



MINUTES

Commission Meeting
October 17, 2024
Cordell Hull Building, House Hearing Room III
Nashville, TN

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Welcome and Call-to-Order

00:00:00-00:04:23

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Action of the Commission

Roll Call/Quorum	
Michael Carter	Present
Tom Griscom	Present
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson*	Present
Eddie Smith*	Present
Lauren Smith	Present
Chris Tutor	Present
Jamie Woodson*	Present
Chris Richards	Present
Outcome: 8 of 9 present; quorum established	

*Commissioners Woodson and Smith were noted being present at 22:28. Commissioner Patterson was noted being present at 1:45:08.

Approval of Agenda

Action of the Commission

Approval of Meeting Agenda	
Motion made by: Tom Griscom Seconded by: Lauren Smith	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Absent
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent



Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 9 voting; agenda approved	

Approval of Prior Minutes

Action of the Commission

Approval of Prior Minutes from July 26, 2024	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Michael Carter	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Public Comment

00:04:23-00:05:25

There were requests for public comments, however, the public commenters were not present.

New Start Appeals Overview

00:05:25-00:23:04

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall, Beth Figueroa, and Ashley Thomas, to present an overview of the new start appeals process.

New Start Appeals – Novus SMART Academy

00:23:04-00:58:25

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Hayden Pendergrass to present statements received and to introduce representatives.

- Presenter – Jeff McCann, Rutherford County Schools

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the Novus SMART Academy appeal.

Action of the Commission:

Approval of adoption to uphold the denial of the Novus SMART Academy application	
Motion made by: Michael Carter Seconded by: Eddie Smith	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes

Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion is approved	

New Start Appeals – LEAD Southeast Elementary

00:58:25-01:23:39

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Hayden Pendergrass to present statements received and to introduce representatives.

- Presenter – Dr. Rodney Rowan, Metro Nashville Public Schools
- Presenter – Ricki Gibbs, LEAD Public Schools

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the LEAD Southeast Elementary appeal.

Action of the Commission

Approval of adoption to overturn the denial of the LEAD Southeast Elementary application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Jamie Woodson	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion approved	

New Start Appeals – Nurses Middle College

01:23:39-02:09:45

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Hayden Pendergrass to present statements received and to introduce representatives.

- Presenter – Dr. Rodney Rowan, Metro Nashville Public Schools
- Presenter – Dr. Andrea Pointer, Nurses Middle College

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the Nurses Middle College of Nashville appeal.

Action of the Commission

Approval of adoption to overturn the denial of the Nurses Middle College of Nashville application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Chris Tutor	
Michael Carter	Yes



Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

New Start Appeals – Wooddale Middle School

02:09:45-02:51:07

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Hayden Pendergrass to present statements received and to introduce representatives.

- Presenter – Chad Everett, IOTA Community Schools

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the Wooddale Middle School appeal.

Action of Commission

Approval of adoption to overturn the denial of the Wooddale Middle School application	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Chris Tutor	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	No
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting yes; motion approved	

Non-Appeal Related Commission Business

02:51:07-02:52:17

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, asked for a motion to move non-appeal related Commission business to Thursday, October 17 agenda, from Friday, October 18 agenda.

Action of the Commission

Approval to move non-appeal related items from October 18 agenda to October 17 agenda	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent



Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Business Operations Committee Report **02:52:17-02:57:58**

Michael Carter, Committee Chairman, recognized Melanie Harrell to present the operations update and budget updates.

School Performance and Accountability Committee Report **02:57:58-03:01:38**

Terence Patterson, Committee Chairman, recognized Maggie Lund to present the SY24-25 update.

TISA Accountability Report **03:01:38-03:08:39**

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the TISA accountability report.

Action of the Commission

Approval of the TISA accountability report	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Michael Carter	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Executive Director Updates **03:08:39-03:11:52**

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the Executive Director updates.

Adjournment **03:11:52-03:14:51**

Action of the Commission

Motion to adjourn meeting	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Chris Richards	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes



Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, adjourned the meeting.