

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
May 11, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
In Person and Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place May 11, 2026, at 3:00 P.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: Co-Chairman, Dr. Cynthia McMarty

The following commission members were present:

Dr. Shelia Austin – Absent

Mrs. Deborah Alvis

Mrs. Terri Collins – Absent

Mrs. Marla Green - Absent

Dr. Faron Hollinger

Dr. Dorothy Huston

Mr. Ryan Kendall – Absent

Dr. M Javed Khan

Mr. Charles Knight – Absent

Mrs. Terry Lathan

Dr. Cynthia McCarty

Dr. Sharon Porterfield

Mrs. Joslyn Reddick

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

Mr. Lane Knight, Esq.

On motion by Commissioner McCarty and seconded by Commissioner Kendall the commission voted unanimously, 8 – Yes, 0 – No, to approve today’s agenda and the minutes for the May 4, 2026, meeting. The motion was approved.

Public Comments

No public comments requested. No public comments given.

Consideration of Revised Charter Contract Template Amendment

Co-Chairman McCarty asked for a motion to approve the revised charter contract template amendment. Commissioner Khan made a motion to approve the revised charter contract template amendment and was seconded by Commissioner Hollinger. Co-Chairman McCarty opened the floor for discussion. Lane Knight, Esq. shared that the charter contract template has been revised to include law changes. He stated that all commissioners had been sent a copy of the revised template and asked for any questions or concerns. On motion by Commissioner Khan and seconded by Commissioner Hollinger the commission voted as follows: 8– Yes, 0 – No. The motion was approved.

Alvis – Yes

Lathan – Yes

Hollinger – Yes

McCart – Yes

Huston – Yes

Porterfield – Yes

Khan – Yes

Reddick – Yes

Consideration of CSP Subgrantee Awards

Director Searcy asked Jane Whitaker Ivey, CSP grant director, to announce the schools receiving the first round of CSP subgrants.

The recipients are Ivy Classical Academy, ACCEL Day and Evening Academy, Covenant Academy, Ignite Academy, and University Charter School. The commission congratulated the leadership of each school following the announcement. On motion by Commissioner Huston and seconded by Commissioner Porterfield the commission voted unanimously to accept the CSP subgrant recipients.

The vote was as follows: 8 – Yes, 0 – No. The motion was approved.

Alvis – Yes	Lathan – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	McCart – Yes
Huston – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Khan – Yes	Reddick – Yes

Executive Director Update

1. Director Searcy stated that next month instead of a commission meeting there would be an award ceremony and celebration for the subgrant recipients. Details to come soon.
2. The second round for CSP grants will begin June 8th and end July 8th. All schools are encouraged to apply.
3. The charter school commission staff will be present at MEGA conference this July. The director encouraged all schools that received a grant to attend MEGA conference.
4. Commissioners interested in attending the National Association of Charter School Authorizers conference this October in Nashville, please let the director know so the group can get the best registration rate.

Adjourn

Co-Chairman McCart thanked everyone for their time and effort. On motion by Commissioner Reddick and seconded by Commissioner Khan, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:20 P.M.

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