

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission**  
**May 20, 2022 9:00 A.M.**  
**Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) met on May 20, 2022, at 9:00 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. Six members were present which represented a quorum. Members of the Commission who participated:

Dick Brewbaker (absent)	Anthony Overton
Marla Green	Sydney Raine
Julie Ann McCulley (absent)	Steve Siple (absent)
Ty Moody	Lakeshia Wheeler
Paul Morin (entered late)	David Marshall

Rotating Commissioner Cedric Tatum (absent)

Rotating Commissioner Melissia Williams (absent)

Chairman Marshall noted that there was an error in the minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting. The vote count for Freedom Prep was inverted and he asked that it be amended to read 7 yes and 3 no. He asked for further comments or questions. With none, Chairman Marshall asked for a motion to approve today's agenda and the amended minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Raine made a motion to approve today's agenda and the amended minutes. Commissioner Green seconded. The vote was unanimous. Amended minutes and agenda were approved.

**Consideration of the Approval of Resolutions**

Chairman Marshall introduced the first item on the agenda. Consideration of the approval of the resolutions memorialize the votes from the May 11, 2022 commission meeting. Attorney Lan Knight advised that there should be a vote on each of the resolutions. The first resolution was to deny the application for Floretta P. Carson Visual and Performing Arts Academy. Chairman Marshall called for any discussion on the resolution. Having none he called for a motion to approve the resolution for denying the application for Floretta P. Carson Visual and Performing Arts Academy. Commissioner Raine made the motion to approve the resolution denying the application for Floretta P. Carson Visual and Performing Arts Academy. Commissioner Moody seconded. The vote was unanimous; 6 yes. The resolution denying the application for Floretta P. Carson Visual and Performing Arts Academy was approved. Chairman Marshall moved on to the resolution to uphold the denial of Red Tails Preparatory Academy. The chairman asked for discussion or a motion to accept the resolution upholding the denial of Red Tails Preparatory Academy. Commissioner Overton made a motion to accept the resolution upholding the denial of Red Tails Preparatory Academy. Commissioner Moody seconded. The vote was unanimous; 6 yes. Rotating Commissioner Melissia Williams (Macon County) was not present. The resolution upholding the denial of Red Tails Preparatory Academy was accepted. Chairman Marshall moved on to the resolution overturning the denial of Freedom Preparatory Academy by Birmingham City and approving their application.

Chairman Marshall asked for any discussion or a motion to approve the resolution upholding the overturning the denial of Freedom Prep and accepting their application. Commissioner Moody made the motion to approve the resolution upholding the overturning the denial of Freedom Preparatory Academy and accepting their application. Commissioner Raine seconded. The vote was unanimous; 6 yes. The resolution upholding the overturning the denial of Freedom Preparatory Academy and accepting their application is accepted.

### **Performance Framework Discussion**

Chairman Marshall asked Logan Searcy to call on each commissioner to make any comments on what they are looking for from a reviewer prior to the presentations. Each commissioner was called on to make comments. Commissioner Marshall's comment was that the reviewers chosen should be familiar with Alabama laws and Charter Schools procedures. No further comments were made.

### **Presentation of School Reviewer Applicants**

Logan Searcy then introduced the School Review Applicants. Each applicant will have between fifteen and twenty minutes to make a presentation. After each presentation the commissioners will be allowed to make comments or ask questions. Presenter one was Cognia. Presenter two was School Works. Each presenter shared their company's experiences in partnering with Alabama. Each presenter shared their process for reviewing and options available. Also, how each option would fit with Alabama's processes. They each believe their process and options would be the best fit for Alabama. Each presenter shared their cost for year one. Each one stated that the cost could be negotiated based on Alabama's needs. The commissioners thanked the applicants for the through presentations.

### **Summer Cycle Timeline**

Chairman Marshall moved to the last item on the agenda, the Summer Cycle Timeline. Chairman Marshall asked Logan Searcy to share the timeline for the Summer Application Cycle. She shared that the application is already available and the deadline for submission is June 30, 2022. After that there is a window for a review of the application and then in the first week of August the Commission would be presented any applications that have been submitted. Chairman Marshall thanked Ms. Searcy for sharing the timeline for the Summer Application Cycle, He also state that the proposed date for the August meeting to review submitted applications will be presented at the June 16, 2022 meeting of the commission. The June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Marshall thanked everyone for their time and participation and asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Raine made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and Commissioner Moody seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.