partnership with friends and with Americas service commissions.

Because Americas service commissions worked to get the they their had the application process for the the.

Matching funds was through America 's service commissions.

And so we got a small grant from them to to get this going.

Jim in light of the situation at federal level do we want to be buying our americorp members that we do have this as a fall back for them.

I don't know how much funding is left over in the future just a couple dollars and there's no sense doing it.

JY Jessica Youngblom 25:29

Chapter skip.

25:30

But if there's some significant funding left maybe you want to reach out to programs to remind them.

I believe that went out at the beginning of the the program year to the mayor Corp. Program managers I mean we can we can send it typically what we would do is we'd send it a couple reminders during the year.

Because.

I'm just saying because snap right.

Yeah yeah I don't remember when the last time we reminded them about it but we can certainly send out a reminder.

Yeah so anyway that I think that's yeah sorry one last thing I did the person who was supposed to do the inspirational moment sent me some statistics for this is for the United way of South Central Tennessee which covers.

Rutherford County and I think Canon county and I think one more county.

Sorry I don't remember right off hand which one it is but through their Tennessee serves sub portal they had 110.

Agencies registered and for the volunteers they had 4400 registered volunteers and they they also use the platform for their days of action.

So they're stuck.

The bus baby basics and their volunteer week.

So just a couple things for the the person who was supposed to come and tell us a little bit about how they're using the Tennessee service board.

Thank you Jean.

Well thanks for all your hard work we really.

Showed up.

And now I'd like to call on James to give us an update on friends please.

Thank you all for your.

Time and I just appreciate it through honor to be on that Commission and and on top of that I like the chair of friends of volunteer Tennessee and.

Last month I conducted our first.

Friends of volunteer board meet meeting as chair.

I appreciate the the board feed so supportive because I'm just lying and by the seat of my pants.

But having been on the board and I appreciate all the members over the past few years I've learned a lot from the members 2 years.

As view chair I took an effort to start the new meeting and I'd like to make it a Florida bar regular meeting to the beginning each board meeting with just a statement of the friends of volunteer just there's a constant reminder before.

That this is the focus of our any discussion that we have that our mission be.

Read by one of the members and that is to encourage volunteerism and community service by supporting the programs services of volunteer Tennessee and this includes fostering volunteerism for training.

Collaboration to address.

Community needs.

Just appreciate just the opportunity to start off every meeting being focused in that way and we had some of the things that we've covered over the past year particularly just last month we we had a scholarship recipient for the TNCBA scholarship sit in for.

An exam in the fall and the volunteer Tennessee awarded \$200.00 scholarship the last balance has of the end of this is important because if we want to help volunteer Tennessee in the programs but we need funds to do that and so.

As of the end of.

Of last month we had a total of.

As we end of September actually \$4469.00 in our budget.

And for October we generated a total of \$1665.00 in donations through network for good and an additional \$85.00.

And now you have got I.

Don't have the permission I have asked permission for.

A board member here but that person generally.

I don't need a \$200.00 yesterday.

I appreciate that very much.

I hope that motivates us all to contribute.

What we can?

Now as you know we had a volunteer specialty license plate program.

And in order for that to be a success we had to have at least 1000 people sign up for the purchase.

The license plate had disappointingly we didn't get 1000 person goal.

So.

We discontinued that that initiative.

And.

So we we we've contacted those who have already purchased the license plate in advance giving them the choice for full refund of the funds or funds retaining their money and we would send them the novelty version of the license plate.

But on the front of their cars now I have the 119 people that.

Initially made the orders we so far refunded 43.

And so for those that did get don't get a refund or or at least they've acknowledged that they they said you can keep our money.

We are going to send them this plate to put on front of theirs their cars.

Disappointingly the plates that were produced I think we have 100 of them came out not looking like a license plate that you.

It's a.

So small.

So we're currently in touch with the the company that printed these and to.

And they've acknowledged that it's not up to standard it's supposed to look like a license plate fill the whole thing.

So we'll know by the end middle of this month whether they're gonna redo these for us and they're charging those that have already received this unusual looking plate.

We would send them a new one.

And that's gonna be the collector 's edition.

But I'm determined that we can make something creative out of this if we snip it and round it out turn into a pencil holder.

I don't care.

We've got something.

And we'll try to sell these at the upcoming conference in March.

But also promote them in other ways.

Now talk about funding.

We one of our members.

Jay Sanders who works for a Middle Tennessee electric.

He's in charge of charitable foundation and he's generously making the effort to put forward that we would receive a \$10,000.00 grant and I know there's been a lot of questions like.

Sure.

Well.

If we get these funds can we sit on them for a while in case suddenly volunteer Tennessee needs them and the feedback that we've gotten is he's not writing anything into the grant that would limit us?

From doing whatever we want with funds so.

So at our next meeting we'll be discussing like how we can use those resources but at the at the earliest maybe those resources would come in about January.

Ah.

Other issues.

We we want to step up.

Wanna.

I want to be a little more ambitious that my friends are volunteer.

I wanna be a little more ambitious that my friends volunteer.

Tennessee can really be the support that would our our mission declares us to be to be a support to volunteer Tennessee in the programs and initiatives that we're involved in and in order to do that we need to expand.

Tennessee can really be the support that our our mission declares us to be to be a support to volunteer Tennessee in the program.

Our visibility in the public in a variety of ways.

So we're moving to.

Expand I've already made some business cards.

I mean I've talked to the our board and see if they approve of these if they think they're suitable but if in my opinion I think everybody on our board should have friends of volunteer business cards be handing them out to let people know who we support and.

What we're all about?

Communicate that on a regular basis.

In addition we've expanded our social media and we can pop that up.

Kim 's looking for that but on Facebook that's not ours.

Oh that that that will take you to the donation.

That'll take you to the donation.

Yeah I I created the QR code a.

Few minutes alright to the donation OK we're.

Gonna require that before you get your lunch next time.

Thank you that.

Appreciate that.

This is our new friends of volunteer Tennessee Facebook page and I just.

I set it up.

There's our our license plate as it should look if you open it up on your page you'll probably get the whole screen.

Or you can click on that and see what it looks like.

And for as soon as I set it up I just went crazy.

I just went through.

I went to volunteer Tennessee and looked at all the organizations that were supporting and promoting or partnering with and I just started liking everything they do and following them.

So I got up to 92 followings.

And then from that people started seeing I was sharing their stuff and I was celebrating their stuff trying to write comments about the activities and volunteer activities.

That they're doing.

And they started following so I would encourage everyone the only way this works I could share but I'm just one person the only way these any of these posts get visibility is all of us getting on there and following it.

And clicking on it and liking just a single light goes a long way in making it more visible for a longer period of time on the Internet.

So we want to look at for other platforms sharing on our LinkedIn profiles.

And whatever we can to just get the word out and I'm just amazed you know I I look at the stat say on LinkedIn every time I share something it tells me how many people viewed it and which corporations they're from.

And it tells me what part of the state or what type of industry they're from whether it's state or.

Or or tourism or whatever it is.

And to me that's very helpful.

It's like what did I include in that post that attracted these people to that particular post that they wanted to like it.

Or applaud it or share it.

And so.

But if you're getting on there and and liking it and sharing it it's not to increase my popularity.

I don't care at all.

It's to to make these to celebrate volunteerism and that's where we want to go for in addition we want to use some of the fundings that are coming in I want to be involved in not just myself would hope at least one other person on our board could. Be a member of the state Chamber of Commerce to be involved in in interacting I mean it's one thing we do.

We're doing it right now.

Virtual meetings but nothing matches.

Compares with meeting people face to face and when you're involved in the Chamber of Commerce when I was working for the Department of Labor and workforce development I was there every week I went to their orientation every week.

Not because I had something new to learn but I always.

He's met new people and I was always engaging with new people and the other programs that go.

So I think it's very important that we have a place at the table Chamber of Commerce and it opens a lot of doors when you're a fellow member of the Chamber of Commerce.

And and people are more interested in talking.

In addition we'll get a fancy table and we want a fancy tablecloth.

And we want to be involved in as many programs as possible.

I think the week that I was elected chair I went directly out to the park Centennial park in in Nashville and I went out and visited every volunteer at that volunteer week tables they were so much fun.

Everyone of them had a story tell I took pictures with.

Them and I think this is the kind of engagement that we want to work work on and.

You know I understand.

Every member is.

I'm not retired like me.

I'm enjoying my retirement because I can get more involved.

But whatever time we have and just sharing a business card or just talking it up or just liking something on Facebook goes a long way.

In in in promoting and celebrating volunteers across Tennessee and then lastly we are moving.

In our we want to expand our our friends event.

Volunteer Tennessee in helping Candace.

And and whatever she needs and her capacity to reach out to companies I'll be talking next month about expanding our capacity to reach out to the county.

We call them county coordinators.

And getting more counties involved and and stirring up interest.

And.

And.

And just in any way we can.

And also the Super volunteers our capacity to help in that outreach as well.

It's all about celebrating and and and if you enjoy what you see it's not work it's it's really a lot of fun to see.

I used to tell when I was at high school.

Volley track coach I used to tell all my athletes I said my job as your coach is to make you fence.

I said.

You get out there and do the best job you can do and I will make you so popular on social media.

Everybody will know what race you want and when you did that and that's what we're doing.

We are essentially Buick friends as a booster club and we're here to celebrate and work as closely with volunteer Tennessee to encourage and via support in any way we can.

So.

Thank you so much.

Good for say but that's about where we're at.

Volunteer friends of volunteer Tennessee I've talked to some of you in committee about how we can strengthen those relate relationships and I know the committee it will be talking about that and I want to be a part of that as well.

So any questions for me.

I appreciate your help.

Thank you.

You so much.

Appreciate all you're doing.

At this time we need to approve the 202628 state Service plan as presented earlier.

Does anyone have any comments or questions?

I just as I was going through.

Sorry I did notice that.

I.

I maybe didn't.

Fully capture the discussion cause each year at least 75% of counties or 71 counties submit at least one honoree.

And I know you all agreed it was either the percentage for the counties but I didn't track it.

Well the percentage instead of the number.

Have any questions?

OK.

Sure OK.

In that case I'm gonna take that part out.

And I.

And I heard 2 committees talk about the word audit.

And changing that to review.

Do we wanna make that official as well?

Now at this at this moment yeah.

My my point.

I'll just throw it out there.

Start.

Eat time short but my view of Autodesk that we have a standard that we're trying to maintain review just means to me that sounds like we're just looking at it but with no particular goal.

Well I think the word I think has become a backward and I hear the word I.

Have a boomer car?

Do you have a room break?

Should we leave it as it is at this time or do we want to change it to a different word?

But I think the integrity by which we are looking at it is similar.

We certainly don't have those credentials but I did hear 2 committees change it and want to change it.

Right.

Right yes.

Change it to review you want to use our color things.

Yes change it to review.

Yeah.

OK.

Thank you OK thank you.

Are there any other comments or questions?



Jessica Youngblom 42:21

Sex.



42:22

We had one change on item number 4.

It's just basically semantage but we wanted to make sure it was clear that we said.
Capital 7 5%.

Yeah I think it was.

Yeah the each instead of saying all commissions or just saying commissioners will
participate in 75% of the meetings we wanted to say each commissioner will.

So there couldn't be an average of all the commissioners but it would be each
Commission OK.

We'll see if I go OK each.

Commissioner will participate.

Everybody in favor of that.

Are you OK with that change OK thank you?

Any other comments or questions yes allene?

We have a small wording change to the outcome for goal one.

Yeah we've we've wanted to.

That's right.

That's.

We're assuming that members.

And so if we put the word americorp in there that would people would know
specifically what we're.

And so if we put the word americorp in there that would people would know
specifically what we're.

Is everyone OK with that change AmeriCorps members added to that OK?

Perfect thank you so much.

Oh and we had in the.

I think so.

Oh OK.

At the at the very beginning of goal number one.

So one A versus expand reach to call tennesseans for example Tennessee serves.

We were wondering if that should say and the.

Right now it says expand reach to all tennesseans within volunteer Tennessee network and ameri corps.

The stuff in brackets is just as just notes.

Oh OK that's not gonna show up right then.

Yeah anything in brackets is just notes from the original working committee that helped to kind of formulate the baseline for all of the stuff.

Yeah never mind OK.

Thank you Eileen.

Anyone else.

Any other comments or questions?

Do I hear a motion to approve the 26th 20202628 state Service plan?

Eileen second.

Yvonne thank you.

All in favor say.

Aye.

All opposed nay.

You said 2628.

202620.

OK Eileen would you please give us a little bit of review on the conflict of interest or would you like for me to.

Ask Jim.

Yeah so we need to sign our conflicts of interest.

Yeah so OK.

During your packet.

Yeah they you should have a blank version.

In your packet that says at the top of it it says conflict of interest.

Oh sorry we apparently we didn't put those out so staff are gonna.

I don't think I'm there.

OK or if you had it to get there maybe.

Yet.

That's.

Inclusion 262727.

I did not have it.

Nice and more.

Light yeah so I have all of them.

Oh oh oh I'm sorry.

I'll be that.

At all times.

Hey yeah that's OK.

It'll be the same yeah OK.

Thank you very much.

Thanks for taking good care thank you.

If you did yeah I'm not trying to be?

Yeah no.

Definitely but it's the same one we have here.

It's the same thing you.

Just have to have one *****.

Peter.

Once you completed your son just hold it up.

And Anthony and Candace will pick them up if they don't mind.

If you if you completed yours just hold it up?

And staff also need to sign the so staff sorry does staff need to copy as well.

They probably just let me have the same no I'm not interested in your product.

Do we have extras?

No I don't.

We do.

We don't.

Well we have everything.

Yeah.

Does anybody else need a?

Flight ticket to.

Turn in or is that.

Too cold or is there.

Anything.

I can do you like your picture.

Thank you.

I'm not going anything OK.

Once.

It's one of the 17.

20.

Minutes.

And I have.

So.

Yeah it's just the session.

I have basically.

I have.

So yeah it was just like all the same.

On the customer.

So try to see.

Yeah but it's not.

Yeah but it's hard.

Yeah that's not.

It's fun.

I don't understand.

I should go.

Call us back to order.

What call us back to order please?

Those with conflicts now I'm gonna ask you to recuse yourself or to mute yourself if you're online until after the discussion the votes are complete.

Now I'm gonna ask you to recuse yourself or to mute yourself if you're online until after the discussion.

The votes are.

Yeah so for for the folks in the room that have conflicts you'll need to.

Step away.

Step away.

Out and we're probably gonna have to bring folks back in because that's gonna drop us a little bit more.

In 30 years I've never not had conflict.

Stop listening far Oh no.

Hey sound.

No we we've no.

We will drop with all these people filling up.

Yes we will absolutely need to bring somebody back in.

Another thing doesn't depend.

There's a standard reference.

Here.

If it's been over a year you're OK?

Yeah tainus hasn't.

So therefore we have.

Thank you.

I used to thank you.

To go back to the question that we said.

But I was all that.

I was getting stuff I was like.

Oh OK.

We're we're now doing something.

I have your teaching.

Please may I have your teacher please.

Wait for you to get it.

We're now going to approve hopefully the 2025 AmeriCorps formula funding recommendation revision.

And we will.

I'm doing a quick count on the forum we we are going to have to bring in at least one maybe 2 of those folks.

Can we have Jessica Dooley?

No OK.

The books you.

We're counting to see if we have a quorum or if we have to invite someone back in.

Yeah with the with the folks who had to step.

Out.

That gives us 11 in person.

And we have.

42 voting members online so that would give us a quorum but we would need to do a roll call.

OK is that OK.

Yeah it is.

Yeah OK.

All right who's going to present the 2025 Amir court formula funding recommendations revision.

Yeah let me umm.

Let me pull it up.

Stop seriously for a second.

Yeah.

There.

So Jessica I don't know if you caught that.

We dropped below and so we'll just need to do a roll call vote for for this because otherwise we won't have a form but I believe and you can double check the numbers because.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 52:03
I did.

 52:17
Based on your account.
We had.
Nathan.
Jason Nathan farner Jason Scott and Tracy vandervay all had conflicts.
And with the 2 voting members online that should give us 13.
Because we have 11 in.
The room.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 52:46
I only have.
Kim Online and myself.
Am I missing someone?

 52:54
I believe Rebecca Henderson is Rebecca.
Are you you there?
She left earlier.

I don't.

Know if she's thinking she was just.

JY **Jessica Youngblom** 53:03

Yeah, she she did not say.

53:05

She's showing a lot.

JY **Jessica Youngblom** 53:07

Here when I did the quorum check.

53:10

Yeah OK.

Yeah so she may have stepped away.

And forgotten to log off.

So is Kim are you still there.

K **Kim** 53:22

I'm here.

53:24

Yeah OK.

So we would need then in order to get to quorum we need to bring one person from outside and but we would still need to do a roll call vote because we would not have an in person forum.

Circuit randomly.

Grab one person.

Are we wait on them to come back in?

Can I have a clear bag like are you gonna explain this charge?

I'll do my best but you asked a question first because that.

Oh I know.

A couple meetings ago we talked about how the funding works.

Did we determine if we had funding chamber particularly?

I'm just not the 2 high risk did we determine if we funded them or not.

We did provide plenty for the Chattanooga chamber foundation.
Uh-huh that's that was the only one that had.
Had a high risk that was actually funded.
The other one was a bit further down on the list OK and so.
I'm just trying to figure out how.
Much funding I didn't know like we gave the whole reco that was the part.
Of the charter it it is on the chart.
It so it was the full amount OK.
Sorry the.
The scroll buttons don't show up on the screen so no that's fine.
I'm just trying to scroll from my.
Phone so I don't move.
OK.
Thank you I got it.
Did we get our first OK?
Yeah yeah yes.
So Jessica and Nathan returned to the room.
So I believe that should give us 13 voting members.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 55:01

Yes.

 55:03

OK.

Yeah yeah yeah.

The last Eileen you were.

No I'm happy to.

Tell you OK OK so.

The the only change from this version from what you saw in August and remember in August we didn't have a quorum at all either in person or accountant of people online.

So the the executive committee.

Made the vote that's on the chart.

That that we provided last week.

And provided the funding that essentially the grants committee and the staff had

worked on to to.

Well sorry that the staff had worked with based on the previous instructions from the may meeting to essentially do our best to fund existing agencies to the best of the ability after the may meeting we got our formula allocation.

We also then learned that we did better in the competitive process than we expected because we no competitive programs to get funded.

So it allowed us to essentially fully fund the programs at the level that they were requesting.

And there was still some money leftover.

And that's why we then also suggested funding the Chattanooga chamber foundation.

At the time in August.

We still did not have the funding for teach for America Memphis.

I'm sorry not teach for America.

Memphis Memphis teacher residency they were approved for competitive funding but the funding had not actually.

Been.

Granted because the my understanding is that the office of management and budget at federal level was holding those competitive funds not just for MTR but for all competitive America programs across the country.

They finally released those funds.

In August we were proposing to include money in this chart the formula funding to cover that in case that money didn't come through.

Well it did come through so that gives us the current chart which there's no change from the August presentation for the top ones.

And these are the programs that are in the middle of their 3 year funding process.

So they're either in.

Year 2 or year 3.

And so there's no change from what we presented in August.

Below the only change in the chart from what was presented in August and then what the executive committee subsequently.

Subsequently approved was.

Taking out Memphis teacher residency because that funding was eventually awarded and so we no longer need to include them in this chart.

All the other numbers did not change.

From what was presented in August and again.

That that because we didn't have a quorum at the August meeting the executive committee met and reviewed this and approved the the the previous version.

Rebecca did.

She was oh OK good yeah OK.

Thanks Rebecca.

Does anyone have any comments or questions?

Do I hear a motion to approve?

I leave Eddie second.

I'll second that James.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 58:34
OK.

 58:37
Jessica will you please do a roll call vote.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 58:41
Yes, George bovi.
Destiny brown.

 58:47
No.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 58:53
Kim Carpenter Drake.
Stephanie Davis.

 59:01
Here.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 59:03
Irna.



59:06

She said yes.



JY Jessica Youngblom 59:07

Oh, OK.

Sorry, it sound like she said here. Nathan farner.



59:10

She did.

Not.



JY Jessica Youngblom 59:17

Terry Frank.

Amy Gillian.

Katie goforth.

Rebecca Henderson.



59:25

What Katie is here?

So Katie said yes.



JY Jessica Youngblom 59:31

OK, sorry.

Rebecca Henderson.

Andrea Hill.

James hogard.



59:45

Hi.



JY Jessica Youngblom 59:47

Holly Jones.

Lizette Lopez.

Greg Lyles.



59:55

Yeah.



Jessica Youngblom 59:56

Lee mountain.

Patricia Powell.



1:00:01

Yes.



Jessica Youngblom 1:00:03

Jason Scott.

Terry silver.



1:00:09

Yes.



Jessica Youngblom 1:00:12

Tracy vandervate.

Amy Walter.

Betty White.



1:00:21

Yes.



Jessica Youngblom 1:00:23

Krista Whitney.

Eileen Wallen.



1:00:30

Yes.



Jessica Youngblom 1:00:32

Avon wood.

 1:00:34
Yes.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 1:00:35
Suzanne Carr.
Leshan Dixon.

 1:00:41
Same.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 1:00:44
Deshonta gleaton.

 1:00:45
Yes.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 1:00:48
Adam Jarvis.

 1:00:50
Same.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 1:00:53
Caroline ludlowe.
Heidi lemming.
Nestor Reyes.
Nancy Schilling, Jessica Young bloom abstain.
OK.
So let me.
We have 10 yeses.

 1:01:30
Thank you.
Next I'd like to call on Eileen to discuss the 2026 AmeriCorps funding timeline

revision.

Sorry the Zack the folks with complex can come back because the this this next piece doesn't.

Thank you.

OK.

Shut up.

Oh that's right that's the wrong.

OK.

OK so.

We really hope.

That by this time there would be some clarity on this timeline.

Remember previous comment about the government being shut down.

So.

Our Tennessee funding timeline depends pretty heavily on the release of the federal notice of funding opportunity which.

Typically we would already have by now.

And then we take that federal notice of opportunity and we turn it into a Tennessee specific notice of funding opportunity and put that out to nonprofits in the state or nonprofits government agencies that want to apply for Maricopa funding.

Well we still don't have it.

That federal notice.

So what we have done for the competitive programs because their due date is earlier than the formula deadline we provided.

The competitive programs with essentially last year 's notice.

And told them it's probably when it does get released it's probably not gonna look exactly like this but we don't know exactly what it's gonna look like and we don't wanna wait until the last minute to get it to you.

So we recommend that you go ahead and start working on your applications based on last year.

's and.

Because the federal notice isn't.

Active they can't submit those applications online so they're gonna have to submit them to us directly through a digital format and then we're gonna review those and make some recommendations and comments and changes.

So we're doing our best to try and get the competitive applicants ready for bless you

a due date that we expect will probably be in early January for the competitive.

The formula.

Can do upstate formula funding process without the federal notice because it's up to this body to make the determination on how this formula funds get spent?

But we typically model this the formula off of the federal version just to make sure that that that what the Tennessee formula programs is aligned with what the the federal agency is looking for in terms of their their priorities that kind of thing.

But we've got time for that because the formula deadline typically is is later.

But all of that's to say that this timeline is still not right because we still don't have this embargoed funding notice of funding opportunity.

So.

The the the thing that you all have already approved which is the key thing.

Is the stuff at the top of this which is essentially which programs to send to the competitive process and which ones to keep in the formula?

You've already approved that and that's what we're going.

That's what staff is doing.

We're we're going based on what you've already approved at the top.

Because again the timeline itself is out the window.

So that's what we're working on.

So I think that's a long way of saying that you can vote on this version.

But when we put this version together we had hoped that we would have the notice by the 13th of October and we still don't have it.

So you can vote on this timeline but we're gonna have to change it again.

So I think you can.

I think it would be safe to table it I mean again we we really hope that by now we would have it and we could get you a real timeline but it's just not there yet.

So we have to vote on it on so we can table it.

Is everybody in agreement that we're tabling this at this time thank you?

Thank you.

Thank you Jim.

OK.

So I'm sure they've heard us OK Greg would you like to talk about the election of the 2026 officers.

Before I do that we had 2 vacancies.

We have 2 vacancies on the board.

And so we.
Had a number of applications that we went through.
And we're sending 7 names to the governor to for them to select.
Those individuals to fill these 2 vacancies.
So much again.
Election of officers board development committee.
Was forcemeet to have all my community members miss Betty to?
Author or.
I guess a.
That we approve to send out to Commission members so that they can apply for.
An office and so we did.
Receive those back I think the deadline was back in October.
I believe when I received those and so we're presenting to you today a slate of
offices for 2026.
Chair Terry stilbert vice chair Jason Scott treasurer.
If I would secretary Betty White?
Are there any nominations from the floor?
At this time.
Seeing that they are known is there a I'm sorry.
I said.
I move that we close up the site of officers for 2026.
Is there a second second second?
OK thanks.
That was that.
That probably was too quick for Jessica to be able to.

 **Jessica Youngblom** 1:08:27

So I think it was lashon for the motion and who was the 2nd?

 1:08:28

Share Dixon lotion.

And just so that was the motion to close nominations.

Not not to.



Jessica Youngblom 1:08:40

OK.



1:08:42

The shantay second that motion to close the nominations on this slate of offices for 2026.

All those in favor.

Say aye aye opposed.

OK.

Now there are no nominations on the floor.

So is there nominations to accept the slate of officers for 2026.

OK to go forth motion is there a second.

Ali walm second motion.

Those in favor signify by saying aye those opposed.

All right.

Motion carries.

Thank you.

Congratulations.

I think we're going to continue with recognition champions of service 2025 officers in class of 2025 members recognition.

Ready for your assistance thank you.

Not not for the officers.

That's right certificate appreciation.

We would like to present to Terry silver the services.

Why?

Certificate of appreciation for serving as vice chair of volunteer 20.

Vice chair of volunteer oh gosh.

For 2025.

Tom Wood treasurer for 2025.

And Jessica will I'm sure we'll mail yours or serving as secretary for 2025.

George balby was absent the class of 2025.

Stephanie Davis.

25.

Carrie frank is absent.

We'll mail that one.

Amy Gilbert is absent.

Holly Jones is absent.

Absolutely absol.

And Patricia Powell.

Like that concludes our recognitions.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you all for your service.

Thank you so much.

Please do a couple more draw prizes.

I promised everybody to get us out of here by 2 so if we finish we will.

Fair enough.

Yup OK at this time.

Any member of the public wishing to address the Commission during the public comment period must make the request by e-mail or phone to Jim cell no later than 2 business days in advance of the meeting day?

Comments must be relevant to the published agenda.

The items Jim did we receive any requests for public.

Excuse me comments no.

Wrap up evaluations would you like to share.

Matthew.

Yeah so I'll send it out as follow up but for those of you who have a smartphone handy this is a QR code for the retreat evaluation so please.

Please do that.

So for those of you in person.

Sorry we're getting the the travel forms so the travel forms.

Nothing yeah I don't need yeah.

Call.

I'm gonna project.

The actual date.

Pass them out to anybody who needs travel horns please.

Hands up and Candice will give it to you.

And while she's doing that I am going to.

Show you how to complete it.

So.

The travel form.

 **Kim** 1:13:06
Hmm.

 1:13:10

Sorry it's taking a second to open.

There it is yeah.

The travel form for those of you in the room looks like this.

All you need to do is fill out the part up at the top left in yellow.

If you came in on Wednesday you put Wednesday 's date where you came from and you arrived in Murfreesboro the times can just be approximate?

It doesn't have to be exact.

So if you came in Wednesday you'd have one line yesterday would be a separate line.

November the 6th just put Murfreesboro there is fine.

Then today you put 11 7 and you're leaving from Murfreesboro going back to wherever you're going.

That's all you need to do up here.

Staff will calculate your mileage and put it in these lines and then.

Per diem amount based on the state rates subtracting the meals that volunteer Tennessee provided.

So we'll it's a bit complicated.

So we'll do that for you as well.

So if you came in today or sorry if you came in yesterday and leave in today then you would just have 2 lines for any of you who.

Who are local and have driven back and forth you would have 2 lines for yesterday and 2 lines for today so the first one would be leaving from wherever you came from?

In you.

Put the actual address.

And then you would be the second line for yesterday would be leaving here and go back to wherever you're going to after you left and then today would be the.

Going back to.

Will calculate the mileage for you?

Well we're required to attach a MapQuest Google Maps type thing to the travel form so we'll do that.

So just put in the address that you're coming from because we have the address of of this building.

Down at the bottom left put in your name.

Just the last 4 of your social we don't the entire thing.

Your mailing address.

 **Kim** 1:15:40
Shut up.

 1:15:44
Bless you.

 **Kim** 1:15:44
Not you.

 1:15:46
Your mailing address.
And and then be sure to sign it.

 **Kim** 1:15:55
Should I just tell you that was Kim? Just so everybody knows who to make fun of? My dog started barking.

 1:16:00
I.

 **Kim** 1:16:01
I'm so sorry, Jim.

 1:16:02
Think we knew.
We gathered.

Bottom right if you'll sign it and the the date the date is actually on the line below the signature line.

So it's it's a little weird but please sign it right above.

Line below date it right above where it says.

As date what about.

What?

A trip to yesterday's.

Yeah so if you if you want to include that.

You would have 3 lines one from your house to here one from here to the service project and then one from the service project.

To the restaurant.

Yeah OK and if you want to give an in kind donation down in the middle under where it says additional explanation.

Just write in kind donation to volunteer Tennessee and.

We'll go ahead.

We'll do the calculation.

Please do all the other stuff.

Sign it.

Date it.

All that stuff we'll make the calculations but we won't submit it for reimbursement and that's how we get that in kind donation from you but.

Thank.

Tracy would you like to call out a couple of.

Yes let's see you want my last.

Please.

Jason pick a number from one to I think 24.

I can't remember what the numbers were called before so 2424.

Jessica Yang blun.

We'll make a donation on your behalf to the food bank food bank that we visited yesterday.

And will you pick a better number.

From one to 23.



Jessica Youngblom 1:17:51

2.



1:17:53

1302 OK.

Stephanie.

Yay.

2.

Tracy that is.

I I.

Stephanie will keep another number.

Betty White.

Did you already get something yesterday Andrea?

I didn't get anything.

OK.

Thank you thank you all.

Different numbers today.

I know we're a little past.

It and I'm open to.

Do as chair of this Commission I'm so proud of you and the most amazing thing for me today has been every single one of you contributing and giving us your knowledge and wisdom and all of us working together to make that state plan what? It is so.

Thank you.

I appreciate you so much.

And I'd like to hear a motion to adjourn.

I know we don't have new business on our schedule typically but just want to put out a recommendation for those newer Commission members including myself.

Yes ma'am do a spotlight of our committees every meeting even if it's 5 or 10 minutes of what they're doing.

Who's on the committee?

Just in case I decide I want to move to another committee I'd love.

Meet people on it as well.

Thank you for that.

That's one.

Thank you for that and we'll let the board development talk about that as well.

Thank you for that suggestion appreciate it.

That was up now.

Now move that we adjourn the meeting OK there you go.

Yes oh by the way please make sure that we get these bag Jim 's got to have these.

Don't leave without giving us these so we can have your activities and outputs that you shared Candace.

So also your name Sir and also your travel form plan.

So we have 3 things that we're turning in oh 4 with the the lanyard 24.

Yep.

A second lien OK.

Destiny second.

Thank you we are adjourned.

Thank you.

Thank you.

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● **Jim Snell** stopped transcription