

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission**  
**May 28, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.**  
**Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place May 28, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. via Zoom 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**

**Presiding:** Mr. Charles Knight, Co-Chairman

The following commission members were present:

Dr. Shelia Austin- absent

Ms. Deborah Alvis

Mrs. Marla Green

Dr. Faron Hollinger

Dr. Dorothy Houston

Mr. Ryan Kendall

Dr. M Javed Khan – absent

Mr. Charles Knight

Dr. Cynthia McCarty

Mrs. Julie Ann McCulley

Dr. Sharon Porterfield

Mrs. Joslyn Reddick

Mrs. Lakeisha Wheeler

Also present: Mrs. Logan Searcy, Alabama Charter School Commission Executive Director

Mr. John Smith Esq.

On motion by Commissioner Hollinger and seconded by Commissioner McCarty, the commission voted unanimously to approve today's agenda and minutes for the May 12, 2025, meeting.

**Consideration of Applying for CSP Grant**

Co-Chairman Knight introduced the consideration of the commission applying for the Charter School Program Grant (CSP grant). The grant opportunity is offered through the U. S. Department of Education, the awarded amount could be \$33,000,000. Co-Chairman Knight called for questions and discussion. There was discussion regarding collaborating with or competing with New Schools for Alabama for this grant. Julie Assel, the grant writer, answered questions from the commissioners. Co-Chairman Knight called for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Houston and seconded by Commissioner Hollinger the commission voted 7 – Yes, 4 – No to approve the motion for the Commission to apply for the CSP grant. The motion was approved. The vote was as follows:

Deborah Alvis - Yes

Marla Green - No

Faron Hollinger - Yes

Dorothy Houston – Yes

Ryan Kendall - No

Charles Knight - No

Cynthia McCarty - Yes

Julie Ann McCulley - Yes

Sharon Porterfield - Yes

Joslyn Reddick - Yes

Lakeshia Wheeler - No

### **Executive Director Update**

1. Director Searcy shared that there will be a workshop on the Application Process for the Commissioners, and she asked the commissioners to send dates that the commissioners would be available.
2. The next commission meeting will be held Monday June 9, 2025, at 12:00 noon; there will be discussion on scheduling commission meetings.

### **Adjourn**

Co-Chairman Knight asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion by Commissioner Houston and seconded by Commissioner Kendall the commission voted unanimously to adjourn.

Submitted : Peggy Haveard Printed Name: Peggy Haveard

Approved by: Sheila Austin Printed Name: Sheila Austin


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