

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission**

**October 15, 2025, 10:00 A.M.**

**In Person and Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place October 15, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. via Zoom and in person at LEAD Academy, 2897 Eastern Blvd, Montgomery, AL. 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:** Chair Dr. Shelia Austin

The following commission members were present:

Dr. Shelia Austin – In person

Ms. Deborah Alvis - Zoom

Mrs. Marla Green – In person

Dr. Faron Hollinger - Zoom (entered late)

Dr. Dorothy Houston - Zoom

Mr. Ryan Kendall - In person

Dr. M Javed Khan – Absent

Mr. Charles Knight Zoom

Dr. Cynthia McCarty - Zoom

Mrs. Julie Ann McCulley – Absent

Dr. Sharon Porterfield – In Person

Mrs. Joslyn Reddick - Zoom

Mrs. LaKeisha Wheeler- Zoom

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

Mr. Lane Knight, Esq.- In person

On motion by Commissioner Porterfield and seconded by Commissioner Kendall, the commission voted unanimously to approve today's agenda and the minutes for the September 15, 2025, meeting.

**Public Comments**

Executive Director Searcy made a statement regarding the rules about making public comments during the meeting.

**Consideration of Contract for Legal Services with Balch and Bingham**

On motion by Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner Porterfield, the commission voted unanimously to renew the contract with Balch and Bingham for legal services. The motion was approved.

The vote was 10– Yes, 0 – No

Austin – Yes

Knight – Yes

Alvis – Yes

McCurty – Yes

Green – Yes

Porterfield – Yes

Houston – Yes

Reddick -Yes

Kendall – Yes

Wheeler – Yes

### **Public Hearing and Consideration of the Renewal of L.E.A.D. Academy**

The Chair opened the floor for public discussion regarding the renewal of L.E.A.D. Academy. Dr Tony Thacker shared state testing results from prior years for L.E.A.D. Academy. The leadership from L.E.A.D. shared a PowerPoint presentation in support of L.E.A.D. Academy's charter renewal. The school's leadership shared that they would be asking for an additional cost center in the next school year. Commissioner Porterfield made a motion to renew L.E.A.D. Academy for five years. Commissioner Reddick seconded. Executive Director Searcy asked for the motion to be amended to include the additional cost center. The commission voted unanimously to accept the change.

The vote was 10 – Yes, 0 – No

Austin – Yes	Knight – Yes
Alvis – Yes	McCurty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Houston – Yes	Reddick -Yes
Kendall – Yes	Wheeler – Yes

On motion by Commissioner Porterfield and seconded by Commissioner Reddick the motion in favor of renewal of L.E.A.D. Academy for five years with an additional cost center was approved.

The vote was 10 – Yes, 0 – No

Austin – Yes	Knight – Yes
Alvis – Yes	McCurty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Houston – Yes	Reddick -Yes
Kendall – Yes	Wheeler – Yes

### **Consideration of the Resolution for L.E.A.D Academy**

The Chair turned the floor over to Mr. Lane Knight for distribution and discussion of the resolution confirming the vote renewing L.E.A.D. Academy for five years with the additional cost center. On motion by Commissioner Wheeler and seconded by Commissioner Kendall the motion confirming the vote renewing L.E.A.D. Academy for five years with the additional cost center was approved.

The vote was 10 – Yes, 0- No

Austin – Yes	Knight – Yes
Alvis – Yes	McCurty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick -Yes
Kendall – Yes	Wheeler – Yes

### **Public Hearing and Consideration of the Renewal of Breakthrough Charter School**

The Chair opened the floor for public discussion regarding the renewal of Breakthrough Charter School. Dr. Tony Thacker shared state testing results for prior years for Breakthrough Charter School. The leadership from Breakthrough Charter School shared a PowerPoint presentation in support of Breakthrough Charter School's charter renewal. On motion by Commissioner Porterfield and seconded by Commissioner Kendall the commission passed the motion to renew Breakthrough Charter School for three years. The motion was approved.

The vote was 10 – Yes, 1 – No

Austin – Yes	Knight – No
Alvis – Yes	McCurty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick -Yes
Houston – Yes	Wheeler – Yes
Kendall – Yes	

### **Consideration of the Resolution for Breakthrough Charter School**

The Chair turned the floor over to Mr. Lane Knight for the distribution and discussion of the resolution confirming the vote renewing Breakthrough Charter School for three years. On motion from Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner Porterfield the motion confirming the vote renewing Breakthrough Charter School for three years was approved. The vote was 11- Yes , 0 – No

Austin – Yes	Knight – Yes
Alvis – Yes	McCurty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick -Yes
Houston – Yes	Wheeler – Yes
Kendall – Yes	

Executive Director Searcy asked for a lunch break at 11:40. She stated the meeting would be resumed in 45 minutes. The Chair called the meeting back to order at 12: 20 P.M.

Roll was called. The following Commissioners were present:

Dr. Shelia Austin – In person  
Mrs. Marla Green – In person  
Dr. Faron Hollinger - Zoom (entered late)  
Dr. Dorothy Houston - Zoom  
Mr. Ryan Kendall - In person  
Mr. Charles Knight Zoom  
Dr. Cynthia McCarty - Zoom  
Dr. Sharon Porterfield – In Person  
Mrs. LaKeisha Wheeler- Zoom

### **Public Hearing and Consideration of the Renewal of Magic City Acceptance Academy**

The Chair opened the floor for public discussion regarding the renewal of Magic City Acceptance Academy. Dr Tony Thacker shared state testing results from prior years for Magic City Acceptance Academy. The leadership from Magic City shared a PowerPoint presentation in support of Magic City Acceptance Academy's charter renewal. Commissioner Porterfield made a motion to renew Magic City Acceptance Academy for three years. Commissioner Wheeler seconded. The vote was 7 – Yes, 2 – No

Austin – Yes	Knight – Yes
Green – No	McCarty – Yes
Hillinger – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Houston – Yes	Wheeler – Yes
Kendall – No	

Commissioner Knight asked that the motion be amended to a five-year renewal. On motion from Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Wheeler the motion to amend the original motion from a three year to a five-year renewal was accepted.

The vote was 8- Yes, 1- No

Knight – Yes	Knight – Yes
Green – No	McCarty – Yes
Hillinger – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Houston – Yes	Wheeler – Yes
Kendall – Yes	

### **Consideration of the Resolution for Magic City Acceptance Academy**

The Chair turned the floor over to Mr. Lane Knight for the distribution and discussion of the resolution confirming the vote renewing Magic City Acceptance Academy for five years. On motion from Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner Porterfield the motion confirming the vote renewing Magic City Acceptance Academy for five years was approved. The vote was 9- Yes , 0 – No

Austin – Yes

Knight – Yes

Green – Yes

McCarty – Yes

Hillinger – Yes

Porterfield – Yes

Houston – Yes

Wheeler – Yes

Kendall – Yes

### **Executive Director Updates**

The Executive Director shared that the Alabama Public School Charter Commission was awarded a CSP grant totaling nearly thirty million dollars. She shared that there are four parts to using the funds. Many positive changes are coming.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Austin thanked everyone for their time. The Chair thanked L.E.A.D Academy for hosting the meeting and providing lunch. The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion by Commissioner Kendall and seconded by Commissioner Porterfield the commission adjourned by voice vote.

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Approved by: Sheila Austin Printed Name: Sheila Austin

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