

# Transcript

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□ **Jim Snell** started transcription

**JS** **Jim Snell** 0:03  
OK.  
I.  
I believe the recording and transcription has started.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 0:06  
It is yes. OK.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 0:08  
Yeah.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 0:08  
Thank you guys for coming to our Executive committee meeting.  
I know we're all busy.  
I'm three weeks out until my wedding, so I'm a little bit woo, but we're going to get through this. So thank you for being here.  
We're going to review and vote on the executive committee meeting minutes, and then we're going to talk about options for the conference and the GVSA.  
And then we'll also have time for a public comment.  
Today again thank you guys so much.  
I know we're really busy and we'll keep this hopefully to an hour or less.  
Our first order of business is to confirm a quorum. There's currently 7 voting members of the executive Committee, so we'll need 4, which I believe were good.  
But Jessica, can you do a roll call for us, please?

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 0:58  
Yes, ma'am.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 1:00  
Thank you.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 1:01  
Destiny. Destiny brown.  
Nathan farner.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 1:05  
Here.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 1:06  
Greg Lyles.  
Terry silver.  
Betty White.

**BW** **Betty White** 1:13  
Here.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 1:14  
Eileen Wolema bonwood.

**E** **Eileen** 1:15  
Here.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 1:20  
Traska youngblom.  
I'm staying.  
Well, I'm here.  
So yeah, we have six members present that are Capricorn, so.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 1:29  
OK.  
Thank you so much.  
Our next order of business is to review and approve minutes of our last Executive

Committee meeting on September the 10th, 2025.

Hopefully you've received these.

Jim sent them out on September the 19th.

Let's just take a minute to review.

See if you see anything that needs to be changed or if you have any questions or comments.

Does anyone have any corrections or additions to these minutes?

OK. Do I hear a motion to approve?

**EW** **Evon Wood** 2:12

Some of.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 2:13

Avon, thank you a second.

**E** **Eileen** 2:14

I 2nd.

I 2nd.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 2:16

Eileen, thank you so much. Jessica, can we have a roll call vote, please.

**E** **Eileen** 2:17

Yes.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 2:21

Yes, destiny brown.

Nathan, partner.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 2:26

Yes.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 2:27

Greg Lyles.

**GL** **Greg Lyles** 2:28  
Yes.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 2:30  
Terry silver.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 2:31  
Yes.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 2:32  
Betty White.

**BW** **Betty White** 2:33  
Yes.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 2:35  
Eileen Wallen.

**E** **Eileen** 2:36  
Yes.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 2:37  
Avon wood.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 2:39  
Yes.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 2:40  
Jessica Youngblom abstain. It passes.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 2:43  
OK.  
So Jessica, let's make sure you sign those approved minutes.

**JS Jim Snell** 2:44

And.

Yes, thank you.

**JY Jessica Youngblom** 2:47

Yep.

**TS Terry Silver** 2:47

Please get it back to Jen.

**JY Jessica Youngblom** 2:49

Well do.

**TS Terry Silver** 2:49

Thank you, Jim.

OK, let's get to the main business for this call and that is a discussion on how to maintain the GPSA in conference.

If our federal funds are reduced or eliminated, and I do want to start.

I would like to entertain the idea of.

Of finding a way to to put a fund in reserve.

I do have a commitment.

Of 10,000 to go into that reserve fund and I'm thinking after we talked with friends of volunteer, there may be another 10,000 that we could put aside.

My idea is that we put some money and I'm hoping we can get up to 60,000.

I don't know how much we're gonna have to spend on this, but.

A reserve fund somewhere in some type of.

I don't know what, but somewhere reserved so that if this happens to us again that we have an additional year to be prepared for what we're going to do instead of being in panic mode like we were a couple of weeks ago.

Thankfully, the funding did come through.

We don't have the money yet, but but that's just an idea that I had.

I'd like some feedback on that. If you guys are willing to give me some feedback on that.

And other ideas as well.

**BW** **Betty White** 4:20

So OK.

So Terry I.

I heard everything you said, except are you talking about for the GVSA or for the conference or for both?

OK.

Thank you.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 4:33

Uh-huh.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 4:40

I'll I think it's a wonderful idea.

I mean, I think that that that's a best practice. I feel like if you look at most nonprofits, large entities, right, you try to have some sort of a fund that we put into a high interest, something that just kind of sits there and is available for an.

Emergency and ideally something that maybe is making some money would be great. So that way the longer it sits there untouched, it can continue to grow and then at some point down the road if some other commitments come in, we can just continue to add to that fund.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 4:58

Yes.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 5:08

But fund.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 5:09

Yes.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 5:09

But yeah, I think a rainy day pot would have been nice had we have had that this time six months ago, right?

So I I think that's a wonderful idea.

And so one point of clarification, those commitments are those commitments are outside of any sponsorships or commitments that Candice made perhaps already get for this year's conference.

Because I know normally we. OK, so this is in addition to not taking away from dollars that Candice already made. OK, got it.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 5:33

Correct.

Mm-hmm.

Eileen.

**E** **Eileen** 5:46

Yes. Did I understand correctly that you said that?

You were possibly proposing to ask.

Friends for a \$10,000 commitment.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 6:01

I what I was coming basing that on was the.

I think, Jay said.

There is a grant that we can apply for and I think he said up to 10,000 and my idea was to partner that with another 10,000 from another commitment, another sponsor and that that that would be the base. And from there we go to other SP.

**E** **Eileen** 6:15

Yeah.

OK.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 6:28

And say you know.

How much would you be willing to give us to put in this?

I like Nathan's rainy day pot.

**E** **Eileen** 6:35

Mm-hmm.

**TS Terry Silver** 6:36

Just just to help us in case funding is eliminated or delayed.  
That that we have this, you know.  
Blue Sunny sun in the sky for us to use is what I'm trying to say.

**E Eileen** 6:52

Yeah.

**TS Terry Silver** 6:54

Because yes, does that answer your question, Eileen?

**E Eileen** 6:58

It does.  
It does.  
I you know, I was just gonna say I was thinking about the money that.  
That, friends, has.  
And you know, we're we're lucky if we can hit \$1000 in our from our from our you  
know meager donations.

**TS Terry Silver** 7:12

I hear you, I hear you.

**E Eileen** 7:18

Regarding.  
The the grant that Jay was talking about this was this at the meeting the other day.  
That was the first time I heard about this.  
And so I don't know what the, what the guidelines are for that grant.

**TS Terry Silver** 7:37

Mm-hmm.

**E Eileen** 7:37

So I think.  
Yeah, I think we would have to wait until the grant is announced.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 7:46

Yes.

**E** **Eileen** 7:47

To you know, to see if because I remember he said something about brick and mortar and.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 7:53

Yes.

**E** **Eileen** 7:55

So you know, I'm not sure.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 7:55

But I do also remember you asked him if it could be used for the GBSA in the conference and he said yes.

**E** **Eileen** 8:02

Yeah, he did say yes, OK.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 8:04

But I do want to have a conversation with him, and there are other grant opportunities. I've been researching too since this whole.

**E** **Eileen** 8:07

Yeah.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 8:16

Issue has arisen.

There are other grants that we can apply for.

I think this is doable.

But it's just an idea I had, I just I.

**E** **Eileen** 8:26

Yeah. No, no.

It's a great idea.

It's a great idea and I want to discourage it.

Yeah, we'll just need to find out more from Jay.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 8:36  
Yes.

**E** **Eileen** 8:37  
And I I came in a minute or so late so.  
I want to make sure I Jim probably did say this but I want to make sure that Jim said that. James, who's with us today is the incoming chair of Friends of Volunteer Tennessee.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 8:51  
Yes.  
Yes. Yeah, we're happy to have him.  
And Jim did introduce him. Thank you.

**E** **Eileen** 8:58  
Yeah.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 9:00  
Thank you, Eileen.  
I think Betty has her hand up, then Jessica, and then Nathan has a question in the chat. So Betty.

**E** **Eileen** 9:01  
Yeah.  
Sure.

**BW** **Betty White** 9:09  
I just wanted to make sure I think that we all know what we're talking about and I agree.  
I think it's a great idea and especially given the tenuous.

Situations we have these days, I think we need to be looking at how to continue our work. If we don't have federal funding in lots of ways, I do want us to be careful in our use of language because I heard when we were talking about the money.

The word sponsorship again.

And I think that sponsorship is separate from what we're talking about here with a rainy day fund.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 9:44

Yes, thank you, Betty.

**BW** **Betty White** 9:45

I just want to be careful, OK?

**TS** **Terry Silver** 9:47

Thank you, Betty. Yes, Jessica.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 9:52

So I have kinda two questions and Nathan kind of put one of my questions in the chat.

Umm so I and he said it must much better than I would have.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 10:00

Good questions, yeah.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 10:03

So that's one of my questions. The second point of clarification, I guess I have is or to build off Nathan's question. The other question I would have is if we did establish this fund, what parameters do we put in place to ensure that it's used for our?

What we're thinking of it to be used for and like, who's the decision maker of when and how that fund gets used?

So I think that's the other thing that has to be thought about. And then my other point of clarification in regards to the grant.

My understanding of grants is usually.

It's for a specific purpose for a specific time frame, and usually you can't make money off a grant.

So like, that's the other piece that I would be concerned about too is if we were looking into grant funding like how that looks and if this grant is just you know. There's no stipulations attached to it then.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 10:51  
Mm-h.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 10:52  
Great, but usually that's not the case.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 10:54  
Mm-hmm.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 10:54  
So those are kind of my questions.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 10:58  
Those are great questions.  
First of all, we'll have to talk with Jay and get more information about the grant. From what I understood him saying.  
He's, I think Eileen asked him.  
If we could use this grant for the GVSA and the conference and he said yes, but again we'll we'll have to talk to Jay.  
It it may not be that we can use that 10,000, but I I at least want us to have the possibility.  
Of putting some money aside and I don't know what the parameters will be, I guess we'll have to talk with F&A Jim.  
I don't know.  
What do you think about that?

**JS** **Jim Snell** 11:38  
Yeah. Well, so to to address Nathan's question, I don't think it's possible to put money into a state account.  
That would be a high interest account, I mean.  
So I I think if that if you're interested in putting something away where it's gonna

draw interest, that would, I think have to go through friends.

Which is certainly doable.

Or, I mean, we've had folks made, have made donations in the past for specific purposes through friends and friends. Kind of then when it's time to to dole out the money doles out the money and then quite frankly, that's the purpose of friends to begin with. It's a.

It's a support organization that's not.

It's not to meant to kind of.

Go off and do things that are completely holy and separate from what?

Volunteer Tennessee is doing.

So that's that's the reason the Commission set up the the campaign in nonprofit to begin with.

So I don't think that would be an issue.

Just have to be the the donor's intent would need to be specified at the time of the donation.

What the purpose of it was so that it's clear to everybody that it's not for, for example, general operating expenses for friends.

Which there are.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 13:07  
Mm-hmm.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 13:08  
There are donations that are made to friends that aren't specified.  
They don't have a designation and in which case friends can use that for its general operating expenses, which it doesn't have a whole lot of those. But it does have, like the annual filing fees that it has to do.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 13:13  
Mm-hmm.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 13:22  
And then there's Al.  
Think the there's an accountant who does the annual tax filing. So there are a couple

small things that friends has in terms of recurring expenses, but.  
Typically not. Not a whole lot.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 13:39

Well, I I think eliene. Do you have your hand up? OK. OK.

**E** **Eileen** 13:44

I do.

I do.

So two things I I know I remember that Jay said that the grand has to go.

To a 501C3.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 13:58

Hmm.

**E** **Eileen** 13:59

Which?

Which friends is?

So it it couldn't go directly to volunteer Tennessee.

And the other thing is.

It's just, just so you guys know.

Currently, friends has only a checking account.

And it's with Pinnacle Bank I believe.

So I, you know, I don't think it would be very difficult to change that to a you know  
an interest interest paying savings account.

I don't.

I don't know how business accounts work.

But that's certainly something we could ask Stephanie to invest.

When we get to that point.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 14:46

OK.

Thank you.

**E** **Eileen** 14:47

Yeah, sure.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 14:49

Betty, did you have your hand up as well?

**BW** **Betty White** 14:55

I put it down and I asked the question in the chat if friends, if the money goes to friends, which it seems like it would have to accept that.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 14:59

Hmm.

**BW** **Betty White** 15:03

Maybe not.

Now what?

I've heard.

Then who makes the decision?

How it's choose because it seems as if if it's in the friends.

Account then friends would make that decision.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 15:19

Alain.

**E** **Eileen** 15:20

Yeah, it's me again.

Currently, donations to friends come through network for good.

And in network for good.

The the donor can specify.

In the there's a little area called designation.

Unfortunately, we can't do a drop down list which I had hoped that we could do a while back, so the donor has to enter in that designation area where.

They want the money to go.

And so once that's done, Stephanie accounts for the money that way.

She doesn't have separate accounts, but in her, you know, in her book keeping and in her spreadsheets, she she accounts for the money that way.

**TS Terry Silver** 16:15

Hmm.

**E Eileen** 16:15

So as long as long as the money it comes in through network for good or if it comes in as a check, as long as there's a designation.

That says this is where I intend this money to go.

Then the choices made by the donor.

And as Jim said, in terms of the general fund.

Then friends would decide.

But you know, we would probably have a meeting about it and vote on it.

**BW Betty White** 16:50

But if OK.

But my question is if we had, if we set up a rainy day fund and that's through friends.

You know, for example, even if we can't get a grant, if people donated money and said we're going to do this because we can't do it with volunteer Tennessee and set up that fund, that could draw.

Interest that if we did that, but then my understanding would be that friends would have the right to decide where that money goes.

**E Eileen** 17:20

Friend. Yes, yes and no. If the donor specifies where they want the money to go, you know, I don't know if that's in our bylaws or, you know, if that's written down anywhere. But our practices of the donor specifies. That's what the money's used for and if.

**BW Betty White** 17:23

Because if there's.

**FJ Farnor, Nathaniel James** 17:38

So if.

**E** **Eileen** 17:39  
The donor doesn't specify. Then friends can decide.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 17:43  
I if I can, can I interpret Betty, what I think you're asking?

**TS** **Terry Silver** 17:43  
Mm-hmm.

**BW** **Betty White** 17:43  
Yeah.  
OK, right.

**E** **Eileen** 17:48  
OK.

**BW** **Betty White** 17:48  
I think I'm not getting.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 17:48  
I think I think what Betty's asking is, assuming they've donated the money and the money's already in the pot, right? And it's here.

**BW** **Betty White** 17:50  
I don't think I'm getting.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 17:58  
We so we know the donor gets to choose what pod it goes into.  
But who gets to choose how the pot is spent?  
I think is Betty's question right?  
OK.

**BW** **Betty White** 18:06

Thank you, David.

Sorry. Why is it so clear?

**E** **Eileen** 18:11

Umm.

I don't know.

I mean, if the money, if the money we've never come across this before, but if the money is designated to GVS, All think maybe if Candace is on, maybe Candace can help me.

At some point right, there's a cut off for a certain year's Gvsa, and Candace, Stephanie issues a check and sends it to Jim or Candace.

Saying, OK, This is the money that we have in our pot for GDSA. Candace, please tell me if I'm wrong or Jim.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 18:58

Yes. Yeah, that's that's right.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 18:58

Tim.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 19:00

So and I think it all goes back to the donors intent.

So it it and and we might need to think about what the wording on that would be, if you're talking about a fund specifically for the future to support the conference and the GBSA if federal funding is gone and that's it, then I think that would be pretty.

Easy to just specify.

That in the donation, that that's specifically what it's for. If you're talking about more of a a general fund that could support other things that volunteer Tennessee does. If there's a lack of federal funds, I mean.

You know, to be honest, \$20,000 wouldn't go very far in supporting staff.

You know, so it's not.

It's not like you could have with that amount of money.

You couldn't do a whole lot.

But I I think that's that's.

A distinction that you all need to think about if you're just talking about the

conference in dvsa, I think it's it's would be fine to have the donor specify that these are for either current or future expenses related to the conference or the governor's Volunteer Stars a.

And then what happens?

As Eileen was saying, typically what we do is we look at what's been donated in a specific generally a calendar year for those purposes. And then we send an invoice to friends and say, you know, our understanding is that you've collected X amount for GBSA and X amount.

For the conference and and we invoice them for that they.

Stephanie cuts a check to us.

We then get that check deposited within the state system and use those funds to offset expenses for the current events.

So that's how it works and what we're talking about more is setting up a a contingency fund for future events.

So that that if it ends up being 10,000 or 20,000 or somewhere in between, that could be a contingency fund that we only use.

If necessary, outside of the annual donations and sponsorships that we get on an annual basis, if that's what you're talking about doing, which I think is.

Idea to only use it when we really need it and not to just use it on an annual basis. Just because we have it.

Because if you do that, then you're very after a couple years that that contingency fund fund is gonna be gone if we're just using it for annual expenses.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 21:36

Right.

Is it possible to send out or to have a memorandum of agreement between?

Friends of volunteer and Volunteer Tennessee to say that that we're going to establish this honey pot and it's it's to be used for, you know, an emergency situation or in the future and and you know, friends and volunteer Tennessee just kind of have this agreement and it also.

I would think it come back to the Commission, to the board, to say here's here's what the need is.

We don't have funding. Can we use this?

And we vote.

That way I don't know.

That's just what I I don't know if that's elementary or what.

**E** **Eileen** 22:27  
Yeah.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 22:28  
I think that makes sense because we also have. Yeah, I think we have to think about like if we're not all here like, great, we're all having this conversation.

**E** **Eileen** 22:29  
I don't.  
I don't see why not.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 22:37  
But you know.  
In three years, the board could look completely different.  
So I think having that precedent in place will help continue that on and you know prociuity, so.

**E** **Eileen** 22:44  
Mm-hmm.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 22:45  
OK.  
Yeah.  
Let let me you know Nathan has a good idea.  
Could a group of us from friends work offline to to make an outline of parameters spending process for this group to review?  
I I think that's a good idea because I do want us to talk about 'cause. We're at 10:25.  
I do want to talk about.  
The upcoming GBSA and conference but.  
Hopefully you know if if any of you are interested to talk about this further. And Eileen, I hope you would be involved in that and maybe the new if James would be as well, maybe Nathan and whoever else would be willing to talk about this a little bit.

More and flesh it out, that would be great.  
But you're good, OK?

**E** **Eileen** 23:34  
I'm all in.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 23:36  
So let let's let's talk let's.

**E** **Eileen** 23:38  
Can I ask can I make one one more quick point?  
We would have to find out from Jay if there's a time limit.  
On on the grant, because sometimes grants say it has to be, you know, has to be  
used within the calendar year or something like that.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 23:51  
Yes.  
It has to be used with, yeah.  
Yes, absolutely.  
So we we have a chair for this little off site committee.  
It's gonna be.  
That would be Nathan.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 24:06  
Nathan's been voluntold.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 24:08  
He's a bit volatile.  
Yeah. Thank you.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 24:10  
Sure, let's do it.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 24:10  
That's that's a that's a great idea. Perfect.

**E** **Eileen** 24:11  
Oh yeah, yeah.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 24:13  
And yeah, we do need to bring Jay into the conversation.  
So y'all, thank you for entertaining that idea that it's it's just been on my heart and mind. And so thank you for that.

**E** **Eileen** 24:17  
Yeah.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 24:23  
Let's let's talk about what's coming up in.  
Is it March, Candice?  
I think I saw a date come out in March that the GBSA and Conference for this year.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 24:30  
Yes.  
That's that's the dates that has been given to us by the Franklin Marriott, yes.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 24:38  
OK.  
All right, So what we need to talk about now is the upcoming GVSN conference.  
You know, if we are going to continue go and have it in Franklin this this coming year or if we want to change that venue.  
I don't know. Candace, do you anything else that this conversation needs to clarify for you to do your job?

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 25:07  
Well, I well, I know that Jim had his screen up before we got into this conversation.  
Just to circle back to the questions that the executive committee had, when we last left off on the conversation.  
So if that's a good place to start, then I think that you know we can start there.  
Let's get the questions answered that were left on read.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 25:28  
OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 25:30  
And then we can just sort of fill the conversation from there.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 25:32  
OK.  
Perfect. Thank you. And Jim is sharing.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 25:35  
Thank you.  
Yes. So just for context, I went to the transcript and got these questions directly off of the transcript to make sure that I didn't miss like the essence of what everybody.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 25:45  
Nice.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 25:52  
What? Everybody was just sort of looking for. Hold on.  
OK.  
Thank you.  
So so you see the question and I have who who?  
You know who asked it so I'll just give you guys a minute to.  
Just sort of look at the answers that I have highlighted and if you have any additional questions from this point then we can elaborate.  
So I'll just give you guys a minute to kind of review it.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 26:18  
OK.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 26:24  
Of the documents that that I sent out on Friday, I don't know if folks had a chance to review it.

But like Candace said, these are essentially the questions that came out of the previous committee meeting that we just we did some research and and gave answers to the to the questions.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 26:45  
Mm-hmm.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 26:47

So were there any follow up?

I know the destinies.

Not here.

But you know, Jessica, your your answer was just a little cut and dry with with numbers, but I wanted to just make sure that there weren't any.

There, there weren't any feedback or any follow up questions from this particular document from these questions.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 27:19

I mean, based off this, I think there does need to be a conversation about what we're hoping this conference.

Will do and reach because.

How many Americans do we have?

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 27:36

Like currently sitting this year, that's actually a really great question that I have to leave that question to Jen.

I know we have 16 programs, but I'm not sure how many Members. Oh sorry.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 27:42

Yeah.

So.

Yeah, well, so we have roughly about 850 AmeriCorps members across eighteen programs.

But that so the conference is our hope is that both AmeriCorps members and program staff attend, and so that that first question.

That's it's 27 American members and program directors.

So it wasn't just it wasn't just 27 AmeriCorps members.  
It was kind of.  
It was a mix. So that's the total number.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 28:23

But that's why I'm saying what I'm saying.  
Because if there's 800 AmeriCorps members.  
And there's only 27 members and program people that attend. That's nothing.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 28:37

Yeah, it's, it's. Yeah.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 28:38

And that seems to be have has been our focus.  
So if we do wanna get that two, we're trying to reach, then I think we need to do something different.  
But if we are trying to make this bigger, which it sounds like from our past conversation is what we're trying to do.  
Then I think we need to discuss how we're gonna do that for this year.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 28:57

Yeah, and and for clarity, so.  
At the conference each year we have been having an AmeriCorps program director meeting.  
Where the people who are there in person, in person and go to that meeting and then people who can't attend in person join virtually.  
So most of the AmeriCorps programs participate in that, that meeting that's specific for AmeriCorps programs.  
So we, but not all of not all of them are there in person.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 29:29

Hmm.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 29:29

Now the issue with the AmeriCorps members themselves. One is.

Probably about 3/4 of the AmeriCorps members.

Are doing stuff.

On a daily basis, that's directly related to.

You know, school based stuff.

So we've got a bunch of American members who are teachers in classrooms. And so it it would be pretty difficult to get.

**BW** **Betty White** 29:58

OK.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 29:59

All of them to all at the same time be able to get substitute teachers for a day and 1/2 or two days to be able to attend a conference.

**BW** **Betty White** 30:04

1st.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 30:09

So you know it's we're probably never going to have even, say, 75% of the American members attend just because of that, that restriction and even the ones who aren't directly in classrooms.

They have things that you know, essentially, if they're not there, then whatever it is doesn't get done. So for example, we've got some programs that do after school tutoring and mentoring, and if the mayor or members aren't there for that, that tutoring and mentoring just doesn't happen it.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 30:32

Yeah.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 30:43

Not like they can get in people to come in and and take over for him for that.

So I mean, I think it's a valid question to think about.

Who are The Who are the different?

Sectors that were aiming the conference at.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 30:59

Betty, do you have your hand up?

**BW** **Betty White** 31:01

I yes, I did.

So my question, well, Jim, just kind of addressed it. I think we need to look at, I don't believe the conference was intended only for AmeriCorps.

It was intended for volunteer Tennessee across the state.

And so I think we need to look at, as I think Jessica and Jim were best talking about that.

Who?

Our audience is and where we want to go from there.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 31:29

Mm-hmm.

**BW** **Betty White** 31:29

But I also wanted to address, I think it was destiny's question of couldn't we just do this all in one day?

And I don't believe it's possible.

Do this in one day. Now does it have to be, you know, two days, Monday and Tuesday?

Maybe not.

Maybe it begins on Sunday after the GVSA.

We've done that partially once in the past couple times in the past and then goes through a full Monday so that people can then leave and go back to work.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 31:51

Mm-hmm.

Mm-hmm.

**BW** **Betty White** 31:58

But does that mean people are going to leave at noon on Monday?

**TS** **Terry Silver** 32:00  
OK.

**BW** **Betty White** 32:01  
So I just think it's a question of time, but I don't believe we can do all of this in one day.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 32:02  
Mm-hmm.  
So it sounds like.  
For this coming year.  
That should we go ahead and go forward with having it in Franklin instead of trying to think about moving it at this point. It's I I think that I guess my opinion is we should go ahead and go with Franklin.  
I don't know how the rest of you feel.  
And then and then begin to strategize, you know, for the amount of money that we're spending and for who we want to focus on.  
On where do you want to go in in, in in the coming years? I think a day two days have a Sunday for the GV, the Sunday for the for the Sunday for the. Yeah. Yeah. Sunday for the GVSA and maybe start the conference on Sunday and then.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 32:46  
I think that makes sense if we have the funding.  
Yeah. Sorry to cut you off, Terry.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 32:59  
Have a day on Monday.  
For you know, morning.  
Workout or work sessions you know, and then have lunch.  
Which I think Candice and I have mentioned a little bit about whether that needs to be networking or do we need to have somebody actually address the audience at lunch and then have some sessions after lunch.  
So it'll be Sunday and Monday for this year and Yvonne's got her hand up too. Let's.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 33:29

That we've been granted but haven't received yet.

Does it cover the Marriott fully?

Because I know that you were mentioning that was more expensive than other alternatives.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 33:37

Good question.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 33:41

So does it cover having it the way we want to have it at the Marriott this upcoming year fully?

**JS** **Jim Snell** 33:48

Yeah. So the and so we that money has been released so that that we fortunately we we do have that money in hand and there is. So I also have let's see.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 33:53

Oh, OK.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 34:03

Within that budget that was approved and the money that was just released, there are a couple different line items specifically for.

For the conference.

Let's see.

So.

Sorry, I'm just looking for.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 34:26

I saw it Tennessee conference.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 34:28

Yeah, yeah.

Well, so there's so there's travel in there for.

The AmeriCorps program staff to attend and commissioners to attend.  
And then there's a supplies line item.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 34:42  
Mm-hmm.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 34:43  
And then.  
I think it's under other, yeah. Then there's another line item that has another \$11,000 in it.  
So those amounts combined with the registration fees that we get.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 34:59  
Mm-hmm.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 35:05  
And.  
The sponsorships that we get should cover the cost of the conference and and also I'll just also.  
Talk just briefly about.  
About the Franklin Marriott, so they give us, they give us the the hotel rooms that we pay for at the state rate which is which is gonna be the same at any hotel because we can only pay the state rate.  
So that that part isn't really any different and wouldn't be different from hotel to hotel.  
They currently they comp the meeting space so they don't charge us anything for the meeting space as long as as we meet food and beverage menuums.  
So that's a good thing.  
Oops, apparently my sorry.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 35:57  
Batteries running low.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 35:58  
Yeah, it's plugged in, but apparently not somewhere where it's getting.

Juice. So I'll have to figure that that out.

But so anyway, the the bottom line is I think the rates that we're getting from the Marriott are are competitive.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 36:18  
Mm-hmm.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 36:20  
With other places I don't.  
I don't know that we are necessarily gonna.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 36:31  
We lost him.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 36:32  
Did we lose him?  
Oh no, it did. It was unforgiving.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 36:34  
We lost him for a moment.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 36:34  
We did.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 36:34  
I think I think that battery that battery didn't make it.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 36:36  
So my my basic point is that I'm agreeing with what the group is saying as far as going ahead with Franklin and Marriott and what we have planned for this upcoming one. And then maybe we should have a work group to see what this looks like going forward.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 36:41

Hey, Yvonne.

Yes.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 36:50

Because Jessica's making a lot of good points.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 36:51

That's a good idea though, yes.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 36:53

I think the conference is important. Of course the Stars awards are important, but we want to make sure that it's actually pulling in the people that we want to attract.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 36:59

Yes.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 37:04

And that that attendance.

Sort of levels off the amount of money that we're putting into it.

So Candace, I know this is your baby.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 37:11

Good point.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 37:12

How do you feel about having a work group to sort of just talk through your thoughts and our thoughts and going forward of how we want this to look years going going forward?

We're set for this for the 2026. Everybody's agreed on that, but just to make sure.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 37:24

I feel like.

Yeah.

Everybody's agreed, OK.



**Evon Wood** 37:29

Because Jessica makes really good points.  
That we're doing this conference the way it should be done.



**Candace Taylor** 37:32

No.



**Betty White** 37:33

Yeah.



**Evon Wood** 37:36

To get the most out of it based on the money that we're spending.



**Betty White** 37:40

Mm-hmm.



**Jessica Youngblom** 37:41

And the effort that's being put into it.



**Candace Taylor** 37:41

Absolutely.



**Evon Wood** 37:41

And not just the money aspect, but that the attendees are getting what we want  
them to get out of it.



**Betty White** 37:47

Well, and I think.



**Terry Silver** 37:47

Candice can.



**Betty White** 37:50

I thank you for your honey this year to go ahead and do the Monday, Tuesday. That's what we've done in the past.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 37:50

Candace ow, sorry.

**BW** **Betty White** 37:56

We go ahead and go with that. Our time is so short to try to revamp or redo something. It seems as if the money's there.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 38:00

Mm-hmm.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 38:01

Change.

**BW** **Betty White** 38:04

Let's go ahead and go with it and then as Ivan said and Candace, if you agree, then let's look at this shortly thereafter and see if we want to change or refocus or how we need to do it.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 38:19

Candice, go ahead.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 38:20

OK, so to to answer your question, Yvonne, I feel like Dorothy has reached a Wizard of Oz that you know the the conversation about the conference being revamped is absolutely needed. And I appreciate you guys taking the time and the investment to look for 2027 to.

Make sure that that is the best foot moving forward, so I do appreciate that. But as far as this year?

I I do agree with everyone.

I don't know about us doing.

Doing Monday and Tuesday because we lose so many people on Tuesday, we do.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 38:56

We do.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 38:58

I mean, like, if we're if we only have 100, even if we get to 150 people registrants this year, we may have 60 or 70 people that will be there on Tuesday, you know.

So there is a dramatic drop from from Monday to Tuesday, but if that's the agreement that where everybody is, then you know, then we can move forward with how it's how it's been.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 39:10

Yeah.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 39:22

But.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 39:23

Candace, do you think if we didn't have it Tuesday, that you would lose more of those people Monday?

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 39:25

Yeah.

That's a hard question to answer. It just depends on where people place value. Some people place value in time and saying that the day and a half is worth the value in the ticket pricing.

Some people think that the value is more in getting everything done in one day, so it really depends.

But I think for the trajectory of.

The with what Jim was saying about how we're we have to meet those food and beverage minimums, I think.

It's more of a logistics question, right?

Like if we are to cut that half a day, are we still able to meet like the the food and beverage minimums that come with it, the space that comes with it and you know, so if we're thinking about just sort of with what we're doing now like?

What are? If we're gonna stick?

What are some changes that we can make this year?

**EW** **Evon Wood** 40:17

Well, I think we lost Candace.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 40:19

I'm still here.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 40:20

Did we lose Ivan? Oh, OK.

We lost Ivan. OK, sorry.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 40:22

No advance here. Are we all back?

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 40:26

Yeah.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 40:26

See your Jim's here.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 40:27

So I think there there are some changes, some some amendments that we can do for this year that may be that may be beneficial for what we have going on this year.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 40:34

OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 40:42

Hold on.

Did you Nixon?

Did you just put something in the chat?

**TS** **Terry Silver** 40:46  
He said.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 40:46  
I did.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 40:47  
The budget.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 40:47  
I wasn't gonna.  
I wasn't gonna cut you off, so it was just a black and white question.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 40:48  
No, thank you.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 40:51  
OK, OK. OK. So.  
So it like I said, it just really depends on where people place value and I think that's sort of a hard question to to answer.  
Jessica, I think we, whenever we decide to do, let's put our efforts into making the time that we have the most valuable for that person's dollar.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 41:09  
OK. So Candace, since we have like 16 minutes, what do you need from us today?

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 41:11  
Yeah.  
Yeah.  
Well, the decision which has already been made on where we're gonna what we're gonna do for the conference.  
So it sounds.  
And I don't know.

I don't think this needs to be voted on or anything, but it sounds like everybody is in the same consensus to have the conference at the Franklin Marriott.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 41:34

Mm-hmm.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 41:35

So that that's that's the main thing that I needed today. And the confirmation that we are going to look for and see what how to revamp the conference.

And make sure that that effort and that investment is put in it.

So those are the main two things that I needed today. So I thank you guys for that.

So now that we know that the the conference is going to be at the Franklin.

You know the conversations after that are not as important today, but those are the two things that I needed today to make sure where we're having it.

Everybody's in agreement and the commitment that we're going to look at how this conference is valuable for everyone moving forward.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 42:11

So.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 42:11

And I think it's probably important to think about once you put out the call for a workshop sessions, if it's viable to go ahead and have a Tuesday session at this point, if you don't have enough people to say or to to send in their proposals, you. Know there's no need to have a Tuesday, but if we have enough for Monday to have concurrent sessions, I mean we've got what, five or six rooms that we can meet in. There.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 42:40

So the I have a comparable agenda for Monday that would allow us for 16 different workshops and complement the corporate social purpose.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 42:47

Wow.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 42:49

Well, I don't have 16 proposals yet, but that's just the way the agenda. That's the way the agenda is set up.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 42:50

Good.

Sure.

Yeah.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 42:55

So we will still have 16 different workshop proposals.

We'll still have the service event.

We'll still have breakfast and lunch.

And the only thing that we would have to work out on Tuesday, which I don't think is a big workout at all, is the award of excellence presentation.

Which can easily be moved to the governor's Volunteer Stars awards, like that's the and the service project would be the other thing of how we work that out and moving it.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 43:11

OK.

OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 43:21

But I think that we have space to do it on Monday as well to get people in the space, they're already there.

We can.

We can do everything on Monday. We may not can do GVSA and the conference all in one day, but we can have the conference all in one day.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 43:34

Yes.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 43:38

But if you guys think that it's more of a value.

You to have that day and a half then that's a different discussion, but and either are fine.

But I would recommend because it's such a drop on Tuesday.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 43:49

Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 43:52

And for our students and our schools, it might be a little bit better to move a ward of excellence to Sunday. If we're thinking about complimenting the student track and having things that are complementing everybody, you know, so that they'll be able to come in everything so that.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 43:57

Sunday.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 44:07

Would just be my my recommendation.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 44:10

Does anyone on this in this call have a problem with having a 2 day, a Sunday and a Monday rather and and eliminating Tuesdays?

Is there any anyone here that feels strongly we should not do that?

Nathan, you have your hand up.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 44:28

Feel strongly that we should or shouldn't eliminate.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 44:30

Should should eliminate Tuesday, should have Sunday and Monday for the conference for 2026 and not have a Tuesday.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 44:33

Should.

**TS Terry Silver** 44:39

Added on to it.

In other words, we just have Sunday start the conference Sunday evening and then Monday have the 16 sessions that Candice mentioned. She could plan for.

**FJ Farnor, Nathaniel James** 44:41

OK.

Just clarifying.

**GL Greg Lyles** 44:54

I agree with that proposal.

**TS Terry Silver** 44:55

Thank you. OK.

**JS Jim Snell** 44:57

And Terry?

**CT Candace Taylor** 44:57

And that it no.

**TS Terry Silver** 44:57

Jim.

**JS Jim Snell** 44:58

Yeah, just to throw, just to throw in there.

I'm I'm not opposed at all to to doing that. The one thing I just note is that in the past when we've had the conference start on Sunday.

And also had the governor's Volunteer Stars Awards on Sunday.

That's a lot of work.

**TS Terry Silver** 45:18

Uh-huh.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 45:20

And and it's it's it's more than the staff can really handle by ourselves.

So we would.

We would have to have engagement from the Commission members to help make sure that that was successful because, you know essentially you're talking about having.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 45:34

Yes.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 45:38

22 big events happen almost at the exact same time.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 45:43

OK, Betty. And then Nathan has have their hand up, Betty.

**BW** **Betty White** 45:53

I have two questions.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 45:54

OK.

**BW** **Betty White** 45:55

One I like the idea of moving the AOE to Sunday. Could that follow?

The GVSA, for example, and then could there be a conference session after that?

Maybe, and I don't know, an informal dinner.

Sort of kick off something, or, well, I guess if we have a GBSA lunch, I don't know, but I'm just. I'm trying to think this through, but.

You said running.

It.

Consecutively or simultaneously. I don't know, but it seems to me that those are two separate events.

But we might want to have them the same day and I don't know about.

What it takes in terms of takedown, set up all of that kind of stuff. That's my first

question.

And maybe we want to just put that out to Candice, question it first.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 46:45

Flashlight on.

**BW** **Betty White** 46:49

My second question is, are we going to make a concerted effort?

Effort to try to get schools involved again because our school attendance has really declined, but I do believe there is interest now after the pandemic it is.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 47:00

Mm.

**BW** **Betty White** 47:05

Reigniting and I do believe there's interest there, but I don't want to reach out.

I do have some contacts.

I don't want to reach out if there's only going to be one school show up.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 47:15

Right. And Yvonne asked what assistance would staff need, Jim, so that that might be that.

We need to know exactly.

What? What assistance you need and fill in those slots as we go.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 47:27

Mm-hmm.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 47:28

But Nathan, you're next.

And then Jim?

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 47:33

Thanks, Terry. I.

We're talking about a lot of things, so I feel like we're talking about like 12 different things. And I, which I think means we likely won't land anywhere.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 47:39  
Yes, we are.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 47:43  
Yeah.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 47:46  
So my I'm gonna make a recommendation to seeing the time and just a high level recommendation.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 47:49  
OK.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 47:52  
My recommendation.  
What I've heard from this call is, at least for this year, we're moving forward with the Marriott and we're making a commitment to starting now planning for the following year and getting a group together.  
So I heard that.  
And that those decisions are made, which is good.  
I think the debate now is around the dates and then the schedule within those dates.  
What I think I heard is everybody's OK with saying whatever the schedule is, there's not a Tuesday.  
I think I heard that we're good with there not being a Tuesday.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 48:22  
So I think so.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 48:24  
Having said that, I feel like what I heard Candace say is there's a about a blue million different ways within the Sunday and Monday that this could look.  
And I'm wondering if knowing.

Numbers, knowing what has to happen, what can be combined, what not could be combined.

I'm wondering if allowing Candice now to go back to the drawing board knowing that yes, she's we're good with a Sunday and a Monday, no Tuesday, and her mapping out what?

We'll check all the boxes. What we'll do all the things. What will not be extra work on the staff and going from there. 'cause like I know we're gonna keep throwing stuff out and they're all good points and they can all be counterpointed.

I don't.

There's a right or wrong, it just it's where we land.

And to some extent probably, I guess my recommendation is to some level. I trust Candace to to run with that I think is is my recommendation.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 49:13

Thank you.

Well, thank you for clarifying that for us. I think you're right, Nathan. I think at this point Candace has a little bit of an idea of what what we're talking about is an executive committee and if she can kind of map out what that looks like it may.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 49:15

Yeah, I I.

**FJ** **Farnor, Nathaniel James** 49:16

And that's not over. Workshop it.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 49:29

Be that we don't have a session on Sunday, but that we have maybe a opening address after lunch. After you know the gaps as over we have an opening address saying welcome to the conference or whatever.

But Candace, you've done this for so long.

Know that you can map this out for us, and Jim has his hand up too, so I don't want to let. I'll let Jim go.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 49:50

Yeah. Well, I was just going to respond to Yvonne's question and just at a high level,

we'd need the Commission members to do all the things that we already have them do for the governor's Volunteer Stars awards, which is assist with the registration and the hand.

Out of the the stuff and monitoring the big room and, you know, just general set up. So we would either need those folks to do double duty and also help with the conference.

And so things that we would need for the conference, depending on how it's gonna be set up. And I'd, I'd also say that.

If we're talking about just having a plenary session on Sunday.

There would have to be some sort of break between the GBSA and that plenary session because we'd essentially be using the same room.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 50:42  
Yeah.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 50:43  
So we'd we'd need to allow some time for the hotel staff to turn over the room.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 50:49  
OK.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 50:50  
But again, depending on what we're doing, we would, we would need Commission members to help with set up and if we're going to have actual sessions, we'd need folks to do like room monitors to collect, to make sure, you know, everything's set up and to set up.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 51:03  
Yeah.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 51:07  
The rooms that those kinds of things just at a high level.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 51:10  
Yeah.

Bet absolutely. Betty, do you have got your hand up?  
You're still on mute, Betty.  
It happens.

**BW** **Betty White** 51:25

I put it in the chat.  
That, and I think it's what Jim just said.  
I think Sunday Monday is going to require more assistance from Commission members and we need to get that commitment.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 51:29

Mm-hmm.

**BW** **Betty White** 51:37

To help Candace out and whatever.  
And we need to find out who's gonna actually. Yes, we will be there.  
We will say yes before you know, but I do like the idea of turning it over to Candice.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 51:43

Yes.

**BW** **Betty White** 51:46

But we've got to get support.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 51:47

Yes.  
Yes. So we're we're at 5 minutes.  
Candice, tell me how you're feeling and if you feel that that you've got enough direction from this committee to go forward with a little plan.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 52:02

Yes, I I do.  
So I will be able to 'cause our likes already have a going agenda.  
On what this will kind of look like, but I do want to address Betty's question before

we move forward with the last couple of minutes we have, which is about the student track.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 52:20  
OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 52:22

I know Betty and I. I see the value in the student track and I know it's near and dear to your heart, but my question is.

The same exact one as Betty is given the state of where we are.

What that actually looks like and I don't have an answer to that question right now, I don't.

I would.

I think it's very valuable for our students to have a conference in a place where they can be and have leadership and even last year we were able to. Jessica was able to give me a wonderful recommendation for the student track. But you know, it's also.

Just reaching out to the students and the charges and everything that come along with the students.

So I do want to say that with the agenda and the things that I'm going to come up with for you guys to sort of look at to really put A to really put some thought process into the recommendations that would be for the student track and how.

This looks moving forward as we're really evaluating the audience that we are wanting to, that we're wanting to to do.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 53:23  
OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 53:23

I do think that moving a Board of Excellence to Sunday will open up opportunity for the student track to happen.

But.

It is a question that that is 'cause. It's a part of our sponsor packet about sponsoring the child, their ticket and and what that looks like and what we're actually offering our students for our student tracks so.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 53:43  
OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 53:44  
I I would recommend.  
That it's something that goes on the conversation build for 2027, for what that student track looks like, but I don't wanna talk y'all out of anything.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 53:53  
OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 53:57  
So, but that would that would be my recommendation on what that looks like and what we're offering.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 54:00  
OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 54:03  
Our students.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 54:04  
OK.  
So Nathan put that on your list for the the committee, and Jessica has her hand up. And then we need to call for public comment and wrap up.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 54:12  
Yeah. So my only comment would be so Candace is going to come up with, you know, a couple options and then we'll have to have an idea of what support is needed from the Members.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 54:18  
Yes.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 54:22

Is this something that we can wait till the board retreat to finalize? OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 54:22

Yes.

No.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 54:28

So that's my next question is, do we need to do a special called meeting with the entire Commission so that Candice can get what she needs? Or can this be taken care of by e-mail?

**JS** **Jim Snell** 54:38

Well, I I I would say that.

I mean, we can.

Candace can draft up some stuff and we can send it out to the Executive committee and get your input.

And as long as everybody's OK with it, we can move forward with that as the plan.

But at the retreat, we would then need to get the commitment from.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 54:56

The commitments.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 54:58

The Commission members at the retreat.

That yes, we are.

We're gonna support this plan.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 55:06

OK.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 55:06

And then at that point, we can say here, here arose a through E sign up for this and

we can go ahead and have that kind of mapped out of what the like, what the actual assistance is needed from them. So that they know what's coming in and.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 55:15  
Good.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 55:21  
Then we have more of a guarantee that the staff that the Commissioners will be there for the meeting and everything else.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 55:27  
Yes, Eileen, you have a question.

**JY** **Jessica Youngblom** 55:28  
Cool.

**E** **Eileen** 55:30  
Yeah. I just want to say that.  
Friends, you know, we can ask friends as well.  
There's some overlap between friends and and the board, of course, but there are, you know, a few friends members who are not on on the board. So we can be sure and ask them.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 55:37  
Good.  
Thank you, Aileen.

**BW** **Betty White** 55:49  
Yes.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 55:51  
That's awesome.

**BW** **Betty White** 55:53  
My hands not sorry.

**TS Terry Silver** 55:55

That's OK, penny.

Any member of the public wishing to address the executive committee during the public comment period must make a request by e-mail or by phone to Jim Snell no later than two business days in advance of the meeting date, comments must be relevant to the published agenda items. Jim.

Did we receive any requests for public comment?

**JS Jim Snell** 56:16

No.

**TS Terry Silver** 56:17

OK.

**E Eileen** 56:17

James, I think James put something in the chat.

**TS Terry Silver** 56:22

OK, something about Saturday we thought about moving, having a Saturday.

**E Eileen** 56:22

A little bit earlier.

**TS Terry Silver** 56:29

Portion of the conference or GB SA.

I believe that was his question.

**E Eileen** 56:32

Yeah.

**CT Candace Taylor** 56:32

Yeah. Oh, and thank you for circling back around to that, James.

We can put some thought into it, but honestly, Saturday would kind of be a logistical nightmare.

But and then it also depends.

I don't think that the hotel will support that the Saturday. I would have to go back and ask them, but Saturdays are high. You know, they're high, high days for traffic.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 56:54

Turn around, right?

**JH** **James Hoggard** 56:55

And they.

Yeah, yeah.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 56:56

Yeah, yeah.

And so and typically, there's always been an event right before us.

So I don't think that Saturday.

Day would necessarily work for this year, but it may be something to consider as we're moving forward.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:08

Hmm.

**JH** **James Hoggard** 57:09

Something separate very quickly and maybe viable to to recruit student volunteers to help with this.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:18

We have.

**JH** **James Hoggard** 57:18

There's always students looking for a credit, a volunteer credit for their whatever program they're involved with.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:23

Mm-hmm.

OK.

**JH** **James Hoggard** 57:26  
We could talk to student counselors about that.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:29  
That's a great suggestion. Thank you, James.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 57:29  
Yeah, yeah, absolutely. Absolutely. Thank you, James.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:33  
Well, I want to thank everybody. This has been a robust, robust conversation and I thank everyone for their comments.

**BW** **Betty White** 57:38  
Yes.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:40  
And Nathan, thank you for chairing this little side committee to have further discussions about this.  
Candace, thank you for your work, Jen.  
Thank you for your leadership.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 57:48  
Thank you.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:49  
Appreciate it.  
So much do I have a motion to adjourn.

**BW** **Betty White** 57:53  
Select.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:54

Betty, thank you so much.  
We have a second.

**E** **Eileen** 57:56  
I'll 2nd.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 57:58  
Thank you, Eileen.  
You guys have a wonderful weekend.  
Thank you for this time.

**BW** **Betty White** 58:02  
Thank you all.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 58:02  
You guys are amazing. Thank you.

**EW** **Evon Wood** 58:03  
Thank you. OK, Popeye.

**E** **Eileen** 58:03  
Thank you.

**JS** **Jim Snell** 58:04  
Thanks everybody.

**CT** **Candace Taylor** 58:05  
I'll be sending out emails. Bye y'all.

**E** **Eileen** 58:06  
Bye bye.

**TS** **Terry Silver** 58:07  
OK.

**BW** **Betty White** 58:07  
Thank you.

**E** **Eileen** 58:08  
Bye.

□ **Jim Snell** stopped transcription