



MINUTES

Commission Meeting
October 18, 2024
Cordell Hull Building, House Hearing Room III
Nashville, TN

Video Recording: <https://youtu.be/rGnJw-QHhN4?si=bt8O8QuE72-x0Yqp>

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Welcome and Call-to-Order

00:00:00-00:01:02

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

Roll Call

Action of the Commission

Roll Call/Quorum	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 present; quorum established	

Public Comments:

00:01:02-00:04:39

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized the following individuals for public comment:

- Bunyamin Murat

New Start Appeals – Encompass Community School

00:04:39-00:23:41

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

- Presenter – Meg Gary, Encompass Community School
- Presenter – Dr. Rodney Rowan, Metro Nashville Public Schools

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the Encompass Community School appeal.

Action of the Commission:

Approval to adopt the resolution to overturn the denial of Encompass Community School application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Lauren Smith	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
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 – Nashville School of Excellence

00:23:41-00:39:51

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

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

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the Nashville School of Excellence appeal.

Action of the Commission:

Approval to adopt the resolution to uphold the denial of Nashville School of Excellence application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Lauren Smith	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion is approved	

Commission Strategic Plan Update

00:39:51-01:08:14

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Drejean Cummings and Tess Stovall to present the strategic plan update.

Action of the Commission:

Approval to revisit the vision statement at January 2025 Commission meeting	
Motion made by: Jamie Woodson Seconded by: Michael Carter	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion is approved	

Adjournment

01:08:14-01:08:39

Action of the Commission:

Motion to adjourn meeting	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Michael Carter	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion is approved	

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, adjourned the meeting.