

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Alabama Public Charter School Commission (the “Commission”) was established by the Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act of 2015 with a mission to authorize high-quality public charter schools in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, in evaluating and reviewing charter applications, the Commission is charged with the responsibility of employing procedures, practices, and criteria consistent with nationally recognized principles and standards for quality charter authorizing; and

WHEREAS, the application review process must include a thorough evaluation of each written application, an in-person interview with the applicant group, and a public forum for local residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to overrule the decision of a local school board and authorize a public charter school, the Commission is charged by law with doing all of the following:

- a. Find evidence of a thorough and high-quality public charter school application from the applicant based on the authorizing standards in subdivision (8) of subsection (a) 16-6F-7.
- b. Hold an open community hearing opportunity for public comment within the local school system where the application was denied.
- c. Find evidence that the local school board’s denial of an original charter application is not supported by the then current application and exhibits.
- d. Take into consideration 1. other existing charter school applications, 2. the quality of school options existing in the affected community, 3. the existence of other charter schools, and 4. any other factors considered relevant to ensure the establishment of high-quality charter schools.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2026, xS.T.R.E.A.M. Minds Academy appealed to the Commission the denial of its application to the Birmingham Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held a capacity interview on April 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held an open community public forum on April 21, 2026, that provided for public comment on the application; and

WHEREAS, the Commission duly notified the local school board that the Commission would consider the appeal pursuant to a public hearing and that the local school board had the opportunity to address the Commission at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has evaluated the original application submitted to the Birmingham Board of Education by x.S.T.R.E.A.M. Minds Academy and the current application and exhibits, assessing the applicant's overall capacity to implement its proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission took into consideration existing charter school applications, the quality of the school options existing in the community, the existence of other charter schools, any opinions on the application expressed by the local school board, and any other factors considered relevant to ensure the establishment of high-quality charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is most appreciative of the efforts of x.S.T.R.E.A.M. Minds Academy as reflected in the submitted application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Public Charter School Commission, after review of the original and current charter school application submitted by x.S.T.R.E.A.M. Minds Academy and the related materials of the Birmingham Board of Education, and after applying procedures, practices, and criteria consistent with nationally recognized principles and standards for quality charter authorizing, does hereby overrule the Birmingham Board of Education's denial of the application of x.S.T.R.E.A.M. Minds Academy and approves the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

1. The applicant has been approved to open in 2028, contingent upon achieving at least 80% of projected enrollment six months prior to the scheduled opening date.
2. The applicant has demonstrated competence in each element of the Commission's established approval criteria and is likely to open and operate a thorough and high-quality public charter school.
3. The Birmingham Board of Education's denial of x.S.T.R.E.A.M. Minds Academy's application was not supported by the original charter application and/or the current application and exhibits.
4. The approval of the application of x.S.T.R.E.A.M. Minds Academy is supported by other factors including, without limitation: 1. other existing charter school applications, 2. the quality of school options existing in the affected community, 3. the existence of other charter schools, and 4. other factors considered relevant to ensure the establishment of high quality charter schools, as articulated by the Commission during the May 4, 2026 meeting.
5. The execution of a charter contract with the applicant shall be subject to the applicant's demonstration it is in good standing financially and that it is in good standing educationally.

6. The charter contract shall contain readiness-to-open provisions that shall serve as reasonable conditions that the applicant must satisfy before the charter school opens.
7. Within sixty (60) days of this approval, the governing board of the approved public charter school and the Commission shall execute a charter contract that clearly sets forth the academic and operational performance expectations and measures by which the public charter school will be judged and the administrative relationship between the Commission and the public charter school, including each party's rights and duties and the Chairperson of the Commission shall hereby be authorized to execute the contract, including any amendments to the approved template, on the Commission's behalf and submit it and related attachments to the Alabama State Department of Education, as provided by law.

Resolution adopted and approved by the Alabama Public Charter School Commission at its meeting of May 4, 2026.



Its Chairman