



RESOLUTION OF THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
REGARDING THE FORGE SCHOOL NEW START APPEAL

Whereas, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-101 et. seq., The Forge School ("The Forge") submitted an appeal on the denial of its new start charter school application by the Metro Nashville Public Schools Board of Education dated June 20, 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, the Commission's Charter Review Committee, conducted a capacity interview on July 31, 2025, at which time representatives of The Forge provided responses to questions from members of the Review Committee, and;

Whereas, representatives of the sponsor of The Forge participated in a public hearing on August 8, 2025 to answer questions of the Commission staff and receive comment from members of the public in the proposed district, and;

Whereas, the Commission, at a quarterly meeting on August 27, 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. The Forge School partially meets standard for academic plan design and capacity
2. The Forge School partially meets standard for operations plan and capacity
3. The Forge School partially meets standard for financial plan and capacity

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

Commissioner Thomas Griscom moved for approval of the Resolution.

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

1. Commissioner Michael A. Carter, Sr. voted aye;
2. Commissioner Thomas Griscom voted aye;
3. Commissioner Alan Levine voted no;
4. Commissioner Terence Patterson voted aye;
5. Commissioner Thomas Lehrman voted aye;
6. Commissioner Eddie Smith voted no;
7. Commissioner Lauren Smith voted no; and
8. Commissioner Christine Richards voted aye.

The Chair thereupon declared that the resolution was duly passed and adopted on this 27th day of August 2025.



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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 cursive script, reading "Chris Richards", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Richards, Chair
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission