

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Alabama Public Charter School Commission (the “Commission”) was established by the Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act of 2015 with a mission to authorize high-quality public charter schools in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, in evaluating and reviewing charter applications, the Commission is charged with the responsibility of employing procedures, practices, and criteria consistent with nationally- recognized principles and standards for quality charter authorizing; and

WHEREAS, the application review process must include a thorough evaluation of each written application, an in-person interview with the applicant group, and a public forum for local residents; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may grant charters only to applicants that have demonstrated competence and are likely to open and operate a successful public charter school; is to base its decision on documented evidence collected through the application review process; must follow policies and practices that are transparent and based on merit; must avoid conflicts of interests or any appearance thereof; and must require significant and objective evidence of interest for the public charter school from the community the public charter school wishes to serve; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has engaged SchoolWorks to assist with the evaluation process and to provide information, analysis, and recommendations to assist the Commission in determining whether the charter application has met the standards for approval under state law and nationally- recognized principles and standards:

WHEREAS, Breakthrough Charter School filed a public charter school application with the Commission on **July 13, 2020**; and

WHEREAS, in-person interviews of Breakthrough Charter School were conducted on **August 11, 2020**; and

WHEREAS, a public forum was held for local residents in Perry County, Alabama on **April 30, 2020**; and

WHEREAS, additional in-person interviews of Breakthrough Charter School were conducted in a public meeting of the Commission on **September 10, 2020**; and

WHEREAS, SchoolWorks has evaluated the application, has assessed the applicant's overall capacity to implement its proposal, and has issued an analysis and a recommendation to the Commission regarding the application; and

WHEREAS, Breakthrough Charter School was given an opportunity to respond and, in fact, did respond to SchoolWorks’ evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is most appreciative of the efforts of Breakthrough Charter School as reflected in the submitted application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Public Charter School Commission does hereby approve the application of Breakthrough Charter School to operate a public charter school in Perry County, Alabama.

Resolution adopted and approved by the Alabama Public Charter School Commission at its meeting of September 17, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

1. The applicant has demonstrated competence in each element of the Commission's established approval criteria and is likely to open and operate a successful public charter school.
2. The execution of a charter contract with the applicant shall be subject to the applicant's demonstration it is in good standing financially and that it is in good standing educationally.
3. The charter contract shall contain readiness-to-open provisions that shall serve as reasonable conditions that the applicant must satisfy before the charter school opens.
4. Within sixty (60) days of this approval, the governing board of the approved public charter school and the Commission shall execute a charter contract that clearly sets forth the academic and operational performance expectations and measures by which the public charter school will be judged and the administrative relationship between the Commission and the public charter school, including each party's rights and duties and the Chairman of the Commission shall hereby be authorized to execute the contract on the Commission's behalf and submit it and related attachments to the Alabama State Department of Education, as provided by law.



Its Chairman