

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
February 9, 2026, 4:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place February 9, 2026, at 4:00 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-Chair Dr. Cynthia McCarty

The following commission members were present:

Dr. Shelia Austin – Absent

Ms. Deborah Alvis

Mrs. Marla Green - Absent

Dr. Faron Hollinger

Dr. Dorothy Houston

Mr. Ryan Kendall

Dr. M Javed Khan – Absent

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 Hollinger and seconded by Commissioner Alvis, the commission voted unanimously to approve today’s agenda and the minutes for the January 12, 2026, meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments scheduled. No public comments made.

Consideration of I Dream Big’s Corrective Action

Executive Director Searcy and Lane Knight shared the proposed corrective action for I Dream Big.

Adding an additional grade level had been shared with all of the commissioners. The floor was open for questions or comments. On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Huston the commission voted to accept the proposed corrective action for I Dream Big . The vote was as follows:

9 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 Abstain. The motion was approved.

Alvis – Yes

McCarty – Yes

Hollinger – Yes

McCulley – Yes

Huston – Yes

Porterfield – Abstain

Kendall – Yes

Reddick – Yes

Knight – Yes

Wheeler -Yes

Consideration of Policy for Short Term Facilities

Executive Director Searcy and Lane Knight shared the proposed policy for short term facility use. On motion by Commissioner Kendall and seconded by Commissioner Hollinger the commission voted to accept the proposed policy for short term facility. The vote was as follows: 9 – Yes , 1 – No. The motion was approved.

Alvis – Yes
Hollinger – Yes
Huston – No
Kendall – Yes
Knight – Yes
McCarty – Yes
McCulley – Yes
Porterfield – Yes
Reddick – Yes
Wheeler -Yes

Consideration of Emergency Amendment for LEAD Academy

LEAD Academy leadership explained need to be given ability to conduct business now for purchasing property in order to meet the up-coming need for the high school location. On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Wheeler the commission voted unanimously to accept the motion for the emergency amendment for LEAD Academy. The vote was 10 – Yes, 0 – No. The motion was approved.

Alvis – Yes
Hollinger – Yes
Huston – Yes
Kendall – Yes
Knight – Yes
McCarty – Yes
McCulley – Yes
Porterfield – Yes
Reddick – Yes
Wheeler -Yes

Updates from CSP Grant, Communications and Executive Director

CSP Grant – Jane Whitaker Ivy

Applications for grants are due by March 30. Decision on recipients by June 5th.
The APCSC will be hiring peer reviewers.

Communication – Adoria Hughes

She is attending legislative meetings and posting weekly updates.
The commissioners have been provided with a link to legislation.
Commissioner Knight requested more pictures of current high school seniors on website.

Executive Director Searcy

An informational workshop is planned for March 9 and 10. All schools are invited. Information is focused on schools in years 0, 1, and 2. CSP grant applicants are urged to attend.
The director opened commission website and shared new addition which is a data dashboard.

Adjourn

Co-Chair McCarty thanked everyone for their time and effort for the children. On motion by Commissioner Reddick and seconded by Commissioner Alvis the commission adjourned by voice vote at 4:35 P.M.

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Approved by: Sheila Austin Printed Name: Sheila Austin

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