



## MINUTES

Tennessee Public Charter School Commission Meeting

March 28, 2025

Davy Crockett Tower, Hearing Room 1A, Nashville, TN 37243

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### Welcome and Call-to-Order

00:00:00-00:04:59

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

### Roll Call

Action of the Commission

### Roll Call/Quorum

Committee Member Name	Attendance
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Present
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Present
Terence Patterson	Present
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Present
Chris Richards	Present

**Outcome:** 5 of 8 present; quorum established

**Approval of Agenda**

Action of the Commission

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Motion made by: Tom Griscom | Seconded by: Terence Patterson**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; agenda approved

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

Action of the Commission

**Approval of Prior Minutes from March 28, 2025**

**Motion made by: Tom Griscom | Seconded by: Alan Levine**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; minutes approved

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Business Operations Committee Report**

**00:04:59-00:07:54**

Tom Griscom, Acting Committee Chairman, recognized Melanie Harrell to present the interagency agreement with the Tennessee Language Center and the FY25 and FY26 budgets.

Action of the Commission:

**Approval of the interagency agreement with the Tennessee Language Center**

**Motion made by: Tom Griscom | Seconded by: Lauren Smith**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

**School Performance and Accountability Committee Report**

**00:07:54-00:10:40**

Terence Patterson, Committee Chairman, recognized Beth Figueroa to present the Authorizer Evaluation Report, renewal criteria, and the 2024-25 school year.

Action of the Commission:

**Approval of renewal criteria on first reading**

**Motion made by: Terence Patterson | Seconded by: Alan Levine**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

**Rules, Policy, and Governance Committee Report**

**00:10:40-00:18:55**

Lauren Smith, Committee Chairman, recognized Ashley Thomas to present LEA policy 1801, Policy 3.700, Policy 3.100, and rule 1185-01-01-.02 to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

**Approval of LEA policy 1801 on first reading**

**Motion made by: Lauren Smith | Seconded by: Terence Patterson**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

**Approval of policy 3.700 on first reading**

**Motion made by: Lauren Smith | Seconded by: Terence Patterson**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

**Approval of Policy 3.100 on final reading**

**Motion made by: Alan Levine | Seconded by: Lauren Smith**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

**Approval of rule 1185-01-01-.02 on final reading**

**Motion made by: Alan Levine | Seconded by: Lauren Smith**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

**Open Meetings, Open Records, and Conflicts of Interest Presentation 00:18:55-00:22:49**

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Ashley Thomas to present on open meetings, open records, and conflicts of interest.

**New Start Appeals Refresher 00:22:49-00:37:38**

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Beth Figueroa to present on the new start appeals process.

**Strategic Plan 00:37:38-00:42:33**

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the Strategic Plan to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

**Approval of the Strategic Plan**

**Motion made by: Terence Patterson | Seconded by: Alan Levine**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

**Policy and Legislative Update**

**00:42:33-01:02:06**

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Hayden Pendergrass to present policy and legislative updates to the Commission.

**Executive Director Updates**

**01:02:06-01:06:07**

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

**Adjournment**

**01:06:07-01:10:32**

Action of the Commission

**Motion to adjourn meeting**

**Motion made by: Alan Levine | Seconded by: Lauren Smith**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Michael Carter	Absent

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Absent
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

**Outcome:** 5 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Chairman Chris Richards adjourned the meeting.