

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
December 13, 2021 10:00 A.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) met on December 13, 2021 at 10:00 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. Eight members were present which represented a quorum. Members of the Commission who participated:

David Marshall	Sydney Raine
Dick Brewbaker	Paul Morin
Ty Moody	Julie Ann McCulley
Anthony Overton	LaKeisha Wheeler (entered late)

Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to approve today's agenda and the minutes from the November 30, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Brewbaker made a motion to approve today's agenda and the minutes. Commissioner Moody seconded. The vote was unanimous. Minutes and agenda were approved.

Election of Officers for Charter School Commission

Chairman Marshall introduced the first item on the agenda election of officers for the Charter School Commission. Chairman Marshall explained the voting process. Since the meeting was held on Zoom there would need to be voice vote. There was a brief discussion. Commissioner Raine made a motion to take a voice vote for officers. Commissioner Brewbaker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion for voice voting was approved. Chairman Marshall asked Logan Searcy to take over the voting process. Ms. Searcy asked for nominations for Chairperson. Commissioner Raine nominated David Marshall to continue as Commission Chairperson. Commissioner Brewbaker moved to close the nominations and vote. Commissioner Julie Ann McCulley seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve Davis Marshall as Chairperson. Ms. Searcy then asked for nomination for Vice Chair. Commissioner Marshall nominated Dr. Ty Moody. Commissioner Brewbaker made a motion to close nominations and vote. Commissioner Overton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve Dr. Ty Moody as the Commission's Vice Chair. Ms. Searcy then asked for nominations for Treasurer. Commissioner Marshall nominated Steve Siple to continue as Commission Treasurer. Commissioner Brewbaker made a motion to close nominations and vote. Commissioner Raine seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous approving Steve Siple as Commission Treasurer.

Consideration of Recommendation of External Evaluation Committee

Chairman Marshall introduced the next item on the agenda the consideration of recommendations from the committee evaluating the applications for External Evaluators. The committee of three Commissioners explained the process that was used to make their decision.

Each application was reviewed and discussed separately. The recommendation from the committee was to accept the group from the University of Alabama as External Evaluators. Commission Brewbaker made the motion to approve the group from the University of Alabama as External Evaluators. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the University of Alabama as External Evaluators.

Consideration of Professional Training for Charter Schools

Chairman Marshall asked Logan Searcy to explain the professional training the charter schools are requesting from the Commission. Ms. Searcy explained that the charter schools were requesting addition training for the new information platform Power School. Ms. Searcy explained that the training would be two-day long sessions not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars. The sessions would be conducted in small groups for all interested charter school. The floor was opened for questions and discussion. There was a short discussion on where the money for the fee would be coming from. Money would be shifted from application evaluation since there have not been as many applications presented to the commission this application cycle. A request was made to notify the commissioners of the results of surveys sent to charter schools to determine which school would be participating and a final cost. Commissioner Raine made a motion to approve the professional training requested by the charter schools. Commissioner Julie Ann McCulley seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the professional training for charter schools.

Application Process Overview

Chairman Marshall explained that an overview of the application process was needed for the new commissioners since this would be their first application cycle. Chairman Marshall briefly explained the process of using outside evaluators, public hearings, and other pieces of evidence by the commission during the application process.

Adjourn

Commissioner Marshall adjourned the meeting at 10:30

Chairman Marshall thanked everyone for serving on the Commission. He also wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday and New Year.