

Historic Tennessee PTA State Office Building Sold

Last July 2022, it was announced in the Bulletin that the Board of Directors, during the April 2022 board meeting, approved a motion to begin the process to sale the building. The sale of the building was finalized on April 4, 2023 and completed in full on April 5, 2023.

Over a hundred and fifty hours of volunteer work on just this one single process, plus the many phone calls, and emails, and meetings have ensued since April 2022 to insure that the Association's best interest was kept in focus during the selling process.

The fruition of all of the work is now upon us. Thank you for enduring with us during the last few months.

Goodbye Nashville, Hello Knoxville!

The new Tennessee PTA office is being rented in Knoxville, Tennessee! We are still in the midst of moving items and boxes from storage, but we hope to be operating in no time! We look forward to serving our PTA units from our new rented office space.

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Message from the President

It is done!

That was the text message I sent on April 4, 2023 to the Tennessee PTA executive committee.

Nothing comes easy and certainly dealing with commercial property in the Nashville market was not easy. There was no template for myself or for the board to go by as this was the first sale of a PTA office building by Tennessee PTA.

No leader exists in a vacuum and this is so very true here.

Thank you to the Building Teams—every board member was assigned additional work and placed on a building team: Broker, Inventory, Investment, Trustees. What an awesome job by the building teams!

Thank you to the board for being forward looking and hiring a commercial broker, hiring a real estate attorney, surveying PTA units across the U.S., approving the President to rent storage, to hire a moving company, to rent a new office space, and to hire new office staff.

I want to thank my National PTA field service representatives for giving me support. Thank you to Anna King, National PTA president, for her caring support when I needed it the most during a most desperate part of the process.

There were so many moving parts in this whole process. It took a team in a team effort. It also took something else often overlooked in leadership — Vision. Without a vision this whole process could have been derailed and worse. When you lead—be vulnerable and have a vision.

I will say more about this sale during my president speech at convention. Right now, I want to soak up this moment and the beauty of what may be for Tennessee PTA in the future.

Dwight Hunter
President, Tennessee PTA

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New Tennessee PTA Office Administrator!

Please welcome, Tonya Cambre, as our new Tennessee PTA office administrator! The email address for the office administrator remains the same: reach Tonya at ptastateoffice@tnpta.org

We should be getting our new office telephone number installed next week. It will be a new number! We have a new mailing address. You can continue to use the PO Box address for two more months, but you can go ahead now and use the new mailing address listed below.

Here is more information about our new office administrator!



Eight years ago Tonya moved to Knoxville from Louisiana with her husband, four boys (ages 26, 14, 12 & 12). They have two pets - a dog, Oliver, and a pig, Gatlin. Since moving to Tennessee, Tonya has spent her time as a room parent, field trip chaperone, classroom volunteer and substitute teacher. During her eight years of volunteering with PTA she has served as a local unit president, council president, parliamentarian and on the state board as a region director. She believes in PTA's mission and is passionate that every child's potential becomes a reality.

Welcome to our new Office Administrator, Tonya Cambre!

Office hours are 8 am - 1 pm, Tuesday - Thursday, Eastern Time.

Mailing address: 5006 Jim Jones LN, Knoxville, TN 37931

Convention National PTA Representative

We are so excited to have Collin Robinson, National PTA Vice President for Advocacy, to be our keynote speaker and a workshop presenter at our 2023 State Convention and Annual Meeting!

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