

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
October 26, 2023 8:00 A.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place October 26, 2023, at 8:00 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, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Chairman Luis Ferrer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Eight 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 (absent)	Terri Reynolds (absent)
Lakeshia Wheeler	Ryan Kendall
Julie Ann McCulley (absent)	Julie Kornegay (absent)
Dorothy Houston	Deborah Alvis

Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the September 10, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept the agenda and the minutes. Commissioner Khan seconded. The vote was unanimous, 8 - Yes. The minutes and agenda were accepted.

Consideration of the Rule by Resolutions for Lead Academy and Legacy Prep

The Chairman stated that the resolutions for each school had been sent to all commissioners for their review. He called for a motion regarding the resolution for Lead Academy. Commissioner Kendall made a motion to accept the Resolution confirming the vote renewing Lead Academy's charter contract for two years. Commissioner Alvis seconded. Chairman Ferrer called for any questions or comments. There were none. The vote was unanimous, 8 – Yes. The motion to accept the resolution confirming the vote renewing Lead Academy's charter contract for two years was accepted.

Chairman Ferrer then asked for a motion regarding the resolution for Legacy Prep. Commissioner Kendall made a motion to accept the resolution confirming the vote renewing Legacy Prep's charter contract for four years. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. The chairman called for any questions or comments. There were none. The vote was unanimous, 8 – Yes. The motion to accept the resolution confirming the vote renewing Legacy Prep's charter contract for four years was accepted.

Consideration of Memorandum of Agreement

The Chairman stated that the commissioners were sent a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement and asked for a motion regarding the Memorandum of Agreement. Commissioner Austin made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement. Commissioner Khan seconded the motion. Chairman Ferrer asked Mrs. Searcy to explain the memorandum of agreement. She briefly went through the sections of the memorandum. She reminded the commissioners this would be effective for one year. The chairman called for any questions or comments. Commissioner Kendall asked if there be any problem with using the balance of the \$400,000 budgeted to the Commission if it is not in the memorandum and is there any

carry over. Mrs. Searcy responded that there would be no problem for the commission using the balance of the budgeted amount. There should be carryover, and it will come back to the Commission. Chairman Ferrer said that the memorandum has been signed by the Department of Education and would become effective once signed by the commission. He called for further questions/comments. There were none. The vote to accept the Memorandum of Agreement was unanimous, 8 – Yes. The Memorandum of Agreement was accepted.

Consideration of FY25 Budget

The Chairman said the proposed FY25 budget has been circulated to the commissioners and asked for a motion regarding the FY25 budget. Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept the FY25 budget. Commissioner Alvis seconded the motion. The Chairman opened the floor for questions or comments. The Chairman asked Commissioner Kendall as the commission treasurer to speak about the budget. Commissioner Kendall reminded the commissioners that the due date for the proposed budget to be in the budget office is the 1st of November. He also said copies have been circulated to the commissioners. He went through the sections of the budget and what was in each of the sections. Commissioner Kendall said he would be glad to address any questions. Chairman Ferrer called for a vote on the proposed FY25 budget. The vote was unanimous, 8 – Yes. The proposed FY25 budget was accepted.

Charter School Visits

Chairman Ferrer said that Commissioner Wheeler had suggested that the Commission visit the charter schools and asked her to share her ideas. Commissioner Wheeler suggested that the Commission start with University Charter School because they are one of the highest performing charter schools. She it would be good for the commission to see in person some of what they are doing to be successful. Also, it would be an excellent opportunity to see University Charter's new facility. Commissioner Wheeler suggested visiting sometime during November 6th – 10th. Chairman Ferrer said the next meet of the commission is November 2nd and that would be the following week. He suggested that at the November 2nd meeting that other dates be presented along with Commission meeting dates to complete the year. It was agreed to discuss dates at the November Commission meeting.

Adjourn

Chairman Ferrer asked to adjourn the meeting. He thanked everyone for their participation in today's meeting and adjourned the meeting.

