

MINUTES

TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

**Business Meeting
February 22, 2024
Brentwood Library
Brentwood, Tennessee**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS: Adam Tucker, TMAA President

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: TMAA Business Meeting, July 24, 2023, Nashville, TN. The minutes were presented for approval by President Tucker.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Danielle Smith, Treasurer and Nelle Greulich, TMAA Business Manager, presented the Financial Report for July 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024 (seven months). The report showed a beginning cash balance of \$10,739.65 with total receipts/revenue of \$26,519.81; a total cash balance of \$37,258.86; with a total disbursement/expenses of \$24,501.90 and a total investment balance of \$10,000 with Grand Total Cash and Investments of: \$22,756.96.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED that the financial report be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS TMBF AND PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS: President Tucker.

Wade Morrell of Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (TMBF) spoke briefly about the contribution of this organization to the cities of Tennessee.

Michael Fann of the Public Entity Partners (PEP) gave a brief summary of how this organization benefits the cities of Tennessee. NO ACTION REQUIRED.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LIBBY SHARP SCHOLARSHIP: President Tucker announced that Jennifer Tag, Attorney, Murfreesboro is a new member of TMAA and the recipient of the Libby Sharp Scholarship Award this year. This award pays the TMAA Winter Seminar registration fee for a new member who has never attended a TMAA seminar before. Ms. Tag was asked to stand so she could be recognized. NO ACTION REQUIRED.

IMLA REPORT: Shauna Billingsley, IMLA Board, and Laylah Smith, IMLA State Chair, gave an update on activities happening and encouraged all to attend the

IMLA Spring meeting in Washington, D. C., if possible, as well as the Fall Annual Conference in Orlando. Florida in October 2024. NO ACTION REQUIRED.

REPORT ON TMAA WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS: Doug Gordon, Attorney, City of Knoxville, gave an update on the website consultant change in recent weeks. Cassandra Oswald will be making all changes and maintenance updates. She was unable to attend today due to being diagnosed with Covid. **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

REPORT ON TMAA *Amicus Brief* IN CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE LIABILITY CASE: President Tucker reported that TMAA filed an *Amicus Brief* with the TN Supreme Court in the case of Trentham V. Mid-America Apartments asking the Court to grant review off a Court of Appeals ruling that would have greatly expanded premises liability for cities and other local governments. TMAA was joined by TML and PEP in the brief. The Supreme Court granted review. TMAA, TM, and PEP filed another *Amicus Brief* in the merits state. The Supreme Court has not yet rendered its decision. **NO ACTION REQUIRED.**

NAMING A NEW TMAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: President Tucker announced that a search was on for a replacement of the retired Dennis Huffer and would be addressing the TMAA membership for action on this. **NO ACTION REQUIRED.**

NEW AND/OR OLD BUSINESS

President Tucker announced the recipient of this year's most Distinguished Municipal Attorney Award as Sam Edwards of Lebanon, TN. Due to the fact Mr. Edwards was not in attendance, he will be formally presented with this award at the TMAA Summer Seminar in Knoxville. Susan McGannon nominated Mr. Edwards for this award.

NO OTHER BUSINESS

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED THAT THE TMAA BUSINESS MEETING BE ADJOURNED. MOTION CARRIED.

**Minutes presented by: Adam Tucker, TMAA President
Nelle Greulich, Business Manager**