

Southeast Compact Commission Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023

The Finance Committee met on June 14, 2023, at the Residence Inn Birmingham Downtown at UAB at 821 20th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, 35205. Committee Chairman Paul Burks, the Commission's Secretary/Treasurer, noted that a quorum of the Committee was present and called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

Paul Burks (Chairman), Karl Frost, John Williamson, Donna Hodges, Debra Shults, Lea Perlas

Staff Present

Tom Hansen

Also Present

Cason Coan, Nick Swindall, Jack Storton

Approval of Minutes

John Williamson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022, committee meeting. Lea Perlas seconded the motion, and Committee Chairman Burks called for a vote on the motion which was unanimously approved.

Chairman's Report

Paul Burks provided a brief historical overview of the Commission's finances – where the funding originated and the strategies that have been used over the years to grow and safeguard the Commission's investments. Debra Shults noted that the original source of funding was a small investment that each state made upon becoming a member. Paul Burks concluded his report with a summary report from the Commission's investment firm, Raymond James, showing projected earnings on investments of \$415,409 from May 2023 to June 2024 and noted that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024 that would soon be discussed was less than this amount.

Staff Report

Tom Hansen, the Commission's Executive Director, provided an overview of the Commission's budget performance for fiscal year 2023 and noted that the Commission is well under budget for the current year. He discussed the fact that the Commission's accountant sometimes codes expenses to different "bins" than the Commission uses, and he indicated that this would be changed in the Commission's budget going forward. He discussed difficulties he has had with Truist bank since taking over as Executive Director, and

he asked the committee to authorize changing to a different bank, Pinnacle Financial Partners (Pinnacle), as is allowed by the Commission's By-Laws. John Williamson made a motion to change the Commission's bank to Pinnacle, and Lea Perlas seconded the motion. Chairman Burks called for a vote, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Action – Tom Hansen will contact Pinnacle and make whatever arrangements are needed to open the checking account and transfer funds.

Discussion of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Tom Hansen presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024. He explained significant differences between the proposed budget and the previous year's budget including 1) carrying \$40k of unused funding in the current budget for disused sources disposal over to the new budget, 2) providing \$5k sponsorship to the LLW Forum for the meeting it will hold in the Region (Orlando) in 2024, and 3) a \$15k allowance for legal assistance to help with drafting the contract for disused sources and for developing a policy for record retention. Finally, he reiterated that as Paul Burks had stated during his report, projected revenues exceed the proposed budgeted expenses.

John Williamson made a motion to forward the proposed budget to the Admin Committee for its consideration. Lea Perlas seconded the motion, and Committee Chairman Burks called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

Lea Perlas moved to adjourn the meeting and John Williamson seconded the motion. Committee Chairman Burks called for a vote, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:15 p.m.