



2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The 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:

Core 2022 priorities.
1. Advocate that Metro Nashville Public Schools retain a pathway for local control while aligning accountability within the system. 2. Secure state legislation to align Nashville's process for petition-driven referendum with the rest of the state.
An environment where business can prosper.
3. Support market-driven, evidence-based regulations that preserve businesses' right to make decisions regarding their employees and customers. 4. Support state and local business incentives and tools that make Tennessee competitive with other states while emphasizing transparency, accountability, and a return on investment. 5. Support efforts to preserve Tennessee's reputation as a welcoming state for all by opposing discriminatory legislation that negatively impacts the economy and jobs.
Development and productivity of the region's workforce.
6. Support additional funding for community colleges and TCATs in order to increase graduation rates, and the expansion of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs to meet the region's workforce demands 7. Support justice reform proposals that seek to provide opportunities for individuals leaving incarceration to return to the workforce and be productive citizens. 8. Support efforts to expand access to quality, affordable childcare. 9. Support efforts to expand 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.
Quality of life that attracts and retains residents and workers.
10. Support regional solutions for mobility through dedicated funding and regional coordination across planning, funding, construction and operation. 11. Support incentive-based approaches to increase the supply of housing and promote housing affordability. 12. Support efforts to provide cities with the authority to regulate entertainment transportation vehicles to ensure safety and responsible planning for events and to mitigate congestion.