

TENNESSEE CRAFT

Governing Board Meeting June 14, 2025; 10:00 – 1:00 CST Virtual MINUTES

10:07 **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME** *Kim*

10:07 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Sue*

Member Exhibition: Oct. 27 – Dec. 11
Pryor Gallery, Columbia State Community College
Volunteer Recognition Social: 7/24, 5-7:30 pm
The Forge, 217 Willow St., Nashville
Fall Fair: October 10-12, Centennial Park

10:10 **ROLL CALL, PRESENCE OF QUORUM** *Kim*

Board Members Present

Erin Anfinson
Keith Biggs
Audry Deal McEver
Richard Dwyer
Jennifer Gagliardi
Donna Glassford
Jonathan Harwell-Dye
Sherri Warner Hunter
Ashley Lusietto
Denise Miller
Pat Moody
Ben Paty
Donna Woodley – Joined meeting at 11:13
am)
Sue Mulcahy

JoEl LoGiudice
Kelly Hider
Paige Ward Moore
Reneau Dubberley
Louise Nuttle

Board Members Absent

Julie Boisseau-Craig
Patrick Green
Lucy Rymer
Patricia Schwarz
Carlton Wilkinson

Staff Members Present

Kim Waag

10:14 **Approval of February 2025 Minutes** *Sue*

Motion and Vote to accept February 2025 Minutes

JoEl LoGiudice motions. Kelly Hider seconds.

All approved.

10:14 – 10:43

Presidents Report

Sue

Sue directs board to review President's report in Board Folder.

Summary: Consider changes we may need to make as an organization. Create Ad Hoc committee to redesign our Strategic Plan. Kelly Hider and Jonathan Harwell – Dye volunteer to serve on this group alongside Dick Markus, Pat Moody, Sue Mulcahy, Kim Waag. Another group may be created to review staff position job descriptions, etc. TN Craft will move to new office space in July to decrease cost of occupancy. Sue asks Kim to discuss office move.

Kim discusses move to new office space and asks Board to consider us signing lease in June which will secure the office suite; however, the security deposit equaling one month rent will need to be paid in June. All in favor. Reneau states the requirement to vote.

Motion and Vote to Move into New Office with Overlapping Time Frame with Previous Office Space

Reneau Dubberley motions. Dick Markus seconds.

All approved.

Sue discusses changes in membership form, fees for businesses, and new "Friend" category. Recommendations from Membership committee to move from an annual membership to a rolling membership. Discussion on membership process takes place. Recommendations are made to add new membership restructuring goals to the Strategic Plan to be rolled out in 2027 after infrastructure to manage rolling membership is put in place.

10:43 – 10:52

Executive Director's Report

Kim

Kim directs board to review ED report in Board Folder.

Quick updates: MAAP and Partnership Support grant funds deposit in or bank from TN Arts Commission FY25 close-outs may be delayed per notification from TN Arts Commission as they have not yet heard their funding from the NEA. They also reported that FY26 MAAP funding is no longer protected, as they had previously stated, due to uncertainty of the amount they will receive for FY26 from the NEA. Good news is 80% of TN Arts Commission comes from license plate program and 20% comes from NEA, but 20% is still a lot of funding.

Fall Fair as of today we have 134 applications which is in alignment with last year's application submissions. Upcoming Fair Committee Meeting is on June 24.

Further discussion about future NEA funding ensues.

10:45 – 11:37

Treasurer’s Report & FY26 Budget, Investments

*Reneau
Louise*

Reneau directs board to view the “Position Statement” as shared in board folder and screen in virtual meeting and reviews highlights on the statement. Cash remains good.

Reneau directs board to view the Activities Budget vs. Actual Statement as shared in the board folder and screen in virtual meeting and reviews highlights on the statement. It is highlighted that the TN Craft staff have done an excellent job with the budget which was uncertain one year ago, we are expecting to be in a good financial position for this fiscal year.

Motion and Vote to accept Treasurer’s Report

Dick Markus motions. Denise Miller seconds.

All approved.

Louise directs board to view the FYTD, FY25, & FY26 Budget as shared in the board folder and screen in virtual meeting and reviews highlights on the budgets as well as referencing actuals.

Overall, the proposed budget is approximately \$12,000 less than last year. Was highlighted that a staff FTE is included in the proposed FY26 budget for only be for 8 months rather than 12 months, due to time to post, recruit, and hire.

Motion and Vote to accept FY26 Budget

JoEl LoGiudice motions with contingency that we acknowledge as a board that proposed budget could change due to potential changes in government funding. In that event, updated budget would be reviewed and updated by the Finance and Executive Committees to present for approval.

Reneau Dubberley seconds.

All approved.

11:37 – 11:50

Break

11:50 – 11:54

Strategic Plan Adoption

Sue

Sue directs board to review the Strategic Plan that was provided in the Board Folder prior to the meeting.

Highlights/changes include 1) Remove E-Commerce site
2) Revamp Chapters

Motion and Vote to Adopt Strategic Plan

Reneau Dubberley motions. Erin Anfinson seconds.
All approved.

~~11:40 – 12:00~~ **Deep Dive: Conversation on Goals** *Sue*

This agenda item was removed from the meeting and discussions, beginning with a survey will be conducted electronically rather than in this meeting due to meeting time constraints.

11:54 – 11:55 **Consent Agenda: Chapter & Committee Reports** *Kim*

Motion and Vote to Accept Chapter & Committee Reports

Kelly Hider motions. Jennifer Gagliardi seconds.
All approved.

11:55 – 12:20 **Standing Committee Presentations:**

See Committee Reports in the Board Folder. Committee Chairs present highlights from each Committee Report.

Exhibitions – Sherri Warner Hunter

Professional Development – Kelly Hider

Fair – Audry Deal-McEver

Community Engagement – Dick Markus

Development – Kim Waag

Kim informs all board members of the need for them to review the Governance financial audit document submitted to us by Bellenfant CPAs, that is in the Board Meeting June 14, 2025 Google folder. This document is only to be viewed by board and TN Craft management.

Board Recruitment/Honorary Membership – Sue Mulcahy

Call for board to begin to think about board nominations and honorary member nominations as reflected in meeting agenda under “New Business.”

12:20 – 12:29 **Chapter Presentations – New Business**

Chapter Representatives present highlights from each of their committee reports.

Highlight: We now have a new active 7th chapter, Southeast, that has been established in the Chattanooga area and lots of good progress made in the Midwest region for hopefully reactivating that chapter. TN Craft currently has only has one inactive chapter, Midwest.

12:30 – 12:31 New Business – A Look Ahead

Best of Tennessee Craft Exhibit 2026

- Sherri Warner Hunter will have an update in the next Board Meeting.

12:31 Adjournment

Motion and Vote to Adjourn June Meeting

Reneau Dubberley motions. Sherri Warner Hunter seconds.

All approved.

Next CY 2025 Scheduled Governing Board Meetings

August 16, 2025, Virtual

November 15, 2025 – General Membership Board Meeting, Virtual

Minutes respectfully prepared by:

Paige Ward Moore, Secretary

M. Paige Ward Moore

Submitted: June 14, 2025

Susan Mulcahy, Governing Board President

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