

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
November 4, 2024 12:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place November 4, 2024, at 12:00 P.M. via 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, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Presiding: Dr. Shelia Austin - Chairman

The following commission members were present:

Dr. Shelia Austin
Ms. Deborah Alvis
Mrs. Marla Green
Dr. Faron Hollinger
Dr. Dorothy Houston
Dr. M. Javed Khan
Mr. Charles Knight
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mrs. Julie Ann McCulley
Absent
Mr. Ryan Kendall
Dr. Sharon Porterfield
Mrs. LaKeisha Wheeler

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

On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Alvis, the commission voted unanimously to approve today's agenda and the minutes for the October 15, 2024 meeting.

Consideration Of Resolution for Freedom Prep Montgomery Location

On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Khan, the commission voted unanimously to approve the resolution confirming the original vote approving the application for Freedom Prep Montgomery including the formal request by Freedom Prep to delay opening until fall of 2026. The delay was requested due to the extended time needed for the Attorney General's office favorable ruling regarding an operating structure holding multiple locations in different jurisdictions. The operating board membership should include 20% parents from each location. This stipulation is included in the resolution.

Executive Director Updates

1. Director Searcy shared that she and the commissioners that attended the National Association of Charter School Authorizers conference in Houston October 21-24 had a great experience and excellent networking.
2. New Schools for Alabama conference will be November 7-8 in Birmingham. The Executive Director encouraged all commissioners to attend if possible.

3. Annual reports for charter schools and the commission's report to the legislature will be completed and shared at the November meeting.
4. The commission's November meeting is scheduled for the November 18, 2024 at 12: P. M. via Zoom.

Adjourn

Chairman Austin thanked everyone for their time. On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Khan the commission voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

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