



MINUTES

Land of Sky P20 Council: Executive Committee

October 27, 2025 11am-1pm

Location: In-Person Biltmore Park

Present:

Dr. Ivry Cheeks, Dr. Gene Loflin, Emily Martin, Emily Nicholson, Dr. Tracy Parkinson, Katlen Smith (Staff), Melissa Zenz (Staff)

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Proposed Dates for 2026 Quarterly Meetings

Mrs. Nicholson presented suggested quarterly meeting dates for 2026. The committee discussed alignment with academic calendars, regional events, and availability. A final recommendation will be shared at the next Council meeting.

FYI: Impact Videos

Mrs. Nicholson provided an update on upcoming impact videos highlighting regional accomplishments.

Committee Topics & Member Assignments

The committee reviewed focus areas and confirmed member assignments. Priorities include strengthening collaboration, supporting credential transparency, and deepening workforce partnerships. The assignments can be found [here](#).

Partner Pledges – Status Update

The committee received an update on [Partner Pledge submissions](#). Follow-up continues with remaining council members.

Moving the Strategic Plan into Action

The focus for the Nov. 18 Council meeting at Mars Hill University was confirmed. Mrs. Nicholson shared the [timeline activity](#) will be used to build collective input and connect the strategic plan to implementation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.