



# Nashville Community Education Commission Meeting May 12, 2021; 4:00pm Zoom Access

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## **In Attendance:**

### Commissioners:

Commission Chair Dr. Katherine Y Brown  
Commissioner Vice Chair Jane-Coleman Cottone  
Commissioner Secretary Whitney Slovick  
Commissioner Bernard Pickney  
Commissioner Brenda Haywood

### Staff:

Mary Beth Harding, Executive Director  
LaKeitha Anderson, Community Engagement Coordinator  
Joshua Hill, Administrative Services Officer

## **Call to Order:**

4:02pm by Commission Chair Dr. Katherine Y Brown.

## **Public Comments:**

N/A

## **Un-Finished Business:**

N/A

## **Announcements:**

1. Spring 2012 Enrollment Updates
  - Mary Beth updated the commission on the status of the Spring 21 enrollments
  - As of May 2021, Spring 21 enrollment is at 649 with revenue of \$43,114; compared to the same session in 2020, enrollment was at 2023 with end of May revenue at \$111,634
  - Cancellation rate for Spring 21 is 50%; compared to Spring 20 rate of 40%
    - A large portion of our canceled classes has happened because we have not been able to meet in person at Cohn
  - FiftyForward Madison Station and Vine Street Church have both offered their facilities so we can have safe (distanced and masked) classes this month. This has helped in loss of revenue, but we still lost quite a lot from canceling big ticket classes like Pottery and HEMA.

## **Action Items:**

1. Mayor's Budget
  - Nashville Community Education was not included in the Mayor's budget for FY22

- The Mayor's Office is recommending that the Nashville Community Education nonprofit be funded through the American Recovery Act
2. American Recovery Act Funding
    - The Metro Council will determine community grants for organizations
    - This funding could go towards the NCE nonprofit or a merger
    - Details are limited at this time, but Mary Beth will keep the commission updated as more information becomes available
  3. Potential Merger
    - Nashville Adult Literacy Council has expressed interest in merging with NCE
    - Nashville Adult Literacy Council continues to be the preferred method for continuation of the program
    - The amount of funding received from the American Recovery Act will affect how much programming and staff would be a part of the merger
    - A merger would mean a dramatic shift in mission and programming, but would be better than complete loss

**Discussion Items:**

1. FY21 Budget Update
  - Mary Beth updated the commission on the current state of the FY21 budget
  - We are under budget in Expenses but also under budget in Revenue.
  - We should have plenty of funds to close the year, but not with a surplus left

**Vacation and Sick Accrual Update:**

No announcements.

Motion to adjourn made by Commission Chair Dr. Katherine Y Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

**Next meeting – TBD, June 2021  
Cohn School; 4:00pm**