



TO: Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

FROM: Tess Stovall, Executive Director, Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

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SUBJECT: Executive Director Updates

Commissioner Appointments

- Tom Marino was appointed in late September by Governor Lee to the vacancy on the Commission. Mr. Marino is from the West Grand Division.
- Mr. Marino moved into seat previously held by Christopher Tutor, and his term will expire on June 30, 2027.
- Mr. Marino will go through confirmation with the Tennessee General Assembly in 2026.

Sunset Hearing

- The Commission as an agency has a sunset date of June 30, 2026, and Commission Chair Richards and Commission staff participate in a sunset hearing on October 15, 2025 with the Education, Health, and General Welfare Subcommittee of the Joint Government Operations Committee.
- After the completion of the sunset hearing, legislation will be filed during the 2026 session of the General Assembly extending the Commission for a period, typically 4-6 years. The House and Senate Government Operations Committees will hear that legislation separately during session and issue either a positive or negative recommendation prior to a vote by both houses.

2026 Meeting Dates

- We are scheduled for the following quarterly meetings in 2026.
 - January 22-23, 2026
 - April 16-17, 2026
 - July 23-24, 2026
 - October 8-9, 2026