

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
October 26, 2021 11:00 A.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) met on October 26, 2021 at 11:00 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. Seven members were present which represented a quorum. Members of the Commission who participated:

David Marshall	Sydney Raine
Paul Morin	LaKeisha Wheeler
Ty Moody	Anthony Overton
Steve Siple	

Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to approve today's agenda and the minutes from the August 31, 2021 meeting. Sydney Raine made a motion to approve today's agenda and the minutes. Ty Moody seconded. The vote was unanimous. Minutes and agenda were approved.

Consideration of the Renewal of Balch and Bingham Contract

Chairman Marshall introduced the first item on the agenda. Consideration of the renewal of the contract of Balch and Bingham attorneys to continue providing representation to the commission. The Chairman called for discussion or questions. Commissioner Overton made a motion to renew the contract of Balch and Bingham. Commissioner Raine seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion to renew the contract of Balch and Bingham was approved. Marshall thanked the Balch and Bingham and their representative Lane Knight on doing an excellent job working with the commission and looking forward to continuing.

Consideration of the Renewal of Charter Contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy

Chairman Marshall then moved to the consideration of the renewal of the charter contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy. Since this is the first time a charter contract has come up for renewal Chairman Marshall asked Lane Knight to explain the process of renewal to the commissioners. Mr. Knight shared the legal process that is outlined in the Chart School Act noting that the process has been followed. To complete the process the charter school had to submit a renewal contract that would need to be approved by the commission. If there is a vote on the renewal application a resolution accepting the commission vote would also need to be approved. Mr. Knight turned to meeting back to Chairman Marshall. Chairman Marshall asked Dr. Newell of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy to make a statement to the commission regarding why the commission should renew the charter contract. Dr. Newell shared increases in student population, data showing learning growth, and meeting all their performance framework indicators as reasons to continue their charter school mission. After Dr. Newell's comments each commissioner was allowed time to make comments or ask questions. The commissioners made positive comments regarding accomplishments and growth. There were a few questions regarding student recruitment and follow-up of graduates. Dr. Newell responded to each question.

After a request for additional comments or questions Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the charter contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy. Commissioner Raine made the motion to approve the renewal of the charter contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The renewal of the charter contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy was approved. Chairman Marshall offered congratulations to Dr. Newell and the entire staff for their five year renewal. Logan Searcy offered congratulation from the State Department of Education and Office of Charter Schools to Dr. Newell and staff.

Consideration of the Resolution for Renewal of Charter Contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy

Chairman Marshall moved to consider the Resolution for Renewal of Charter Contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy. Chairman Marshall opened the floor for any questions or discussion of the resolution. Commissioner Siple made a motion to accept the resolution to uphold the approval of the renewal of Charter Contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The Resolution upholding the approval of the renewal of charter contract of Acceleration Day and Evening Academy was accepted.

Adjourn

Chairman Marshall adjourned the meeting at 11:50 A.M.