



MINUTES
TENNESSEE C/PS ASSOCIATION OF SKILLSUSA
SUMMER BOARD MEETING
ATLANTA GA NLSC
JUNE 24, 2024

6:30 PM

Roll Call: Members Present
Kristan Odom, Member
Wayne Ellington, Member
Joy Rich, Member
Darrell Chambers, Member
Dane Norman, Member
Nellie Blanton, Member
Mike Mercer, Member
Donald Drinkard, Member
Ernestine Peete, Member
Cynthia Rutledge, Member
Daphne Brown, Member State Director
Mike Johnson, Member

Members Present via Video Conference
None

Members Present via Telephone
None

Members Absent
None

Guests Present
Students and
Advisors
Attending
NLSC



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Meeting called to order at 6:30 A.M. INTRODUCTIONS

Each board member introduced themselves and indicated their affiliation to the organization.

Wayne Ellington, Nissan, announced that he will be retiring from Nissan this next year.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

ACTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: Chambers

SECOND: Norman

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

APPROVAL OF THE PAST MEETING MINUTES

There were

not past minutes as the board is newly established.

FY'24 OPERATION BUDGET REPORT

INFORMATION

The organization had an increased cost of SLSC from \$40,000 to \$75,000. It also had an attendance increase from 600 to 998; thus, costs increase as attendees increase. NLSC also saw a significant increase from 160 attendees to 257. The board voted to increase swag offerings, add a headquarters, and host a formal delegation meeting, which added the additional cost of \$20, 000 including A/V and the state celebration banquet for 300. This was reported with no comments from the board.



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APPROVAL OF FY'25 OPERATING BUDGET

ACTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY'25 OPERATING BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: Peete.

SECOND: Drinkard

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ABSTAIN: none

REVIEW OF STATE CONFERENCE

INFORMATION

SLSC was a great conference. There were no grievances from or against Tennessee C/PS. The hotels reported no issues with our state.



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TENTATIVE 2025 CALENDAR REVIEW

INFORMATION

The state director presented the tentative calendar for the board review. It will be approved at the next meeting.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2024

INFORMATION/ACTION

This offering will be held again in Smyrna, TN. Hotels will be the TRU and Homes to Suites by Hilton. The event will be held at TCAT Murfreesboro Smyrna Campus Nissan Training Center. Dane Norman proposed a training session for delegates around Day on the Hill. Nellie Blanton proposed a New Advisor 101 session. Daphne Brown introduced a new format with breakout sessions for advisors and students. Darrell Chambers suggested the newly elected state officers remain after the meeting for another night to have professional photos made and begin their state officer training.



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MOTION TO MOVE THE 2024 LEADERSHIP WILL BE HELD IN SMYRNA, TN OCTOBER 24 AND 25, WITH OFFICERS REMAINING ON THE 26 AND ADDED DISCUSSION ITEMS IMPLEMENTED.

MOTION: Chambers

SECOND: Rich

VOTE: Unanimous

Donald Drinkard stated that there is no issue with raising the cost, but the content must improve.

MOTION TO INCREASE THE STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FROM \$75 TO \$90.

MOTION: Drinkard

SECOND: Chambers

VOTE: Unanimous

REGIONAL JumpStarts 2025

INFORMATION

SkillsUSA Regional leadership training will be held early in September. Volunteers state has offered to explore the idea of hosting for the Middle Tennessee Region. Northeast State may be a potential offering for the East Division and Jackson State or Dyersburg State will be explored for West. The events will be held in early September.



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STATE CONFERENCE 2025

INFORMATION

The current contract for SLSC is April 13-15. This timeframe overlaps the National Community College Convention in Nashville TN. The SkillsUSA high school division holds the contract thus we are in the process of looking at alternate dates. More will be reported next meeting.

A discussion occurred to discuss the possibility of utilizing Perkins funding for one advisor and one student from each college to attend WLTi. Advisors were asked to discuss this with their colleges

WLTi FOR STATE OFFICERS

INFORMATION/ACTION



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Mike Johnson suggests sending state officers to Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTi) via SkillsUSA TN PS Funding.

The Board unanimously decided to send students to WLTi, and as this is at the discretion of the State Director, a board vote was not required.

MOTION TO HOLD THE FALL BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 24, 2024, AT 7:30 PM.

FIRST: Chambers

SECOND: Norman

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION/ACTION

Dr. Joy Rich suggests that we review State Officer Duties and the potential of adding staff.

Dane Norman suggested that the Board have a discussion about fundraising for the organization.

State Director Daphne Brown suggested that we have a discussion about legislative funding for the organization and the possibility of adding a SkillsUSA State License Plate. She will follow-up on the item.

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MEETING ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 9:30 P.M. EST

MOTION: Odom

SECOND: Chambers

VOTE: UNANIMOUS