

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
April 8, 2021 10:00 A.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) met on April 8, 2021, at 10 A.M. in 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, Introductions, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

David Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Six members were present which represented a quorum. One member entered later. Members of the Commission who participated:

Henry Nelson	Dick Brewbaker
David Marshall	Paul Morin
Marla Green	Sydney Raine
Steve Siple	

Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the December 10, 2020, meeting. Dick Brewbaker made the motion to approve the agenda and the minutes. Sydney Raine seconded the motion with six members present. The vote was to approve. A seventh member was present after the vote to accept agenda and minutes.

Consideration of Ivy Classical's Request for a One Year Extension

Chairman Marshall invited Bradley Neave to present Ivy Classical's request for a one-year extension for opening. Mr. Neave noted concerns for facility location and best interest of serving the students prompted the need for a year extension. Dick Brewbaker made motion to accept Ivy Classical's request for a one-year extension. The motion was seconded by Sydney Raine. The vote was unanimous to accept Ivy Classical's request for extension. The motion passed.

Consideration of Changes to APCSC's Bylaws

Lane Knight presented proposed changes to the Charter Commission Bylaws: 1). Create a procedure for a commissioner to recuse from a vote when there is a conflict of interest. 2). Roberts Rules of Order would apply to all commission meetings unless suspended by vote of the commission for that particular meeting. 3). After a public hearing on revocation or nonrenewal of a charter school a decision should be made by the commission within 30 days. This would bring the commission in line with the Alabama Administration Procedures Act which also requires 30 days. 4). The commission would solicit input from the charter school leaders two times a year on the effectiveness of the commissions policies and procedures. Item one regarding recusal was tabled for further discussion. A motion to accept the other three changes was made by Steve Siple and a second was made by Marla Green. The vote was unanimous to accept changes to APCSC's bylaws. The motion passed.

Consideration of Deadline Extension to the Certificate of Occupancy and Health Inspection for Magic City Acceptance Academy

Magic City Acceptance Academy representatives Michael Wilson, Michael Berson, and John Chapman presented factors that require the change of the July 1, 2021 deadline for the Certificate of Occupancy and Health Inspection to August 16, 2021 which would allow Magic City Academy to open August 31, 2021. Assurances were given that construction delays and environmental concerns have all been addressed and will be ready for an inspection date of August 16, 2021. Commissioner Raine made a

motion to accept Magic City Acceptance Academy's request to extend the date for the Certificate of Occupancy and Health Inspection to July 17, 2021. Commissioner Siple seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the motion. The motion passed

Consideration of Alabama Charter School Grant

Because of COVID 19 on this school year Chairman Marshall presented for consideration a change to the Charter School Competitive Innovation Grants. It is proposed that for this year only the fifty thousand dollars budgeted for the grants would not be awarded by competitive grants. Each of the charter schools would be eligible to receive ten thousand dollars. For the schools to receive the funds, they would need to submit a budget sheet outlining how the funds would be utilized. A motion to accept the proposal to change the Charter School Competitive Grant for this year was made by Marla Green and seconded by Dick Brewbaker. The vote was unanimous to accept the proposal. The motion passed.

Consideration of Teacher of the Year Award

David Marshall presented to the commission a proposal to establish an annual Alabama Charter School Teacher of the Year award. The award would recognize teachers that are doing outstanding work making charter schools successful. An award of \$2,500 would be given to the winner. Steve Siple made a motion to accept the proposal to establish an annual Alabama Charter School Teacher of The Year award. The motion was seconded by Sydney Raine. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Adjourn

Chairman Marshall asked Logan Searcy to provide updates on upcoming Charter School events. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Marshall after the updates.

Quality School Reviews-

Acceleration Day and Evening School – April 28-29, 2021

Lead Academy – May 12-13, 2021

Legacy Prep – May 20-21, 2021

Public Hearings- Appeals

Alabama Aerospace and Aviation High School – April 21, 2021 5:00 P.M.

Empowerment Community School – May 4, 2021 5:00 P.M.

I Dream Big Academy – TBD

Commission Meetings

April 29, 2021

May 11 or 12, 2021

Contract Deadlines

May 31, 2021 - 90 Day Notification of One Extension to Opening (If needed)

Breakthrough Charter School

Magic City Acceptance Academy

June 1, 2021- 80% of first year enrollment

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Magic City Acceptance Academy

July 15, 2021- Site Visit

Breakthrough Charter School

Magic City Acceptance Academy

Items needing Commissioner's review and approval:

All items are in Charter.Tools

Breakthrough Charter School – Annual Calendar

Breakthrough Charter School, and Magic City Acceptance Academy – Performance Frameworks

Lead Academy and Legacy Prep – Financial documents are ready for review

Items for Commissioner's review have been sent in an email attachment. If you have difficulty with the Charter.Tools site please contact Logan Searcy.