

GNRC

Greater Nashville Regional Council
220 Athens Way, Suite 200
Nashville, Tennessee 37228

GNRC Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 11:15 a.m.
At TN State Library & Archives
1001 Rep. John Lewis Way, Nashville, TN

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rogers Anderson	Williamson County
Andy Barlow	Mt. Juliet
Stephen Chambers	Trousdale County
Jamie Clary	Hendersonville
Faye DiMassimo	Metro Nashville
Gerald Herman	White House
Anthony Holt	Sumner County
Randall Hutto	Wilson County
Jim Kerr	Murfreesboro
Bill Ketron	Rutherford County
Victor Lay	Nolensville
Antoinette Lee	Social Equity Rep. Davidson County
Kel McDowell	Williamson County Bus. Rep.
Ken McLawhon	Thompson's Station
Andrew Pieri	Millersville
Joe Pitts	Clarksville
Bob Rial	Dickson County
Mae Wright	Social Equity Rep. Trousdale County

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-President, Mayor Bob Rial called the GNRC Executive Board to order at 11:50 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Rial asked for any questions or changes for the minutes. There were none.

Mayor Joe Pitts moved to approve the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes.
Mayor Stephen Chambers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

a) Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Megan Nelson, Finance Director, said that there are 6 key metrics to monitor GNRC's financial health. These are: 1) member dues, 2) annual budget of which 26% has been expended through November 30, 2021, 3) cash on hand which is 18 days of available funding, 4) cash savings which includes the Capital fund, dedicated match, and cash reserves that equals \$1.98M, 5) 35 of 35 programs are within budgets, and 6) the amount due from invoices is \$2.85M with 71% received. She said that the member dues for FY2022 will be distributed by January 31st.

Through November 30, 2021, the GNRC has had \$5.3M in expenditures, leaving a balance of \$15.6M in the budget, \$2.2M in cash, and \$1.6M in revenue received.

Mayor Robin Brandon moved to approve the monthly financial report for the month ending November 30, 2021. Mayor Pitts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Opportunities to Support and Aging Population

Ms. Carson Cooper, Senior Planner, said that today there are approximately 500,000 Middle Tennesseans who are 55 years of age or older. By 2045, there will be approximately 840,000 which is a 59% increase. She said that 40% of 65+ households live alone with a median income of \$45,711. She said that 49% of 65+ renters are cost-burdened. 36% of older adults 65+ are disabled.

To explore the data online, go to www.gnrc.org/dashboards

Ms. Sara Fowler, Director of Aging and Disability Services, said that the Federal Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) have designated GNRC as the region's Area Agency on Aging and Disability. In this role, the agency is responsible for various parts of the Older Americans Act.

GNRC's role is 1) to establish goals, objectives, and priorities, 2) procure and coordinate the provider network, 3) serve as the gateway to information & assistance, 4) screen individuals for eligibility, 5) connect individuals to services, and 6) track service delivery and monitor quality.

Ms. Sara Fowler said that as the region's Area Agency on Aging and Disability, GNRC is charged with assisting communities in target resources from all appropriate sources to meet the needs of older persons with greatest economic or social need. She said that the personal challenges faced by individuals as they age, or challenges faced by their families and caregivers are 1) financial vulnerability, 2) social connections, and 3) person care & support.

The community challenges that the broader region must address in order to ensure continued economic prosperity are 1) aging in place (the increased cost of housing and in-home support), 2) workforce participation, and 3) transportation & mobility.

Ms. Fowler said that Middle Tennessee's population is aging, the demand for services is growing, costs are increasing, and support networks are shrinking. The key issues and challenges are 1) increased costs to governments and communities as a whole, 2) impacts on workforce, 3) impacts our ability to provide infrastructure accessible to all residents, and 4) decline in quality of life for residents.

She said that the Area Plan for Aging and Disability services is updated annually and revised every 4 years. It outlines funding for services provided by GNRC and for funding allocated to service providers across the region. It also sets performance measures. The new plan will be presented to the GNRC Executive Board for adoption on March 16, 2022 after it is reviewed by the Aging Advisory Committee and it has a public hearing.

For more information contact Sara Fowler sfowler@gnrc.org and Rachel Solava rsolava@gnrc.org

Meeting Calendar for 2022

Mr. Skipper briefly went over the outline for 2022's board meetings. He said that the Executive Board and the Transportation Policy Board meetings will alternate months. The meetings will continue to be on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:15 a.m.

REGULAR REPORTS

a) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was none.

b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was none.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Edwards
Recording Secretary