



CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

City Council

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: February 18, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Mayor's Office

DIRECTOR or DESIGNEE: Jennifer Searle

AGENDA SUMMARY

A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Dr. William Lyons to the Civil Service Merit Board.

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED

All Districts

BACKGROUND

Dr. William Lyons
Professor Emeritus of Political Science
Director of Policy Partnerships
Howard Baker School of Public Policy and Public Affairs
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Term: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2030

William Lyons is Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Associate Director for Community Outreach at the Institute of American Civics at the Baker School of Public Policy and Public Affairs at the University of Tennessee. He previously worked as Chief Policy Officer for Mayors Haslam, Brown and Rogero, for whom he also served as Deputy to the Mayor. Dr. Lyons came to Knoxville in 1975 to join the faculty of Political Science Department at UT. He later served as Director of UT's Social Science Research Institute and Director of the Bureau of Public Administration. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles in professional journals, including the Journal of Politics, American Politics Quarterly, American Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior, Social Science Quarterly, and State and Local Government Review. Bill also coauthored American Government: Politics and Political Culture, 4th edition (2006), with John Scheb; and Government and Politics in Tennessee (2002), with John Scheb and Billy Stair. He has taught survey research and research methodology at the graduate level and conducted numerous surveys and made policy recommendations for Federal agencies, state, and local governments as well as for numerous nonprofit and profit organizations. Lyons has also served as a consultant to government agencies, political candidates, corporations, businesses and interest groups. He also served for over twenty years as Political Analyst for WBIR TV in Knoxville. He also was a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission for 13 years.

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

FISCAL INFORMATION