

**Alabama Public Charter School Commission  
January 13, 2025 12:00 P.M.  
Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

The Alabama Public Charter School Commission (APCSC) meeting took place January 13, 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 via Zoom:

Dr. Shelia Austin

Ms. Deborah Alvis

Mrs. Marla Green

Dr. Faron Hollinger

Dr. Dorothy Houston

Mr. Ryan Kendall

Dr. M Javed Khan

Mr. Charles Knight

Dr. Cynthia McCarty

Mrs. Julie Ann McCulley

Dr. Sharon Porterfield (entered late)

Mrs. LaKeisha Wheeler

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

Mr. Lane Knight, Esq.

Mr. Lane Knight sent all the commissioners an edited copy of the November 18, 2024 meeting. On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Alvis, the commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda and the edited minutes for the November 18, 2024 meeting.

**Consideration of Application and Rubric**

Executive Director Searcy shared that the improved application and rubric have been posted on the commission website. In the improved application additional information has been provided and help can be provided for applicant to have the opportunity to be successful submitting an application. On motion by Commissioner Hollinger and seconded by Commissioner Alvis the commission voted unanimously to approve the improved application and rubric.

**Consideration of Charter School Law Amendment Recommendations**

On motion by Commissioner McCarty and seconded by Commissioner Hollinger the commission unanimously approved the Alabama Charter Schools Commission Executive Director to make suggestions for the commission and then taken up by the legislature.

These are the current recommended changes for the charter school law: changing the quorum from 6 to 7, changing the reporting dates, also share report with all state officers, legislature, as well as the Alabama Department of Education, compensation for commissioners, and better definition and process for education service providers, clear up ambiguity around the authorizer is it local authority or commission.

**Consideration of New Schools for Alabama Line Item and MOU**

On motion by Commissioner Knight and seconded by Commissioner Khan the commission voted unanimously to approve the line item and MOU for New Schools for Alabama.

**Consideration and Discussion of Capacity Enrollment Numbers for Charter Schools**

Dr. Douglas Riley shared a PowerPoint of the Charter Schools Annual Enrollment Capacity Report.

During discussion Commissioner Khan had questions regarding Florette P. Carson adding a grade level without prior approval from the commission. Commissioner Knight suggested that the Executive Director write a letter to the school making them aware that the commission should be in the decision process of adding the grade. On motion from Commissioner Knight and Seconded by Commissioner Khan the commission unanimously approved the annual enrollment capacity report and numbers. The commission thanked Dr. Riley for his work on the report.

**Executive Director Update**

1. Director Searcy repeated that the improved application and rubric are on commission website.
2. Dr. Bowman and Dr. Riley are continuing their support to schools.
3. Meeting on January 29, 2025 with School Works regarding the needs assessment.
4. Annual training report is due and will be hand delivered.
5. Chairman Austin, Cochair Knight, and Tyler Barnett shared information on the upcoming meeting with the commission and the charter schools. It will be in February at AUM. The date and time are coming.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Austin thanked everyone for their time. On motion by Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner McCarty the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:55 P.M.

Submitted : \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: Peggy Haveard

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