

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
April 29, 2021 10:00 A.M.
Via Zoom/In Person

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) met on April 29, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. in a Zoom and in person meeting at the Gordon Persons Building Montgomery Alabama 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

Chairman David Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Six members were present which represented a quorum. Members of the Commission who participated:

David Marshall	Sydney Raine
Marla Green	Kim Terry
Steve Siple	Paul Morin(arrived late)
Henry Nelson	Cedric Tatum (Rotating Commissioner)

Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to approve today's agenda and the minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting. Henry Nelson made a motion to accept today's agenda and the minutes. Sydney Raine seconded. The vote was unanimous. Six of nine members were present. One member entered after the vote on the changes to the by-laws. (Paul Morin)

Consideration of Changes to Commission Bylaws

Chairman Marshall introduced the first item on the agenda which was the consideration to make changes to the commission bylaws. Chairman Marshall turned discussion of the first proposed bylaw change to the Commission's attorney Lane Knight to explain the research that had been done on the proposal to add a recusal option to the voting process. Based on the research done by Mr. Knight, the recommendation was made to leave the bylaw as it is or to adopt the amendment that was presented in the February 22, 2021 memo. Commissioner Marshall then explained the two additional proposed bylaw changes. The second change would affect section 4 of the bylaws: the addition of a treasurer to the elected positions on the commission. The treasurer would be a one-year term like the other positions. If the addition is approved, there will be an elected interim to serve until September 30, 2021, when the position will be elected with the other elected commission offices. The third proposed change to the bylaws would be an addition of a sentence to section 9-2. At the end of the second paragraph to read: The Commission will weigh multiple sources of evidence that will include but not be limited to a completed application, an outside review, a public hearing, presentation to the commission by the applicant, and a written response to the outside review not to exceed five pages. Henry Nelson made a motion to accept all three amendments to the commission's bylaws. Steve Siple seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The amendments were approved.

Consideration of the Appeal of the Denial of the Application of Alabama Aerospace and Aviation High School (Birmingham)

Chairman Marshall welcomed the group representing Alabama Aerospace and Aviation High School. Chairman Marshall also acknowledged the addition of the additional commissioner from the local authorizer Birmingham City, Mr. Cedric Tatum. Commissioner Paul Morin also entered the meeting at this point. An additional roll-call was given so that all commissioners present would be recorded for the discussion and vote to follow. Chairman Marshall then allowed the leader of AAAHS Mr. Ruben Morris to make a presentation to the commission. The presentation included information on their mission statement, curriculum, leadership qualifications, funding capabilities, status of facility, and community engagement. Also, during the presentation several key partners spoke in explaining their partnerships with and support of AAAHS. After the AAAHS presentation was completed, there was time given for each commissioner to ask questions directly to the applicant or the local authorizer. After the questioning, an additional discussion ensued with all commissioners being allowed to make additional comments. After all commissioners had been given time to make comments, Chairman Marshall called for a motion to approve Alabama Aerospace and Aviation High School's application appeal. Mr. Henry Nelson made a motion to approve Alabama Aerospace and Aviation High School's application appeal. Mr. Paul Morin Seconded the motion.

The vote was 4 yes' – 4 no's. The motion did not pass. The denial of the Birmingham City School Board as the local authorizer was upheld.

Those who voted yes to the motion to approve were David Marshall, Marla Green, Henry Nelson, and Sydney Raine. Those who voted no were Paul Morin, Kimberly Terry, Steve Siple, and Cedric Tatum.

Chairman Marshall announced that the next meeting will be held on May 11, 2021.

Adjourn

Chairman Marshall adjourned the meeting at 11:18 A.M.