

**TACTE- Fall 2023 Conference**  
**Minutes**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Monday, September 11, 2023**

**1. Call to Order-**

Dr. David Cihak, President, called the business meeting to order and thanked our sponsors for the conference.

**Message from Silver Sponsors**

A brief welcome message was provided to TACTE members by the fall conference Silver Sponsors, Pearson edTPA and TEA.

**2. Approval of Spring 2023 Minutes-**

TACTE members were distributed minutes from the virtual spring 2023 conference business meeting. Secretary Fuqua called for the vote. A motion was made by Lisa Zagumny and a second by Julie Baker to approve the minutes. Attendees approved the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted.

**3. Treasurer's Report-** Mr. Chris Brown, Treasurer, presented the treasury report and a copy of the report was provided with the meeting agenda. A motion was made by Julie Baker and a second by Lisa Zagumny to approve the report. Motion carried and the report was approved.

**Fall 2023  
 Conference  
 Treasurer's  
 Report September  
 11, 2023**

<b>Beginning Balance (2/6/23)</b>	<b>\$47,261.15</b>
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**Expenses:**

<i>Stipends TACTE Executive Board</i>	<i>(\$2,800.00)</i>
<i>501(c){3} Establishment (Lawyer, Accountant, Fees)</i>	<i>(\$12,539.75)</i>
<i>TACTE Fall 2023 Conference</i>	<i>(\$440.14)</i>
<i>Technology (Software, Website, etc.)</i>	<i>(\$1,997.07)</i>
<i>Survey Development</i>	<i>(\$12.57)</i>
<b><i>Total Expenses from last conference until 8/15/23</i></b>	<b><i>{ \$17,789.53 }</i></b>

**Deposits:**

<i>Membership Dues</i>	<i>\$3,850.00</i>
<i>Conference/Sponsor Ticket Sales</i>	<i>\$16,285.82</i>

*Payage Online Credit Card Online Vendor (Membership Dues/Ticket Sales)* \$18,938.05

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***Total Deposits from last conference until 8/15/23*** **\$39,073.87**

Ending Balance (8/15/23)

**\$68,545.49**

*Advocacy Grant Balance (included in Ending Balance)*

\$3503.77

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**4. Spring 2024 Conference:**

The Spring 2024 “Virtual” TACTE Conference will be held February 12-13, 2024. Reminder... all fall conferences will be in-person and all spring conferences will be held virtually.

**5. 501 (c) (3) status-** Chris Brown, Treasurer, reported that all 501(c)(3) documentation has been submitted to the IRS and we are awaiting review at this time.

**6. AACTE Advocacy proposal awarded-** The TACTE Executive Committee was informed that our Advocacy proposal was chosen from among the excellent applications received for the State Affiliate Support Awards. AACTE has funded our proposal in the amount of \$5,000.

**7. Passing of the Gavel-** We want to recognize our next President, Dr. Sharen Cypress (Freed-Hardeman University), as we believe she is the first ever minority/Black President TACTE has ever had. This is important for the association to honor how far we've come and recognize how desperately we need students to see educators (teachers and leaders) that look like them. We are excited to have Dr. Cypress transition to President come spring and look forward to her leadership!

**8. New Executive Board membership-**

We cannot express how much we appreciate everyone who ran for Executive Board positions. Most all positions are volunteer based, so thank you to those of you who were willing to go the extra mile and put your "name in the hat."

**Election Results** (83 votes is considered a quorum):

**East Tennessee Representative** (Runoff) (n=98)

1. (Winner) Dr. Miriam Stroder, Tusculum University, 54.1%/53 votes
2. Missy Drinnon, Johnson University, 41.8%/41 votes
3. Abstain, 4.1%/4 votes

### **President-Elect (n=127)**

4. (Winner) Dr. Robyn Ridgley, Middle Tennessee State University, 53.5%/68 votes
5. Dr. Cindy Chambers, East Tennessee State University, 45.7%/58 votes
6. Abstain, 0.8%/1 vote

### **Secretary (n=127)**

7. (Winner) Dr. Annie Insana, Belmont University, 78.7%/100 votes
8. Dr. Latoshia Chism, Lane College, 18.9%/24 votes
9. Abstain, 2.4%/3 votes

Please recognize the Executive Board Members that will roll off after Spring 2024 conference.

- b. Thank you again to Dr. Tricia Hunsader (Tusculum University) for her 6 years of service as TACTE President (Elect, President, Past)!
- c. Thank you to Staci Fuqua (University of Tennessee Martin) for her time as TACTE Secretary.
- d. Thank you to Dr. Cindy Lang (Carson-Newman University) for her time as TACTE East Tennessee Representative.

### **9. Recognition of Past President- Dr. Tricia Hunsader**

Dr. Hunsader was presented a plaque of appreciation for her service and commitment to TACTE. Those of you who have been around for a while know she has taken us to another level as an association and led us through the COVID years. We are thankful for her leadership. Tricia, will be greatly missed.

### **10. President-Elect- Dr. Sharen Cypress**

Dr. Cypress expressed her excitement for all the initiatives currently taking place among EPP's. She expressed her appreciation for the work of President Cihak and the TACTE Executive Committee and looks forward to continuing this work!

### **11. Adjourn-Dr. David Cihak, President**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned.