



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION OF THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION REGARDING KIRBY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEW START AMENDED APPLICATION APPEAL

Whereas, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-101 et. seq., Kirby Middle School (“Kirby”) submitted an appeal on the denial of its amended charter school application by the Memphis Shelby County Schools Board of Education dated July 29, 2025 to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”), which is charged with serving as an appellate authorizer beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, and;

Whereas, representatives of the sponsor of Kirby participated in a public hearing on September 11, 2025 to answer questions of the Commission staff and receive comment from members of the public in the proposed district, and;

Whereas, the Commission’s Charter Review Committee, conducted a capacity interview on September 22, 2025, at which time representatives of Kirby provided responses to questions from members of the Review Committee, and;

Whereas, the Commission, at a quarterly meeting on October 17, 2025, reviewed, discussed, and considered the full appeal record, review committee report, and Executive Director’s recommendation prior to voting on a decision;

Whereas, the Commission, determined the following findings of fact:

1. Kirby Middle School partially meets standard for academic plan design and capacity
2. Kirby Middle School meets/exceeds standard for operations plan and capacity
3. Kirby Middle School meets/exceeds standard for financial plan and capacity
4. Kirby Middle School partially meets/exceeds standard for portfolio review and performance record

Therefore, be it resolved by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission that the amended application for Kirby Middle School is denied, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108(b)(5)(D).

Commissioner Terence Patterson moved for approval of the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lauren Smith and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

1. Commissioner Thomas Griscom voted aye;
2. Commissioner Thomas Marino voted aye;
3. Commissioner Terence Patterson voted aye;
4. Commissioner Eddie Smith voted aye;
5. Commissioner Lauren Smith voted aye;
6. Commissioner Christine Richards voted aye;
7. Commissioner Michael A. Carter, Sr. was absent;
8. Commissioner Thomas Lehrman was absent; and
9. Commissioner Alan Levine was absent.



The Chair thereupon declared that the resolution was duly passed and adopted on this 17th day of October, 2025.

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-13-108(b)(5)(D), the decision of the Commission is final and not subject to appeal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Chris Richards". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chris Richards, Chair
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission