

TENNESSEE CRAFT

Governing Board Meeting February 22, 2026; 10:30 AM – 1:45 PM CST Middle Tennessee State University MINUTES

10:36-10:38 **Call to Order, Roll Call, Presence of Quorum** Kim

Board Members Present

Sue Mulcahy
Dick Markus
Paige Ward Moore
Louise Nuttle
Jonathan Harwell-Dye
Sherri Warner Hunter
Erin Anfinson
Keith Biggs
Sandra Lee Chandler
Jennifer Gagliardi
Donna Glassford
Patrick Green
Micha Hannemann

Kathryn Jenkins
Ashley Lusietto
Denise Miller
Patricia Schwarz
Chelsea Barranger Vasquez
Henry Walker

Staff Members Present

Kim Waag

Board Members Absent

Julie Boisseau-Craig (excused)
Audry Deal-McEver (excused)
Ben Paty (excused)

10:38-10:50 **Announcements** Sue

Welcome, Acknowledge: New Staffing, New NE Rep,
Update, Executive Committee

Welcome New Members and New Members to Executive

Jonathan Harwell-Dye (New Members-at-large for Executive Committee)
Sherri Warner Hunter (New Members-at-large for Executive Committee)
Kathryn Jenkins (New Northeast Chapter Representative)
Lucy Rymer resigned (Southeast Chapter Rep seat is vacant, but believe that they can fill the position in March)

Kathryn Jenkins
Micah Hannemann
Chelsea Barringer
Henry Walker
Sandra Lee Chandler

Now we have a total of 22 board members

Announcements

Sue asks board to complete their Conflict of Interest and Commitment forms (provided in Board Folder online and physically in Board Folder at the meeting today. She also reminds board members to select at least one committee to serve. She asks board to review board roster and notify ED of any updates that need to be made to personal contact information. She encourages board to get a specialty license plate if they do not have one and notify the TN Craft staff.

Kim reminds board how utilize the Board portal online rather than the Google Drive.

Sue reminds board of dates for 2026 board meeting. A new board meeting was added in for April, but quarterly reports are not required to be submitted for the April meeting and will remain quarterly.

Sue directs board to review the President's Report that is provided in the Board Folder rather than give a formal report.

10:50-10:50 Approval of November 2025 Board Meeting Minutes Sue

Motion and Vote to accept November 2025 Minutes
Patricia Schwarz motions. Patrick Green & Dick Markus seconds.
All approved.

10:50-11:17 **Executive Director Report** Kim
License Plate Program note
Board Commitments and Conflict of Interest

Kim directs board to view her ED Report provided in the Board Folder.

Key Updates:

1. Administrative, HR and IT:
 - a. Staffing transitions including & onboarding new Marketing Manager. Still in search of a Marketing Design Specialist.
 - b. Worked with board search committee on recruitment for Executive Director position.
2. Financial, Development, Regulatory, Advocacy:
3. Fairs:
 - a. Number of applications for Spring Fair are slightly down (24 down), but should not be a problem for our revenue.

- b. Kim answers questions board has about fair and reminds board that statistics and information from the fair are provided in the Board Google Drive.
 - c. Kim explains fair application, jury, and selection process to board.
4. Membership
- a. Membership has increased.

Comments from the board:

- All fair participants should be required to become a TN Craft Member
- Positive feedback about the QR codes provided at the fair.
- Kim notifies the board that there will be another Welcome Tent added to the Fair at the other side of the park.
- Add map of the fair to the QR code – Kim reminded board that was available at the Fall 2025 fair.
- Add link to Venmo on the donation box for people who may not have cash.
- Consider how we can add college/university tables at the fair for recruiting and students to volunteer.

11:17-11:33

Treasurer's Report & FY26 Budget, Investments

Louise

Louise directs board to review financial documents provided in the board folder – budget overview, financial highlights, Statement of Financial Position, and Statement of Activities/Budget vs. Actuals w/o Chapters

She updates board on the new structure in which she will provide financial information to the board. She will begin to provide board with a monthly budget overview along with the more detailed reports in an effort to promote transparency for the board. All this information can be found in the board folder online.

Overall, she informs the board that we are in a very good cash position. So good that if we did not bring in any revenue, we have enough cash to pay our bills for the next 10 months.

She reminds the board that the information provided on Financial Statements is generalized for conciseness, but more detailed information can be provided to the board if wanted.

Motion and vote to accept Treasurer's Report

Keith Biggs motions. Donna Glassford seconds.

All approved.

Motion and vote to accept Investment Report

Dick Markus motions. Jennifer Gagliardi seconds.

All approved.

11:34-11:59

Consent Agenda: Committee Reports

Sue

Sue directs board to refer to the committee reports provided prior to the board meeting in the board folder.

Motion and vote to accept reports

Erin Anfinson motions. Sherri Warner Hunter seconds.

All approved.

Standing Committee Announcements

Call

Sherri Warner Hunter shares some information from the Exhibition Committee:

- Exhibition Committee helps facilitate two TN Craft exhibitions a year that includes the Statewide Membership. (Recognizing that many more exhibitions, originating through chapters will happen each year.
 - Exhibition - Craft Continuum: A Contemporary Response to the Collect at the Williamson County Archives & Museum (Late Summer/Fall – a longer installation.)
 - Sherri Warner Hunter will curate this exhibition.
 - Best of TN Craft at the Art Museum at the University of Memphis. (First time in 25 years that Best of TN Craft will be in West TN.)
 - Carol Sauvion will juror this exhibition.
 - Call is made to the Board to encourage and invite people to apply to the exhibition. Board can also provide contact information to Exhibition Committee to make invitations.
 - Deadline: July 31, 2026 at midnight

Ashley Lusietto shares some information from the Professional Development Committee:

- So far, she has 23 applications for the Summer Study Scholarships
 - 2 will be awarded to Arrowmont
 - 3 will be awarded to Craft Center
 - 1 will be awarded to Shakerag
- Pro Dev committee needs committee members!!!
- Need a new sponsor for the Lunch & Learn series. New budget is being worked out, but it would likely need to be a sponsor for \$750-\$1000

Dick Markus shares some information from the Marketing Committee:

- Marketing Committee is a new committee that grew out of the Community Engagement Committee.
- Marketing Committee can help gather information and share that with Mary (new Marketing Contract Staff Member, Mary Grissim.

- Do not give information straight to Mary, always go through the Executive Director as the Chain of Command

11:59-12:00

Consent Agenda: Chapter Reports

Sue

Sue directs board to refer to the chapter reports provided prior to the board meeting in the board folder.

Motion and vote to accept reports

Jennifer Gagliardi motions. Patricia Schwarz seconds.

All approved.

Chapter Announcements

Call

Kim shares about and promotes the Specialty License Plate Program (one of the best license plate programs in the United States). 80% of TN Arts Grants are funded by the purchase of state specialty license plates.

Kim reminds Board of Arts Advocacy Day on March 12. Anyone can join the meeting virtually.

12:04-12:15

Break

12:15-1:45

Strategic Plan: Reporting & Follow-up

Jon

Jon provides handout to board and reminds board of mission statement and the vision statement that the board crafted in the Board Retreat on Saturday, February 21.

Jon introduces the goal setting section of the Strategic Planning Workshop.

Board brainstorms goals and Jon writes them on the white board.

- Becoming a leading voice.
- Crafts as a cultural and economic driver
- Elevating fine craft artists
- Engaging diverse communities
- Making craft accessible
- Expanding professional network
- Honor senior members
- Increase visibility of craft and craft artists
- Attracting younger audience
- Engage schools, cultural org, communitéis, libraries
- Policy and Advocacy Leadership

Jon provides board with a template for goal setting to follow within break-out groups.

After brainstorming session, Jonathan will bring the main five goals to the board.

1:44-1:48

Announcements

Sue

This is just the first step in redeveloping our strategic plan. Committees will flesh out objectives further. Virtual meetings will be established for anyone who wants to share thoughts to attend.

1:48

Adjournment

Motion and vote to adjourn.

Jennifer Gagliardi motions. Patrick Green seconds.

All approved.

Next scheduled Governing Board meetings:

April 18 ,2026, Virtual

June 20, 2026, Virtual

September 19, 2026, Virtual

November 14, 2026, General Membership Meeting, Virtual

Virtual meetings are all on Saturdays 10:00am-1:00pm Central times.

Minutes respectfully prepared by:

Paige Ward Moore, Secretary



Submitted: March 30, 2026