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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard *Cliff*
Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Staff and Commission Updates

Commission Update

We would like to take a moment to publicly recognize the life of longtime Commission member and Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Trustee, Charlie Cardwell, who passed away on May 13, 2019. A resolution honoring Trustee Cardwell's long and esteemed public service career is attached. Among other public contributions, it notes that Trustee Cardwell served on the Commission from 1988-1989 while state revenue commissioner under Governor Ned McWherter, and continuously from 2003 until his death, and was elected to the office of Trustee seven times. Trustee Cardwell will be missed.

Moving on, this meeting, we will be electing our chair and vice chair at the start of the meeting. According to our enabling statute, these officers "shall be elected by the members of the commission for two-year terms and may subsequently be reelected; provided, that the chair shall be a member of the general assembly."

Next, please join us in welcoming our two newest members, Mr. Calvin Clifton and Mr. Jeff Peach. Both were appointed to the Commission by Governor Lee, with Mr. Clifton's appointment effective March 27, 2019 and Mr. Peach's effective March 19, 2019. Mr. Peach is an attorney serving as a private mediator and as the town attorney for Smyrna, Tennessee. Mr. Clifton, of Kingsport, is a business development manager with the engineering firm Mattern & Craig. Mr. Clifton also serves on the Sullivan County Emergency Communications Board and the Kingsport Board of Zoning Appeals.

Also, we want to thank former private citizen members Ken Young and Christi Gibbs for their service. Their terms of service ended in March of this year; we have presented them with certificates commemorating their service to the Commission. Copies of those certificates are attached.

Finally, please join us in congratulating former member Iliff McMahan on his recent retirement from the State of Tennessee. Director McMahan, a Commission member since 2011, has had a long, storied career of public service. Highlights of that career include, among others, service in the United States Army, serving two terms as Mayor of Cocke County, Tennessee, and serving as an Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, as well as serving as the Regional Director for Northeast Tennessee for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. A certificate commemorating his service to the Commission as well as a resolution commemorating his long career of public service are attached.

Staff Update

Senior Research Associates Jennifer Barrie and Bob Moreo both recently graduated from the State of Tennessee's Boards and Commissions Leadership Academy, the comprehensive training program designed to nurture current and future leaders among the state's small, independent agencies.

Also, we are pleased to welcome two summer interns to the TACIR staff, Bree'ara Murphy and Francisco Mackin-Plankey. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Mackin-Plankey are both rising seniors at Vanderbilt University. She is pursuing a degree in public policy, while he is a double-major in history and religious studies. Please join us in welcoming them.