



## Merit System Council

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**MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m. in the Knox County School  
Board Room, First Floor, Andrew Johnson Building, 912 S. Gay Street**

Chairperson Oster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present at this meeting: Gina Oster, Chairperson; Jim Jennings, Council Member; Jim Wright, Jr., Council Member; John Marshall, Alternate Council Member; Myers Morton, Knox County Law Director; Paula Taylor, Executive Director.

The meeting minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Jim Jennings made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, Jim Wright, Jr. seconded, motion passed.

Setting the date for the next meeting was discussed. Mr. Jennings made a motion to leave setting the date for the next meeting to the call of the Chair, Mr. Wright seconded, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Oster discussed a motion for recusal regarding Jim Jennings and Gina Oster in the Nathan Cole grievance hearing. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Jennings made a motion that there would be no recusal of Mr. Jennings or Ms. Oster; Mr. Wright seconded, motion passed.

STAFF BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Paula M. Taylor  
Executive Director

Gina Oster  
Chairperson