

**MINUTES**  
**Tennessee Public Charter School Commission**  
 Commission Meeting  
 Wednesday, July 22, 2020 | 9 – 11 a.m. CT

**Electronic Meeting**

**Video Recording:** [https://youtu.be/oGBvt\\_Zys5Q](https://youtu.be/oGBvt_Zys5Q)

**Note:** These minutes correspond to the video recording. Each item has a minute counter assigned to the subject location in the audio file.

9:04 – 9:10 a.m.

00:00:00-00:06:20

**Opening Comments, Roll call, Agenda, Prior Minutes**

Chairman Griscom commenced the meeting and introduced Shanell Tyler, counsel to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission. Ms. Tyler conveyed the justification for conducting the meeting electronically as authorized by TCA 8-44-108. Due to ongoing COVID19 pandemic concerns, state budget challenges, and restrictions against large public gatherings, the Commission determined it necessary to conduct the meeting via teleconference. The meeting was noticed and dial-in information provided for the public on the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission website.

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Roll Call/Quorum</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Present		Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Outcome: 7 of 8 Present; quorum established. Meeting called to order.							

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Agenda Approval</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith   Seconded by: Alan Levine</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 7 of 8 voting yes; agenda approved.							

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Minutes of June 24, 2020 Meeting Approval</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett   Seconded by: Terrence Patterson</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 7 of 8 voting yes; minutes to June 24, 2020 meeting approved, as amended.							

9:10 - 9:12 a.m.

00:06:20-0:00:07:37

**Public Comment (Shanell Tyler, Counsel)**

There was no public comment.

9:12 -9:24 a.m.

00:07:37-00:19:45

**Final Reading of Appeals Rules (Shanell Tyler, Counsel)**

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Approval of Appeals Rules:</b>							
<b>1185-01-01-.01 – New Start Charter School Appeals</b>							
<b>1185-01-01-.02 – Charter School Renewal Application Appeals</b>							
<b>1185-01-01-.03 – Charter School Revocation Appeals</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Terence Patterson</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 7 of 8 voting yes; Appeals Rules approved.							

Action of the Commissioners

<b>First and Final Reading - Public Records Request Policy</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith   Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; Public Records Request Policy approved.							

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Setting a Hearing Date for the Commission’s Public Records Request Rule</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Terence Patterson</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; hearing date set for September 16, 2020.							

9:24 – 10:40 a.m.

00:19:45-01:24:49

**Review of Executive Director Candidates (Chris Richards, Commission Member)**

Chairman Griscom asked Commissioner Richards, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, to lead the Commission through the review of the candidates for Executive Director. After her initial remarks, Commissioner Richards identified Judy Spencer from the TDOE, who provided an overview of the selection

process to date. Of 33 applicants, 12 candidates were being proposed for consideration at this meeting. Commissioner Richards then made a motion to advance 6 candidates to the next round.

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Motion to Advance 6 candidates to Next Round.</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Chris Richards   Seconded by: Wendy Tucker</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; motion approved.							

Commissioner Richards then asked for any names from the list of 33 applicants to be added to the list of 12 candidates proposed for consideration. No names were added. Commissioner Richards then opened the floor for a discussion of the candidates, limited to 5 minutes each. Ms. Spencer called the name of each candidate in alphabetical order and discussion ensued. When discussion concluded, a roll call vote was taken for each candidate. Each Commissioner voted for up to 6 candidates to advance to the next round of evaluation. Candidates with the highest number of votes advanced.

Candidates:

- E. Berry                    4 votes - Advanced
- S. Finkelstein            0 votes
- T. Fulcher                4 votes - Advanced
- P. Gavin                  3 votes
- T. Kinkel                 0 votes
- A. Miller                 8 votes - Advanced
- R. Miller                 0 votes
- W. Olsen                 1 vote
- J. Sanders                8 votes - Advanced
- B. Schumacher         8 votes - Advanced
- T. Stovall                8 votes - Advanced
- P. Watkins                1 vote

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Motion to Approve and Advance the Slate of Top 6 Candidates.</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith   Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; motion approved.							

10:40 – 10:43 a.m.

01:24:49-01:27:00

**Closing Discussion and Adjournment (Tom Griscom, Commission Chair)**

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith   Seconded by: Terence Patterson</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; meeting adjourned.							

Chairman Griscom concluded by reminding the Commissioners of the next meeting date and time.