

In attendance:

Commissioners:

Commission Chair Dr. Katherine Y Brown (via phone) Commissioner Co Chair Jane-Coleman Cottone Commissioner Karla Coleman Garcia Commissioner Bernard Pickney Commissioner Denise Pridemore

Staff:

Mary Beth Harding, Executive Director Imelda Alamilla, Program Coordinator LaKeithea Anderson, Community Engagement Coordinator Joshua Hill, Administrative Services Officer

Call to order:

4:00pm by Commissioner Bernard Pickney.

Public Comments:

N/A

Un-Finished Business:

N/A

Announcements:

- 1. New Commissioners
 - Denise Pridemore introduced herself to the commission.
- 2. Fall 2019 Enrollment Updates
 - Mary Beth updated the commission on the status of the Fall 2019 enrollments.
 - As of November 30, 2019, Fall 2019 enrollment is at 1732 with revenue of \$69,079; compared to the same session in 2018, enrollment was at 1530 with end of December 2018 revenue at \$63,735.
 - Cancellation rate for Fall 2019 is 15%; compared to Fall 2018 rate of 13%.
 - Under 30% is considered successful by LERN standards.
- 3. Spring 2020 Registration
 - Spring 2020 registration has started!
 - Students can register online at www.nashville.gov/ce, in-person, or over the phone at (615) 298-8050
 - Scholarships are available! Mary Beth asked the commission to spread the word.
 - Spring 2020 will have over 190 classes at 7 locations. These include the Cohn School, Nashville Famers' Market, Wright Middle School, Inglewood Elementary, Antioch Middle School, Platetone Printmaking, and Middle TN Health Institute.

- Some class highlights include 9 classes at Antioch Middle, Arabic for Educators & Kurdish for Educators, music classes, a new cooking series: Table for Two, and new classes from our legal aid partners.
- Summer 2020 course proposals are due February 24!

Action Items:

- Officer Vote
 - Dr Katherine Y Brown nominated to be Commission Chair
 - Jane-Coleman Cottone nominated to be Commission Co Chair
 - Whitney Slovick nominated to be Commission Secretary

Motion to approve made by Bernard Pickney. Motion approved unanimously.

- 2. Metro Employee Discount Vote
 - Mary Beth presented the commission with a proposed discount option for Metro Nashville employees.
 - Metro Nashville Government employees would receive a 10% discount on classes.
 - The discount is nontransferable, and employees must pay for any supplies or materials fees at full cost.

Motion to approve made by Bernard Pickney; Seconded by Karla Coleman Garcia. Approved unanimously.

- 3. Executive Director Evaluations
 - Mary Beth reminded the commission to fill out their evaluation forms that are provided in their binders.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Social Media & Marketing: Enrollment Comparisons
 - Mary Beth and LaKeithea gave an overview of NCE's Social Media, Community Engagement & Program Growth report and encouraged the commissioners to review it.
- 2. FY20 Budget Update
 - Current Expenses (excluding Salary & Fringes): \$89,351
 - Total Budget: \$522,300
 - o \$289,200 for Salary & Fringes
 - \$233,100 for all Other Expenses
 - o Reserve Fund Spent: \$1046
 - o Reserve Fund Budget: \$288,000
- 3. Grant Update
 - Mary Beth updated the commission on the status of the executive grant donation. We are still waiting on Finance to create a fund so we can start expensing toward it.

Vacation and Sick Accrual Update:

No announcements.

Motion to adjourn made by Bernard Pickney; Seconded by Jane-Coleman Cottone. The meeting was adjourned at TIME.

Next meeting - February 19, 2019 Strategic Planning Meeting Cohn School; 4:00pm