

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
August 2, 2019 1 P.M.
Willie J Paul Conference Room/Gordon Persons Building
Teleconference and Face to Face

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) met on Friday, August 2, 2019, via teleconference and face to face 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.

Members of the Commission who participated in the meeting and via teleconference meeting were as follows:

Mac Buttram	Absent: Lisa Williams
Tommy Ledbetter	
Henry Nelson	
Allison Haygood	
Ibrahim Lee	
Charles Jackson	
Melissa McInnis	
David Marshall	

Welcome, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Mac Buttram opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He asked for a roll call of the Alabama Charter School Commission (APCSC). Mac Buttram asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2019. David Marshall made the motion, and Henry Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve. Mac Buttram asked for a motion to approve the agenda. David Marshall made the motion to approve, and Tommy Ledbetter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the agenda.

Public Comment

Mac Buttram introduced the time for public comment for those who have signed up. No one signed up to speak.

Procedures

Mac Buttram stated that the Commission had received Revocation and Renewal Procedures from Adams and Reese. He asked if there were questions. David Marshall had a question and had not reviewed a section of the procedures. A motion was made by David Marshall to table the vote to approve the procedures. Tommy Ledbetter seconded the motion. Mac Buttram stated that the Alabama Public Charter School Commission needs revocation processes, and that Adams and Reese had developed the process and procedures. Henry Nelson made the motion to approve the process and procedures, and Charles Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Schools for Alabama

Mac Buttram introduced Tyler Barnett from New Schools for Alabama and asked him to explain how the funding from the Commission would be used if approved by the Commission. Tyler Barnett explained the School Founders Program to the Commission. Mac Buttram stated that the Commission had a proposed draft for a contract for New Schools for Alabama, and a motion was needed to approve or not approve it the contract. Tommy Ledbetter made the motion to approve the contract with New Schools for Alabama for \$400,000, and Allison Haywood seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Charter Contract Template

Mac Buttram stated that there were some statements in the Statement of Assurances in the charter contract template that needed to be amended. The statements are located in attachment 8. Allison Haygood asked if the amendments were being made because the statements conflict with the charter school law. Legal counsel, Aaron McCloud, stated that it did. The motion was made by Charles Jackson to approve amendments to Attachment 8 to the template charter contract, and to all previously executed contracts and for all future Requests for Proposals to remove provisions that a charter school use all non-profit entities as education service providers and that the use of federal funds required that teachers have certification. Tommy Ledbetter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Capstone Charter School Extension

Mac Buttram stated that the Commission had received a letter from Capstone requesting a year extension. David Marshall made the motion to approve the request from Capstone, and Henry Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Charter School Update

Mac Buttram requested that Logan Searcy give a charter school update. She stated the opening dates of the four charter schools and stated that the charter contract for Woodland had been amended. Tommy Ledbetter stated that he had concerns with the financial stability of Woodland Prep based on the budget that he had received from Woodland Prep. Several concerns were addressed. The motion was made by Tommy Ledbetter to require Woodland Prep to send financial records, bank statements, and any other expenditure, loans, contributions received to the Commission within 10 business days. David Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Statement from Mac Buttram

Mac Buttram stated that he had not been recommended by the Governor to be reappointed to the Commission, and he would like to leave stating that he is an advocate for school choice and that the choice belong to the parents and students. Charles Jackson stated that he also would not be returning, but that his departure would give him the opportunity to work for school choice in the community.

Adjourn

Charles Jackson made the motion to adjourn and David Marshall seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously