

2022 TENNESSEE METRO CHAMBERS AGENDA



A coalition of Chambers of Commerce from Blount County, Bristol, Chattanooga, Clarksville, Jackson, Kingsport, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville, Rutherford County and Williamson County.

The Metro Chamber's purpose is to create economic prosperity by facilitating community leadership. Our State legislative agenda helps fulfill this purpose by focusing on the following priorities:

An environment where business can prosper.

1. Support access and affordability of medical care to more citizens – including behavioral health and prevention and treatment of substance abuse and addiction – to provide a healthier workforce and alleviate health care costs to businesses.
2. Support state and local business incentives and tools that make Tennessee competitive with other states while emphasizing transparency, accountability, and a return on investment.
3. Support efforts to preserve Tennessee's reputation as a welcoming state for all by opposing discriminatory legislation that negatively impacts the economy and jobs.
4. Support market-driven evidence-based regulations that allow businesses to make decisions regarding their employees, customers, and clientele.

Development and productivity of the region's workforce.

5. Support strategies to reach the state's college completion goal of 55 percent of Tennesseans with industry recognized credentials including the expansion of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs.
6. Support additional funding for community colleges and TCATs in order to meet the region's workforce demands.

7. Support justice reform proposals that seek to provide opportunities for previously incarcerated individuals to return to the workforce and be productive citizens.
8. Support efforts to expand access to quality, affordable childcare.

Quality of life that attracts and retains residents and workers.

9. Support regional solutions for transportation through dedicated funding and regional coordination across planning, funding, construction, and operation.
10. Support incentive-based approaches to increase the supply of housing and promote housing affordability.
11. Advocate for increased funding of public education, particularly to address learning loss resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, lack of Internet access and to eliminate disparities among socioeconomic groups.

