

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
April 14, 2025 12:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place April 14, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. via 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

Presiding: Dr. Shelia Austin, Chairman

The following commission members were present via Zoom:

Dr. Shelia Austin
Ms. Deborah Alvis
Mrs. Marla Green
Dr. Faron Hollinger
Dr. Dorothy Houston
Mr. Ryan Kendall
Dr. M Javed Khan
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. Lane Knight, Esq.

On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner McCulley, the commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda and minutes for the February 25, 2025 meeting.

Consideration of Applicant and Salary for Communication Position

Executive Director Searcy introduced the applicant for the Communication Position. Adoria Hughes, to the commissioners. Director Searcy shared Ms. Hughes qualifications, and past work history with the commissioners. She recommended hiring Ms. Hughes at an annual salary of \$75,000 plus benefits. On a motion by Commissioner Hollinger and seconded by Commissioner Wheeler to hire Ms. Adoria Hughes for the communication position the commission voted unanimously, 13 Yes, to approve the motion. Ms. Adoria was hired.

Consideration for Math Professional Development Grants for Charter Schools

Schools will submit an apply for the grant. A committee of commissioners will make the grant decisions. The request from each school should align with the schools' professional development plan. On a motion from Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Reddick the commission voted unanimously, 13 Yes, to accept the motion for Math Professional Development Grants.

Executive Director Update

1. There are four applicants and one appeal before the commission. Director Searcy thanked the commissioners who have helped with the capacity interviews. The process is continuing.
2. Director Searcy shared the dates for the public forums and encouraged all commissioners to participate. Ignite (Mobile) April 17, 4:00 P.M. Under the Oaks (Huntsville) April 23, 5:00 P.M., Invictus (Bessemer) April 25, 6:00 P.M., Alabama Aerospace and Aviation (Birmingham) May 1, 6:00 P.M.
3. The next commission meeting will be May 12, 2025 in Montgomery at 12:00. All commissioners are encouraged to attend in person. The meeting is expected to be lengthy.

Adjourn

Chairman Austin thanked everyone for their time. On motion by Commissioner Kendall and seconded by Commissioner Khan the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:33 P.M.

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