

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission**  
**October 10, 2023 10:00 A.M.**  
**In Person and Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place October 10, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in an in person and 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, Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Chairman Luis Ferrer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Nine Commission members were present which represented a quorum.

Members of the Commission who participated:

Luis Ferrer	Sharon Porterfield
Shelia Austin	M. Javed Khan
Marla Green	Terri Reynolds (absent)
Lakeshia Wheeler	Ryan Kendall (entered late)
Julie Ann McCulley	Julie Kornegay (absent)
Dorothy Houston	Deborah Alvis

Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion to approve today's amended agenda and the minutes from the September 27, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Austin made a motion to accept today's amended agenda and the minutes. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The vote was unanimous, 9 - Yes. The minutes and agenda were accepted.

**Presentation from Lead Academy**

The Chairman turned the floor over to the leadership team from Lead Academy. The presenters, Mr. Erik Estill, Dr. Danielle Webster, Dr. Shavante Austin, Mr. Dwight Brooks, Mr. Jermaine Coleman, Ms. Liz Hill provided information and data in support of the renewal of Lead Academy's charter contract. The Chairman asked for questions and comments. Commissioners asked questions and received answers from Lead Academy's leadership.

The Chairman asked if any commissioner wanted to have deliberations in executive session. According to Alabama's Administrative Procedures Act, an executive session is allowed for this purpose. Commissioner McCulley made a motion to move to executive session for the discussion on the renewal of Lead Academy's charter contract. Commissioner Khan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 8 – Yes, the motion to move to executive session for discussion was accepted. The commission moved to executive session for 45 minutes.

**Consideration of the Renewal of the Charter Contract for Lead Academy**

The Chairman asked for a motion to reconvene meeting. Commissioner Austin made a motion to reconvene the original meeting. Commissioner Khan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 8 – Yes. The motion to reconvene the original meeting passed. The regular meeting was reconvened. Chairman Ferrer called for a motion regarding the renewal of Lead Academy's charter contract. Commissioner Green made a motion to renew Lead Academy's charter contract for two years. Commissioner Khan seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for further questions or discussion. There

was none. The vote was 8 – Yes. The motion to renew Lead Academy’s charter contract for two years was accepted.

Louis Ferrer – Yes, Shelia Austin – Yes, Javed Khan – Yes, Marla Green – Yes, Ryan Kendall – Yes, Julie Ann McCulley – Yes, Lakeshia Wheeler – Yes, Debra Alvis – Yes

### **Presentation from Legacy Prep**

The Chairman turned the floor over to the leadership team from Legacy Prep. The presenters, Dr. Reneta Johnson, Mr. Willie Davis, and Dr. LaBrenica Harris provided information and data in support of the renewal of Legacy Prep’s charter contract.

The Chairman asked for questions and comments. Commissioners asked questions, and Legacy Prep leadership responded with answers. The Chairman asked if any commissioner wanted to have deliberations in executive session. According to Alabama’s Administrative Procedures Act, an executive session is allowed for this purpose. Commissioner Khan made a motion to move to executive session for the discussion on the renewal of Legacy Prep’s charter contract. Commissioner Alvis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 8 – Yes, the motion to move to executive session for discussion was accepted. The commission moved to executive session for 25 minutes.

### **Consideration of the Renewal of the Charter Contract of Legacy Prep**

The Chairman asked for a motion to reconvene meeting. Commissioner Austin made a motion to reconvene the original meeting. Commissioner Khan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 8 – Yes. The motion to reconvene the original meeting passed. The regular meet was reconvened Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion regarding the renewal of Legacy Prep’s charter contract. Commissioner Austin made a motion to renew Legacy Prep’s charter contract for four years. Commissioner Alvis seconded the motion. The chairman asked for discussion/questions. There was none. The vote was 8 – Yes. The motion to renew Legacy Prep’s charter contract for four years was accepted.

Louis Ferrer – Yes, Shelia Austin – Yes, Javed Khan – Yes, Marla Green – Yes, Ryan Kendall – Yes, Julie Ann McCulley – Yes, Lakeshia Wheeler – Yes, Debra Alvis – Yes

### **Announcement of Date of the Rule by Resolution**

Chairman Ferrer announced that the Rule by Resolution meeting will be October 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. via Zoom. The Chairman asked for comments/concerns. There were none.

### **Committee Updates**

Chairman Ferrer stated the following updates:

The FY2025 budget needs to be in budget office by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The bylaws need to be updated.

New bylaws procedures in HR and hiring are needed.

Mrs. Searcy reminded the commissioners that the deadline to submit an application for a proposed charter school is December 16<sup>th</sup>. She stated that she knows of one current charter school that wants to expand as well.

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Ferrer thanked everyone for their participation in today’s meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alvis seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

