

**Southeast Tennessee Workforce Development Board
Nominating Committee Minutes
February 26, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. Eastern**

Committee Members: Carri Smith, Crystal Renner and John Proffitt.

Board Staff: Michele Holt, Executive Director

Chairman John Proffitt called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and stated per the Bylaws of the Southeast Tennessee Local Workforce Development Board a Nominating Committee was established to nominate a Board Chairperson for the next term to run March 2026- December 2027 term.

Michele Holt provided an overview of Article III of the Bylaws that describes the role of the Chairperson and the process by which the nomination occurs. A list of eligible business and industry members was provided prior to the meeting.

After some discussion, John Proffitt called for a motion to recommend a Chairperson from the eligible business and industry members. Carri Smith nominated Blake Markham, and Crystal Renner seconded. The Nominating Committee unanimously voted to bring forth the following Chairperson officer slate for the next two-year term:

Chairperson, Blake Markham

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.