

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission**  
**October 10, 2018 1:30 P.M.**  
**Gordon Persons Building Via Teleconference on WebEx**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission met on Wednesday, October 18, 2018, at 1:30 P.M. via teleconference and WebEx 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 teleconference meeting were as follows:

Mac Buttram  
Lisa Williams  
Henry Nelson  
Ibrahim Lee  
Charles Jackson  
Chad Fincher  
Tommy Ledbetter  
Melissa McInnis

**Welcome**

Mr. Mac Buttram opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He asked for a roll call of the Alabama Charter School Commission (APCSC).

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Mac Buttram introduced the Agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was given by Mrs. Lisa Williams, and Mr. Chad Fincher seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Mac Buttram called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Mrs. Lisa Williams made the motion and Mr. Chad Fincher seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**New Business**

Mr. Mac Buttram introduced the need for a new contract with the legal firm of Adams and Reese, LLP. A discussion followed as to the budget for the new contract. Tommy Ledbetter stated that based on the need of legal representation from the prior year, the amount should be increased and the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year is not to exceed \$100,000. Mr. Chad Fincher made the motion to approve the current contract, and Mr. Henry Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mac Buttram updated the Commission on the current legal matter and read Dr. Eric Mackey's letter to the Commission regarding the request from Mrs. Charlotte Meadows for an appeal of Lead Academy's application submitted to Dr. Ed Richardson in July 2018. Mr. Mac Buttram called for Mr. Michael Berson from Adams and Reese to update the Commission on the case residing with the

Alabama Supreme Court. Mr. Michael Berson informed the Commission that a decision has not yet been issued and that the Alabama State Superintendent's letter to hold an appeal should be delayed until after a Supreme Court's decision was reasonable.

Mr. Mac Buttram offered congratulations to the CSP grant recipients: Accel Academy, University Charter School, and Legacy Prep. Representatives from each school gave a brief update about the grant and the progress of the school.

Mr. Mac Buttram asked Mrs. Logan Searcy for a brief update from the office of Charter Schools. She reported that the current application in Charter.Tools was available for applicants, and the applications were to be submitted on Dec. 18, 2018. She showed the Commissioners through the Webex how to login and see the platform and how to review the benchmarks for the monitoring of the charter schools. All commissioner received the credentials to access Charter.Tools. She stated that the contract for the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) had expired and Charter.Tools had a rubric for the submission of charter school applications and a rubric for the evaluation of applications.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Mr. Mac Buttram called for the meeting to be adjourned. Mr. Henry Nelson made the motion to adjourn, and Mrs. Melissa McInnis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.