

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission**  
**September 27, 2023 5:00 P.M.**  
**Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place September 27, 2023, at 5:00 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, Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Chairman Luis Ferrer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Twelve Commission members were present which represented a quorum.

Members of the Commission who participated:

Luis Ferrer	Sharon Porterfield
Shelia Austin	Javed Khan
Marla Green	Terri Reynolds
Lakeshia Wheeler	Ryan Kendall
Julie Ann McCulley	Julie Kornegay
Dorothy Houston	Deborah Alvis

Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the presentation of the renewal process and the Commission's budget. Commissioner Reynolds made the motion to amend the agenda to include the presentation of the renewal process and the Commission's budget. Commissioner Green seconded. The vote was unanimous 12 – Yes. The renewal process presentation and Commission budget were added to the agenda. Chairman Ferrer then asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda and the minutes from the September 20, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Alvis made a motion to approve the amended agenda and the minutes. Commissioner Khan seconded. The vote was unanimous 12 - Yes. The minutes and agenda were approved.

**Presentation of Renewal Process**

Chairman Ferrer turned the floor over to Mrs. Searcy to share the renewal process. Mrs. Searcy shared that she has emailed the commissioners a link to a Live Binder that has all the information for the application process and the renewal process. She explained that the LiveBinder she sent the Commission contains information to help guide the Commissioners through the process. Information provided from both Lead Academy and Legacy Prep is included. September 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the applications to be submitted. She said she wants the Commissioners to have ample time to review the information before voting. Chairman Ferrer asked for questions/concerns. He also said that the purpose of the information is to get the Commissioners familiar with the process and the information that is required, so they can independently review the material to be ready to vote in the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Searcy shared the times and place for the meetings on October 10, 2023: Lead Academy will be in the morning at 10:00 A.M., and Legacy Prep will be in the afternoon at 1:00 P.M. The meetings will be in room P103 in the Gordon Persons Building in Montgomery. The meetings will also be available on Zoom. Mrs. Searcy urged the Commissioners, if possible, to come in person to the meetings. She also reminded the Commissioners she is available to provide an additional information upon request. Commissioner Kornegay asked for assistance getting through the information. Mrs. Searcy said she would be glad to walk all commissioners through the information in the Live Binder as well as how to navigate the

platform the Commissioners are going to use during the renewal process. Mr. Knight stated that he has a memorandum prepared for the renewal process and will send it to the Commissioners. The memorandum includes the process procedures as well as the standards the Commissioners will be using when deciding on renewal or denial. Mrs. Searcy said she would place the memorandum in the Live Binder for easy access. The Commissioners can have a question-and-answer session. He also said that the Commissioners can reach out to the schools at any time regarding the renewal process.

### **Consideration of Executive Director's Contract**

Chairman Ferrer moved to the consideration of the Executive Director's Contract. Commissioner Kendall made a motion that the contract for the Executive Director be accepted. Commissioner McCulley seconded the motion. Commissioner Kornegay asked for the item to be tabled. Mr. Knight stated that there was a motion and a second on the floor and that the motion already on the floor must be discussed and determined. Chairman Ferrer opened the floor for discussion. The Commission discussed the contract and concerns that were raised. Commissioner Houston stated that there had been enough time given for discussion and called for a vote on the motion. The vote was 10 -Yes 2- No

The contract for the Executive Director was approved.

Luis Ferrer - Yes	Sharon Porterfield - Yes
Shelia Austin - Yes	Javed Khan - Yes
Marla Green - Yes	Terri Reynolds - Yes
Lakeshia Wheeler- No	Ryan Kendall - Yes
Julie Ann McCulley - Yes	Julie Kornegay - No
Dorothy Houston - Yes	Deborah Alvis - Yes

No further motions were brought to the floor.

### **Consideration of FY24 Budget**

Chairman Ferrer stated that the Commission must develop a budget for FY25, and that the proposed budget must be in the budget office by November 1st. Commissioner Kendall as Commission treasurer needs three additional commissioners to assist in developing the FY25 budget. Due to the short time to develop the FY25 budget, the State Department of Education has agreed to assist with any historical data needed. Chairman Ferrer stated that in that proposed FY25 budget the Commission needs to look forward to what other personnel will be needed. Chairman Ferrer asked for Commissioners who would like to help develop the proposed FY25 budget to please volunteer. Commissioner Reynolds and Commissioner Porterfield volunteered to assist Commissioner Kendall. Chairman Ferrer said that there was room for one more commissioner and if anyone else wanted to assist to please contact Commissioner Kendall. Chairman Ferrer then moved to the current FY24 budget. Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion to approve the 2024 budget that was presented to the Commissioners and discussed in the work session. Commissioner Austin made the motion to accept the presented FY24 budget. Commissioner McCulley seconded the motion. Chairman Ferrer called for questions/concerns regarding the FY24 budget. The presented FY24 budget was approved. The vote was 11 -Yes 1- No

Luis Ferrer - Yes	Sharon Porterfield - Yes
Shelia Austin - Yes	M. Javed Khan - Yes
Marla Green - Yes	Terri Reynolds - Yes
Lakeshia Wheeler- Yes	Ryan Kendall - Yes
Julie Ann McCulley - Yes	Julie Kornegay - No
Dorothy Houston - Yes	Deborah Alvis – Yes

## Adjourn

Chairman Ferrer thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kendall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Green seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

The vote was 10 -Yes 2- No

The contract for the Executive Director was accepted.

Luis Ferrer - Yes

Sharon Porterfield - Yes

Shelia Austin - Yes

M. Javed Kahn - Yes

Marla Green - Yes

Terri Reynolds - Yes

Lakeshia Wheeler- No

Ryan Kendall - Yes

Julie Ann McCulley - Yes

Julie Kornegay - No

Dorothy Houston - Yes

Deborah Alvis - Yes