

Descriptions for Service with Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, Convention Institutions, and Convention Committees

Note: All terms are for three years *except* when filling an unexpired term.

Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB)

“Shall have charge of all the educational, missionary, benevolent, and other interests of the Convention. During the interim, between meetings of the Convention, TBMB shall have all the powers of the Convention except as limited by this constitution, the bylaws of the Convention, and specific action taken by the Convention in session.” (TBC Constitution Article VII). *Normally meets 2 times during the year, plus the Monday before the annual meeting of the TBC. All Directors serve on a committee which will meet at least twice each year in addition to the full Board meeting.*

Convention Institutions

The Boards of Trust are the decision-making body for the respective institution. Convention Institutions are: Baptist Memorial Health Care System – Memphis, Carson-Newman University, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, TN Baptist Adult Homes, TN Baptist Children’s Homes, TN Baptist Foundation, Union University. *Each institution sets their own meeting schedule, but a trustee should expect to meet two to four times a year.*

Committee on Arrangements

Prepares the order of business (agenda) for and serves as the Committee on Order of Business during the Annual Meeting and any called meetings of the Convention. Works with TBMB staff to make arrangements for the annual Summit: The gathering of Tennessee Baptists. *Normally meets 3 times during the year, plus the Monday before the annual meeting.*

Committee on Audits

Examines audits of TBMB and Convention Institutions and makes a report at the Annual Meeting of the TBC. *Normally meets once in February of each year.*

Committee on Boards

Nominates persons to the Annual Meeting of the TBC as Directors for the TBMB, Trustees of Convention Institutions and members of the Committee on Committees. *Normally meets 3 times a year, plus the Monday before the annual meeting.*

Committee on Committees

Nominates persons to the Annual Meeting of the TBC as members of all standing committees of the Convention (except the Committee on Committees). *Normally meets 3 times during the year, plus the Monday before the Convention.*

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

Review the governing documents of the Convention and the Convention’s procedures for selecting directors of the TBMB, trustees of Convention Institutions and members of Convention Committees as well as studying matters referred to it by the TBMB, messengers or other sources. *Normally meets 2 times during the year, plus the Monday before and sometimes during the Annual Convention meeting.*

Committee on Credentials

Confirms credentials of messengers attending the Annual Meeting of the TBC. Collects and counts ballots and reports results, including vote totals, to the presiding officer during the Annual Meeting. *Normally meets virtually in October to review new churches and prepare for annual meeting, once on Sunday before the annual meeting, and then works in shifts during the annual meeting.*

Committee on Resolutions

Receives, comments on, drafts, and recommends to the messengers at the Annual Meeting of the TBC any Memorials or Resolutions it may deem wise from among those referred to it by messengers. *Normally meets twice during the Annual Meeting of the Convention.*

Historical Committee

Recommends appropriate measures for preservation of Tennessee Baptist history. *Normally meets in February or March each year.*