Alabama Public Charter School Commission
July 13, 2026, 4:00 P.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place July 13, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. via Zoom 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: Chairman Dr. Shelia Austin
The following commission members were present:
Dr. Shelia Austin
Mrs. Deborah Alvis
Mrs. Terri Collins
Mrs. Marla Green
Dr. Faron Hollinger
Dr. Dorothy Huston
Mr. Ryan Kendall
Dr. M Javed Khan – Absent
Mr. Charles Knight
Mrs. Terry Lathan – Absent
Dr, Cynthia McCarty
Dr. Sharon Porterfield
Mrs. Joslyn Reddick
Also present: Mrs. Logan Searcy, Alabama Charter School Commission Executive Director
Mr. Lane Knight, Esq.
On motion by Commissioner Hollinger and seconded by Commissioner Knight the commission voted 11 – Yes, 0 – No, to approve today's agenda and the minutes for the May 11, 2026, meeting. The vote was as follows:

Austin – Yes	Kendall – Yes
Alvis – Yes	Knight – Yes
Collins – Yes	McCarty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick – Yes
Huston – Yes	

The motion was approved.

Public Comments

No public comments were scheduled. No public comments were made.

Consideration of Updating of Charter Commission Policies and Procedures

Commissioner McCarty made a motion to approve the updated charter commission policies and procedures. Commissioner Reddick seconded. The floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Knight requested a review of the updates. Director Searcy and Lane Knight complied. There was no further discussion. All documents are located in the Live Binder for review.

The commission voted 11- Yes, 0 – No to accept the motion to approve the updated charter commission policies and procedures. The vote was as follows:

Austin – Yes	Kendall – Yes
Alvis – Yes	Knight – Yes
Collins – Yes	McCarty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick – Yes
Huston – Yes	

The motion was approved.

Consideration of New Merger Policy and Application

On motion by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Knight the commission voted unanimously to approve the new merger policy and application. After the motion, the floor was open for discussion and questions. There was none. The vote was 11 – Yes, 0 – No to accept the motion to approve the new merger policy and application. The vote was as follows:

Austin – Yes	Kendall – Yes
Alvis – Yes	Knight – Yes
Collins – Yes	McCarty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick – Yes
Huston – Yes	

The motion was approved.

Consideration of Commission Officers

Chairman Austin asked to make a personal statement prior to officer consideration. Chairman Austin resigned the position of chairman due to health concerns. She will remain on the commission but cannot continue in a leadership role. Multiple commissioners thanked Chairman Austin for her leadership and wished her well going forward. Lane Knight explained the voting process and that the new officers will begin in August 2026.

The nominations and votes were as follows:

Chairman: Commissioner Collins was nominated by Commissioner Knight.

No further nominations. Chosen by acclimation. Confirmation vote was 11 – Yes, 0 – No.

The vote was as follows:

Austin – Yes	Kendall – Yes
Alvis – Yes	Knight – Yes
Collins – Yes	McCarty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick – Yes
Huston – Yes	

Commissioner Collins was approved as Chairman.

Vice-Chairman: Commissioner McCarty was nominated by Commissioner Hollinger.

No further nominations. Chosen by acclimation. Confirmation vote was 11 – Yes, 0 – No.

The vote was as follows:

Austin – Yes	Kendall – Yes
Alvis – Yes	Knight – Yes
Collins – Yes	McCarty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick – Yes
Huston – Yes	

Commissioner McCarty was approved as Vice-Chairman.

Treasurer: Commissioner Kendall nominated by Commissioner Knight.
No further nominations. Chosen by acclimation. Confirmation vote was 11 – Yes , 0- No.
The vote was as follows:

Austin – Yes	Kendall – Yes
Alvis – Yes	Knight – Yes
Collins – Yes	McCarty – Yes
Green – Yes	Porterfield – Yes
Hollinger – Yes	Reddick – Yes
Huston – Yes	

Commissioner Kendall was approved as Treasurer.

CSP Subgrantee Award Update

Jane Whitaker-Ivey shared that the first-round CSP recipients are working hard on their budgets for the projects. Technical assistance is being provided. Round two of the CSP grant applications are completed and five applicants are going through peer review. The recipients will be announced in August.
Sierra Hall, CSP Communication Specialist, shared how the subgrantees are assisted with community engagement communications.

Charter School Update

Adoria Hughes shared a power point highlighting news from all charter schools. She shared the leadership changes at the schools, the statewide academic highlights, summer school learning opportunities, and that several school leaders had presented at national conferences. The staff will be presenters at MEGA Conference next week in Mobile. She also encouraged commissioners to attend NASCACON in Nashville.
Before the meeting was adjourned several commissioners thanked Chairman Austin for her leadership as chairman and also in her other educational leadership roles.

Adjourn

Chairman Austin thanked everyone for their time and effort for the children. On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner McCarty, the commission adjourned by voice vote at 4:55 P.M.

Submitted : Peggy Haveard Printed Name: Peggy Haveard

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