

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
June 6, 2023 10:00 A.M.
In Person and Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting June 6, 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 Ty Moody welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Seven Commission members were present which represented a quorum.

Members of the Commission who participated:

Louis Ferrer	Paul Morin
Marla Green	Sydney Raine (absent)
Ryan Kendall	Lakeshia Wheeler
Julie Ann McCulley	
Ty Moody	

Chairman Moody asked for a motion to approve today's agenda and the minutes from May 24, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Morin made a motion to accept today's agenda and the minutes. Commissioner Ferrer seconded. The vote was unanimous 7 - Yes. The minutes and agenda were accepted. Chairman Moody thanked Magic City Acceptance Academy for their hosting of today's meeting.

Presentation from Alabama School Board Association

Chairman Moody introduced the representative from the Alabama School Board Association (ASBA), Sally Smith. Ms. Smith thanked the Commission for the opportunity to make today's presentation and she also thanked the Commissioners for their service on the commission. Ms. Smith said membership is open to all school systems boards as well as special members. Ms. Smith said there has been some interest voiced from the commission on joining the organization. She said the goal of ASBA is to help all members become more effective leaders by providing robust, quality training. They have four in person conferences a year and also online services. She said just about all of the in person training is available online. They can also provide customized training. Training for Alabama school board members is mandated. Right now, it's six hours a year for full board training plus an orientation. In addition to four conferences a year they have what the call our newcomers Boot Camp. She said they've had some of our charters governing board members attend the Boot Camp. The information in the Boot Camp is what you need to get started being an effective leader. It's all need to know information and what kind of leadership is necessary to raise student achievement. She shared that in the customized training they have staff members and consultants that go over the entire state and provide school board training. Research shows that the most effective leadership happens when the boards work and study together. Our training is not mandatory, but we think our quality of training speaks for itself. She said that the customized training can be what you want it to be. You can pick and choose the topics that are of interest to you. They could design a customized program for the commission. She said we want our charter schools to be successful and the charter commission to be successful. The existence of ASBA is to provide the training boards need to be successful.

Ms. Smith said she would be glad to answer questions. Commissioner Ferrer had several questions about training and services that might be provided. He asked about building a self-assessment or self-evaluation to be done yearly and the results used to make goals for the commission. Ms. Smith said they do have templates that could help with self-assessments, and they can also help provide results of the evaluation and facilitate discussion of the results. She also said they can help facilitate a strategic plan. Ms. Smith said they can provide training and evaluation services and also board policies services. Ms. Smith said that in addition to training members are sent a lot of information about legislation and new federal regulations. Chairman Moody thanked Ms. Smith for the presentation and said the commission is interested in joining. She shared the annual fee is \$2,000. She asked for further questions, discussion, or a motion to join the Alabama School Board Association. Commissioner Morin made the motion to join the Alabama School Board Association. Commissioner Ferrer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7- Yes. The motion to join the Alabama School Board Association was accepted.

Charter School Updates

Chairman Moody turned the floor over to Logan Searcy to give charter school updates. Mrs. Searcy said that the two schools scheduled to open this August have been sent the preopening letter with a June 15, 2023 deadline to have required information to the commission. The timeline for the two schools going through the renewal process has begun. The renewal application will be due in September. The report from Cognia on the renewing schools should be in this week. The report will be shared with the schools. They have until July 15th for a rebuttal. Renewal will be formalized in October. Six commissioners' terms are expiring in May. The new commissioners will be appointed for four years.

Adjourn

Chairman Moody thanked everyone for their participation in today's meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McCulley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ferrer seconded. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned.