

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission**  
**November 4, 2020 5:30 P.M.**  
**Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) met on November 4, at 5:30 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, Introductions, Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

David Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Nine members were present which represented a quorum.

Dick Brewbaker- A	Kim Terry
Rebecca Lee-Gwin	Allison Alexander
Henry Nelson	David Marshall
Marla Green	
Sidney Raine	
Steve Siple	

Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the September 28, 2020 meeting. Allison Alexander made the motion to approve the agenda and the minutes, and Sydney Raine seconded the motion with nine members present. The vote was to approve unanimously.

**Growth Projections of Charter Schools**

Chairman Marshall introduced the requests for growth from University Charter School, Acceleration Day and Evening Academy, and Legacy Prep. Sydney Raine made the motion to approve the growth requests and Becky Lee-Gwin seconded the motion. Chairman Marshall asked for comments or questions. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Marshall introduced the growth request from i3 Academy. Henry Nelson made the motion to approve the request for i3 Academy and Marla Green seconded the motion. Chairman Marshall asked for any questions or comments. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Chairman Nelson stated that Magic City Acceptance Academy has asked for a rehearing of their application. Attorneys Nash Campbell and Michael Berson were introduced. Nash Campbell spoke on behalf of Magic City Acceptance Academy. Chairman Marshall stated that the Commission may want to go into executive session for legal reasons. Lane Knight stated that he was certifying the need for an executive session. Henry Nelson made the motion to go into executive session, and Sidney Raine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission reconvened after executive session and roll was called. Nine were present. Chairman Marshall called for a motion for the rehearing. Henry Nelson made the motion for a rehearing, and Sydney Raine seconded the motion. Seven voted in favor of the rehearing. One commissioner abstained (Paul Morin) and one commissioner voted no (Marla Green). The motion passed 7-1-1. Chairman Marshall invited Magic City Acceptance Academy to make a presentation. Chairman Nelson asked commissioners

to ask questions or give comments. He then asked for a motion to approve the application of Magic City Acceptance Academy. Henry Nelson made the motion to approve and Sydney Raine seconded the motion. Chairman Marshall asked for any discussion. Seven voted in favor of the motion. One commissioner voted no (Marla Green, and one commissioner abstained (Paul Morin). The motion passed 7-1-1.

#### **Consideration of Magic City Acceptance Academy's Resolution**

Chairman Marshall asked for a short recess to allow the resolution for Magic City Acceptance Academy to be drafted by Attorney Lane Knight. After the recess, Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to approve the resolution approving the application of Magic City Acceptance Academy. Henry Nelson made the motion to approve the resolution approving Magic City Acceptance Academy, and Sydney Raine seconded the motion. The motion passed with eight in favor. (Paul Morin had left the meeting.) Chairman Nelson extended congratulations to Magic City Acceptance Academy. Logan Searcy reminded the approved charter school that the charter contract must be signed within sixty days.

#### **Adjourn and Discussion to be Face to Face**

Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn. Sydney Raine made the motion to adjourn, and Steve Siple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A discussion occurred post meeting indicating a desire for the next meeting to be held in person if possible.