

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
September 13, 2023 4:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place September 13, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. in a Zoom meeting to consider matters relevant to duties of the Alabama Public Charter School Commission outlined in the *Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act* for public charter schools in Alabama.

Welcome, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Chairman Luis Ferrer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Ten Commission members were present which represented a quorum.

Members of the Commission who participated:

Luis Ferrer	Sharon Porterfield
Shelia Austin	M. Javed Kahn (absent)
Marla Green	Terri Reynolds
Lakeshia Wheeler	Ryan Kendall
Julie Ann McCulley	Julie Kornegay
Dorothy Houston(absent)	Deborah Alvis

Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion to approve today's agenda and the minutes from the September 6, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Green made a motion to accept today's agenda and the minutes. Commissioner Austin seconded. The vote was unanimous 10 - Yes. The minutes and agenda were accepted.

Consideration of Vice Chairman

Chairman Ferrer asked Lane Knight to read the responsibilities of the Vice Chairman. Chairman Ferrer asked if anyone had a nomination. Commissioner McCulley nominated Mr. Ryan Kendall and Commissioner Wheeler nominated Dr. Shelia Austin. Chairman Ferrer asked both nominees if elected would they be willing to serve? Both said they would. He called for any additional nominations. None were made. Since there is more than one nominee the vote will be taken by written vote. There was a short discussion that since the meeting is on zoom everyone could use the chat box to send their votes privately to both Mrs. Searcy and Mr. Knight. There was a short pause to allow the commissioners to send their votes to Mrs. Searcy and Mr. Knight. The vote was 4-3 in favor of Dr. Shelia Austin. Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include voting for a treasurer. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to amend today's agenda to include voting for a treasurer. Commissioner Kendall seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 10 – Yes. Voting for treasurer was added to the agenda. Chairman Ferrer nominated Mr. Ryan Kendall. He asked for any additional nominations or comments or discussion. None were made. The vote was unanimous 10 – Yes. Commissioner Ryan Kendall was elected treasurer.

Consideration of the Direct Appointment for Executive Director

Chairman Ferrer moved to the discussion of the direct appointment of an Executive Director for the Alabama Charter Commission. Chairman Ferrer asked for a nomination for Executive Director so that the floor can be opened for discussion. Commissioner Green nominated Mrs. Logan Searcy for Executive Director. Commissioner McCulley seconded the motion. Chairman Ferrer called for discussion and

comments. Chairman Ferrer stated that the commission has been working to develop the position for the past month. He also stated that Mrs. Searcy has worked with all the stake holders, and it would be impossible to have anyone else that would have the knowledge that Mrs. Searcy has. She has a long track record as a leader. We have looked closely at her qualifications. The person we choose will be growing us as a commission. Chairman Ferrer asked if there was further discussion, comments, or questions. Chairman Ferrer called for a motion to appoint Mrs. Logan Searcy as Executive Director of the Alabama Charter School Commission. Commissioner Austin made the motion to Appoint Mrs. Logan Searcy Executive Director of the Alabama Charter School Commission. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 10-Yes. Mrs. Logan Searcy was appointed Executive Director of the Alabama Charter School Commission. Multiple commissioners congratulated Mrs. Searcy. Mrs. Searcy thanked the commissioners and said she is looking forward to the opportunity to continue to work with the commission. Mr. Lane Knight asked to share the next step in the process which would be a negotiation of a contract with Mrs. Searcy and once the terms are finalized the contract will come back to the commission for a vote. Then the appointment would become official. Chairman Ferrer asked to schedule a commission work session followed by a meeting this next week. There was a short discussion, and the decision was made to meet Wednesday September 20, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. in a Zoom meeting.

Charter School Updates

Chairman Ferrer turned the floor to Mrs. Logan Searcy for any charter school updates. Mrs. Searcy said that I3 Academy along with Jefferson State Community College have issued an invitation to the commission to come and join them at Jefferson State Community College to participate in their announcement of a partnership between the two schools September 29, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. The announcement will be followed by JSCC's annual Pioneer Day Lunch on the lawn. Mrs. Searcy said she would be attending and encouraged the commissioners to also participate. She said she would forward the invitation on to all commissioners.

Adjourn

Chairman Ferrer thanked everyone for their participation in today's meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kendall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Reynolds seconded. The vote was done by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.