

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
February 4, 2019 9: 30 A.M.
Face to Face and Teleconference

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission met on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, in the Gordon Persons Building Willie J Paul Conference Room and via teleconference 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:

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| Mac Buttram | Absent: Chad Fincher |
| Tommy Ledbetter | |
| Lisa Williams | |
| Henry Nelson | |
| Ibrahim Lee | |
| David Marshall | |
| Melissa McInnis | |
| Charles Jackson | |

Welcome, Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Mac Buttram opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He asked for a roll call of the Alabama Charter School Commission (APCSC). He also introduced David Marshall, the new Commissioner. The minutes and the agenda were both approved by a unanimous vote.

Future Enrollment Projections

Mac Buttram introduced Mr. Jeremiah Newell from Acceleration Day and Evening Academy by teleconference to speak in regards to their request to amend the contract to include additional grade levels. Commissioners discussed the pros and cons to adding to the enrollment. Mr. Tommy Ledbetter made the motion to approve the request, and Mrs. Lisa Williams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve. Chairman Mac Buttram introduced Dr. JJ Wedgworth by teleconference to speak in regards to University Charter School's request for expansion. Mrs. Lisa Williams made the motion to approve the request and Mr. Henry Nelson seconded the request. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Presentation of Rosa J Young Academy

Mac Buttram introduced representatives of the proposed Rosa J Young Academy to be located in Selma Alabama. They made a presentation of the proposed school. A question and answer period followed the proposed application. The motion was made by Mr. Henry Nelson to not approve the Rosa J Young proposed application. Mrs. Lisa Williams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to not approve the application.

Presentation of Capstone Charter School

Mac Buttram introduced representatives of Capstone Charter School to be located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Representatives made a presentation with a question and answer period that followed. Mac Buttram asked the applicants to explain why they were not a private school, and a discussion followed. Mr. Henry Nelson made the motion to approve the application, and Mrs. Lisa Williams seconded the motion. It passed six in favor, one abstention, and one opposed. Mr. Charles Jackson abstained, and Mr. Ibrahim Lee voted no to the approval.

Executive Session

Mr. Henry Nelson made the motion to go into executive session during lunch to discuss the legal ramifications and legal options for pending litigation and to discuss legal ramifications and legal options for controversies not yet litigated but immediately likely to be litigated if governmental body pursues a proposed course of action. The meeting will reconvene in one hour. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Williams. The vote was unanimous.

Appeal by I3 Academy

Mac Buttram read the letter by applicants for I 3 Academy. Mrs. Lisa Williams made the motion to hear the appeal. Mr. Henry Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to hear the appeal at the next meeting.

Auburn Center of Evaluation

Mac Buttram introduced the need to approve an external reviewer for the application. Mac Buttram asked for a motion to approve to the Auburn Center of Evaluation (ACE). A discussion followed. Mr. Tommy Ledbetter made the motion to approve ACE, and Mr. Ibrahim Lee seconded the motion. The vote was seven in favor and one abstention by David Marshall due to a work relationship.

Appeal by Lead Academy

Mac Buttram read the letter requesting an appeal by applicants for Lead Academy. Mr. Tommy Ledbetter made the motion to hear the appeal including a review by ACE, and Mrs. Lisa Williams seconded the motion. The motion to hear the appeal and to have a review was unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn

Mac Buttram asked for a motion for adjournment. The motion was made by Mr. Henry Nelson, and Mrs. Lisa Williams seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.