

Alabama Public Charter School Commission
September 6, 2023 9:00 A.M.
In Person and Via Zoom

MINUTES

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place September 6, 2023, at 9:00 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 Ty Luis Ferrer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Logan Searcy. Nine Commission members were present which represented a quorum.

Members of the Commission who participated:

Luis Ferrer	Sharon Porterfield
Shelia Austin	M. Javed Kahn (absent)
Marla Green (absent)	Terri Reynolds
Lakeshia Wheeler	Ryan Kendall
Julie Ann McCulley	Julie Kornegay (absent)
Dorothy Houston	
Deborah Alvis	

Chairman Ferrer asked for a motion to approve today's agenda and the minutes from August 24, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to accept today's agenda and the minutes. Commissioner Kendall seconded. The vote was unanimous 9 - Yes. The minutes and agenda were accepted.

Consideration of the Application Template for Charter Commission Executive Director

Chairman Ferrer asked Commissioner Kendall to share the proposed application template for the position of Alabama Charter Commission Executive Director. Commissioner Kendall had shared copies of the proposed template with the commissioners earlier. He noted that several errors had been discovered and would be corrected. He shared the list of job responsibilities and went through each item. Chairman Ferrer asked for further discussion or questions and if none a motion to accept the application template for Alabama Charter School Commission Executive Director. Commissioner Austin made a motion to accept the application template for Alabama Charter School Commission Executive Director, with the errors corrected. Commissioner McCulley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 9 – Yes. The application template was accepted.

Consideration of Application/Resume Process for Charter Commission Executive Director

Chairman Ferrer moved to discussion of the application/resume process for the Charter Commission Executive Director. He asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the process. Commissioner Reynolds stated that now that the format has been approved the commission should open the application /resume process. Commissioner Kendall suggested the process should be opened up and move quickly. Commissioner Wheeler asked if the commission go into executive session because the commissioners should discuss people that they would like to contact or encourage to apply for the position of Executive Director. They would be discussing people and their character and good name. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss specific individuals for the

Commissioner's Executive Director and good name and character would be discussed. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, 8 – Yes. The commission went into executive session. Chairman Ferrer made a motion to end the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Kendall seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8 – Yes. The executive session was ended and the regular meeting reconvened. Chairman Ferrer made a state that the executive session was limited to a specific individual and there was no discussion of the person's job performance. Chairman Ferrer asked are we going to outline the due process? Are we going to do public interviews? He also stated that they wanted to have a person in place by October if possible. Commissioner Kendall stated that the commission does not have to interviews for a position like this they can appoint someone. Discussion was had and the decision was made to appoint on September 13, 2023 with interviews done Monday September 11, 2023.

Charter School Updates

Chairman Ferrer turned the floor to Mrs. Logan Searcy for discussion of the charter applications and rubrics reviewed during the work session. Commissioner Austin made a motion to accept the charter applications and rubrics. Commissioner Kendall seconded the motion. Chairman Ferrer asked for any further discussion or questions. There were none. The vote was unanimous, 7- Yes. The charter applications and rubric were accepted. Mrs. Searcy reminded the commission that the applications need to be filed by September 30th and then thirty days to review and recommend either renewal or denial and an October 4th meeting would not give enough notice to the schools. She suggested moving the meeting out to October 9th or 10th. Also suggested two meetings in October one in person meeting and one by Zoom. Mrs. Searcy said she would send notice of dates to renewal applicants.

Adjourn

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