

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
August 17, 2026, 4:00 P.M.
In Person and Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place August 17, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. The meeting was held in person and available 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.

The meeting began with a resolution from the Charter School Commission honoring Dr. Sheila Austin's work as the previous chair of APCSC presented by Chair Terri Collins.

On motion by Commissioner McCarty and seconded by Commissioner Knight, the commission voted unanimously, 11– Yes, 0 – No, approved to adopt the resolution.

Welcome, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Presiding: Terri Collins, Chair

The following commission members were present:

Dr. Shelia Austin

Mrs. Deborah Alvis -Absent

Mrs. Marla Green

Dr. Faron Hollinger

Dr. Dorothy Huston

Mr. Ryan Kendall

Dr. M Javed Khan

Mr. Charles Knight

Mrs. Terry Lathan

Dr. Cynthia McCarty

Dr. Sharon Porterfield

Ms. Joslyn Reddick- Absent

Also present: Mrs. Logan Searcy, Alabama Charter School Commission Executive Director, Mr. Lane Knight, Esq.

On motion by Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner Knight, the commission voted unanimously, 11– Yes, 0 – No, to approve today's agenda and the minutes for the July 13, 2026, meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments were scheduled. No public comments were made.

Committee Reports

The Legislative and Budget Committees met 30 minutes prior to the start of today's Commission meeting.

Legislative Committee

Commissioner Knight will serve as Chair, and Commissioner Huston will serve as recorder. Commissioner Knight reported on the discussion of the legislative committee. The committee discussed the need for a focus on workforce development and building better relationships with communities. The committee saw no need for new legislative changes. Commissioner Huston reported that a discussion was held on schools focusing on tech training, IT, and AI. The committee encouraged APCSC staff to begin working with schools on workforce development opportunities. Commissioner Huston also asked that the commission staff encourage schools to use grant funding to include AI, IT, and technology training.

Budget Committee

Commissioner Hollinger was selected to serve as chair, and Commissioner Lathan will serve as recorder.

Commissioner McCarty requested that finance information be emailed to members of the committee in addition to posting in Live Binder.

Commissioner Collins reiterated the need to have commissioner input on the topics of legislature and budget.

Consideration of CSP Subgrantee Awards

Director Searcy explained the CSP application process and asked Mrs. Jane Whitaker Ivey, CSP grant director, to provide information on each of the schools receiving the second round of CSP subgrants.

i3 Academy Expansion

On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Austin, information on i3's CSP Grant was given. Jane Whitaker Ivey, CSP grant director, gave an overview of i3 Academy's expansion application.

Commissioner Collins called for a vote. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of i3 Academy to receive a CSP Expansion Grant. 11– Yes, 0 – No

Collins -Y	Kahn-Y
Austin-Y	Knight-Y
Green-Y	Lathan-Y
Hollinger-Y	McCarty-Y
Huston-Y	Porterfield-Y
Kendall-Y	

Legacy Prep Expansion

On motion by Commissioner Austin and seconded by Commissioner McCarty, information on Legacy Prep's CSP Grant was given. Jane Whitaker Ivey, CSP grant director, gave an overview of Legacy Prep's expansion application.

Commissioner Collins called for a vote. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of Legacy Prep to receive a CSP Expansion Grant. 11– Yes, 0 – No

Collins -Y	Kahn-Y
Austin-Y	Knight-Y
Green-Y	Lathan-Y
Hollinger-Y	McCarty-Y
Huston-Y	Porterfield-Y
Kendall-Y	

Time Leadership Academy Startup

On motion by Commissioner Austin and seconded by Commissioner Knight, information on Time Leadership Academy’s CSP Grant was given. Jane Whitaker Ivey, CSP grant director, gave an overview of Time Leadership Academy’s startup application.

Commissioner Collins called for a vote. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of Time Leadership Academy to receive a CSP Startup Grant. 11– Yes, 0 – No

Collins -Y	Kahn-Y
Austin-Y	Knight-Y
Green-Y	Lathan-Y
Hollinger-Y	McCarty-Y
Huston-Y	Porterfield-Y
Kendall-Y	

Invictus Career Academy Startup

On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Kendall, information on Invictus Career Academy’s CSP Grant was given. Jane Whitaker Ivey, CSP grant director, gave an overview of the Invictus Career Academy’s application.

Commissioner Collins called for a vote. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of Invictus Academy to receive a CSP Startup Grant. 11– Yes, 0 – No

Collins -Y	Kahn-Y
Austin-Y	Knight-Y
Green-Y	Lathan-Y
Hollinger-Y	McCarty-Y
Huston-Y	Porterfield-Y
Kendall-Y	

DC Wolf Expansion

On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Green, information on D.C. Wolf’s CSP Grant was given. Jane Whitaker Ivey, CSP grant director, gave an overview of D.C. Wolf’s expansion application.

Commissioner Collins called for a vote. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of D.C. Wolf to receive a CSP Conversion Grant. 11– Yes, 0 – No

Collins -Y	Kahn-Y
Austin-Y	Knight-Y
Green-Y	Lathan-Y
Hollinger-Y	McCarty-Y
Huston-Y	Porterfield-Y
Kendall-Y	

The commission congratulated the leadership of each school following the announcement.

Charter School Update

1. Mrs. Jane Whitaker Ivey, CSP grant director, gave an update on the first round of CSP award grantees. She reported the first round of recipients is underway and going well. Some waivers have been requested from the USDOE, but they have been approved. She also reported that some reimbursements have already been given. Ms. Sierra Hall, CSP communications specialist, will be visiting sites that have received the grant.
2. Ms. Adoria Hughes, communication specialist, gave a charter school update with highlights across the charter school community.
 - a. Welcome to new staff
 - b. i3 Academy Spotlight: *Power of We* Excellence Awards
 - c. APCSC attends Black Alabamians for Education Symposium
 - d. I Dream Big- inaugural football season
 - e. LEAD Academy Curriculum and Instruction Website
 - f. Freedom Prep- ARI Visit
 - g. AAHS internship spotlight of a graduate
 - h. Congratulations to CSP Grantees

Adjourn

Commissioner Collins announced the next meeting is 9/14/2026 at 4:00 via Zoom. She shared that she hopes to move to every other month's meetings next year. She is also looking at ways to streamline the work of the APCSC and will share all updates with the commission.

On motion by Commissioner Kendall and seconded by Commissioner Knight, the commission voted unanimously, 11– Yes, 0 – No, to adjourn at 4:42 P.M.

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