



RESOLUTION OF THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
REGARDING THE ROCK ACADEMY NEW START AMENDED APPLICATION APPEAL

Whereas, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-101 et. seq., The Rock Academy ("The Rock") submitted an appeal on the denial of its amended 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 August 7, 2025, at which time representatives of The Rock provided responses to questions from members of the Review Committee, and;

Whereas, representatives of the sponsor of The Rock 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 Rock Academy meets/exceeds standard for academic plan design and capacity
2. The Rock Academy meets/exceeds standard for operations plan and capacity
3. The Rock Academy meets/exceeds standard for financial plan and capacity

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

Commissioner Michael Carter moved for approval of the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Smith 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 Thomas Lehrman voted aye;
4. Commissioner Alan Levine voted aye;
5. Commissioner Eddie Smith voted aye;
6. Commissioner Lauren Smith voted aye;
7. 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 "Christine Richards", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Christine Richards, Chair
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission