

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
December 11, 2023 10:00 A.M.
In Person and Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place December 11, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in an in person and 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

Chairman Luis Ferrer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Eight Commission members were present which represented a quorum.

Members of the Commission who participated:

Luis Ferrer	Sharon Porterfield
Shelia Austin	M. Javed Khan
Marla Green (absent)	Terri Reynolds (absent)
LaKeshia Wheeler	Ryan Kendall
Julie Ann McCulley (absent)	Julie Kornegay (absent)
Dorothy Houston (absent)	Deborah Alvis
Charles Knight	

Chairman Ferrer introduced new Commissioner Charles Knight to the Commission. Commissioner Knight shared some of his professional credentials and said he was looking forward to working with the Commissioners. Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the November 27, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Alvis made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes. Commissioner Porterfield seconded. The vote was unanimous, 8 - Yes. The minutes and agenda were approved.

Consideration of Charter School Contracts

The Chairman opened the floor for a motion regarding the charter school contracts for Legacy Prep and Lead Academy. Commissioner Austin made a motion to approve the proposed charter school contract for Legacy Prep. Commissioner Wheeler seconded. The Chairman asked for any questions or comments. The vote was unanimous, 8 – Yes. The charter school contract for Legacy Prep was approved. The Chairman asked for a motion regarding the charter school contract for Lead Academy. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the charter school contract for Lead Academy. Commissioner Knight seconded. The Chairman asked for any questions or comments. There was discussion regarding the scoring percentages of meeting/exceeding for standardized testing. Lead Academy agreed with the suggestions to raise the meeting/exceeding percentages. The motion was made again by Commissioner Wheeler to approve the charter school contract for Lead Academy with the agreed changes for the scoring percentages of meeting/exceeding for standardized testing. Commissioner Knight seconded. The vote was unanimous 8 – Yes. The charter school contract for Lead Academy was approved.

Consideration of a Charter School Logo

The Chairman asked for a motion to add consideration of a Charter School Commission Logo to the agenda. Commissioner Austin made a motion to add consideration of a Charter School Commission Logo

to the agenda. Commissioner Knight seconded. The vote was unanimous 8 – Yes. The motion to add Consideration of a Charter School Commission Logo to the agenda was approved. Commissioner Wheeler created four possible logo options. She shared drawings of all four with the commissioners. Chairman Ferrer asked for discussion and questions. There was discussion on the four logo samples. There was discussion to use of one logo on documents and another on products. Commissioner Knight made a motion to approve both sample one and sample four as Charter School Commission’s Logos. Commissioner Austin seconded. The vote was unanimous 8- Yes. The motion to use both sample one and sample four was approved.

Charter School Updates

Mrs. Searcy shared the following charter school updates. 1) Barnabas School of Leadership has sent a copy of the lease for the school facility. Some of the delinquent documents requested by the Commission have been submitted. They have until December 16th to submit all delinquent documents. 2) Teacher of the Year- Information on the process for submitting nominations has been sent to the schools. There will be awards for Elementary, Middle and High School teachers. Nominations should be received by January 8, 2023. 3) Information about submitting names for a Charter School Commission Advisory Board has also been sent to all charter schools. The commission is looking forward to having good discussions with all members. 4) A Charter School Application has been submitted from the Tuscaloosa area and there will be a public hearing in January. 5) Next commission meeting will be January 8, 2024 at 4 PM via Zoom.

Mrs. Searcy asked for a moment of silence for Commissioner Houston on the loss of her husband.

Adjourn

Chairman Ferrer said that the commission has had tremendous growth and transformation this year. He wished the Commissioners a Merry Christmas. He asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Porterfield seconded. The vote was unanimous; meeting was adjourned.