

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission**  
**November 18, 2024, 12:00 P.M.**  
**Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place November 18, 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  
Mr. Ryan Kendall  
Dr. M Javed Khan  
Mr. Charles Knight  
Dr. Cynthia McCarty  
Mrs. Julie Ann McCulley  
Dr. Sharon Porterfield  
Mrs. LaKeisha Wheeler

Absent

Dr. Dorothy Houston

Also present: Mrs. Logan Searcy, Alabama Charter School Commission Executive Director

Mr. Lane Knight, Esq.

On motion by Commissioner McCarty and seconded by Commissioner Khan, the commission voted unanimously to approve today's agenda and the minutes for the November 4, 2024, meeting.

**Discussion and Consideration of the Flexibility of Preopening Conditions and/or Amendments**

The commission had been provided with a copy of the proposed amendments to Bylaw 10.5 and Mr. Lane Knight read Bylaw 10.5 with the proposed amendments in its entirety. On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Hollinger, the commission voted unanimously to deny the motion to accept the proposed amendments to Bylaw 10.5. The motion failed.

**Consideration of Request for Proposal for Grant Writing Services**

On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner McCarty, the commission voted unanimously to approve the Request for Proposal for grant writing services.

**Consideration of Communications and Marketing Position and Salary**

On motion by Commissioner McCarty and seconded by Commissioner Green the commission voted unanimously to approve the posting for the position of communication and marketing specialist. The job description was shared with the commissioners and posted in the Live Binder.

**Presentation of Annual Report**

Via a power point presentation Dr. Bowman and Dr. Riley shared with the commission the rough draft of The Alabama Public Charter School Commission’s Annual Report for 2023-2024. When the data embargo is lifted, final data will be included. The final report will be sent to the legislature and shared with the commissioners. The Executive Director thanked Dr. Bowman and Dr. Riley for their work on the report.

**Executive Director Updates**

- 1. There will be no commission meeting in December.
- 2. Next commission meeting: January 13, 2025, at noon, in person and via Zoom.
- 3. Any commissioner interested in participating on the interview committee for the marketing position please notify the Executive Director.
- 4. Any commissioner interested in forming a committee to work on charter school legislation please notify the Executive Director.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Austin thanked everyone for their time. On motion by Commissioner Alvis and seconded by Commissioner McCulley the commission voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Submitted by: *Peggy Haveard*

Printed Name: Peggy Haveard

Approved by: *Sheila Austin*

Printed Name: Sheila Austin

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