

## RESOLUTION OF THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION REGARDING FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY OF BRENTWOOD AMENDED APPLICATION APPEAL

Whereas, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-101 et. seq., Founders Classical Academy of Brentwood ("FCA Brentwood") submitted an appeal to the denial of its amended charter school application by the Williamson County Schools Board of Education dated July 29, 2022 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, representatives of the sponsor of FCA Brentwood participated in a public hearing on September 21, 2022 to answer questions of the Commission staff and receive comment from members of the public in the proposed district, and;

Whereas, representatives of Williamson County Schools Board of Education participated in a public hearing on October 3, 2022 to answer questions of the Commission staff and receive comment from members of the public in the proposed district, and;<sup>1</sup>

Whereas, the Commission's Charter Review Committee, conducted a capacity interview on September 23, 2022, at which time representatives of FCA Brentwood provided responses to questions from members of the Review Committee, and;

Whereas, the Commission, at a quarterly meeting on October 17, 2022, 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. FCA Brentwood partially meets the standard for academic plan design and capacity
- 2. FCA Brentwood partially meets the standard for operations plan and capacity
- 3. FCA Brentwood partially meets the standard for financial plan and capacity

However, be it resolved by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission that the amended application for Founders Classical Academy of Brentwood is denied, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-105(a).

Commissioner Tucker moved for approval of the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- 1. Commissioner Griscom voted aye;
- 2. Commissioner Hanson voted ave;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On September 19, 2022, WCS informed the Commission that, due to extenuating circumstances, they were unable to attend the previously agreed upon public hearing scheduled for September 21, 2022. Representatives of both WCS and FCAB agreed to hold the public hearing as scheduled without WCS's testimony, with an additional public hearing scheduled to hear WCS's testimony.



- 3. Commissioner Levine voted aye;
- 4. Commissioner Patterson voted aye;
- 5. Commissioner Richards voted aye;
- 6. Commissioner Smith voted aye;
- 7. Commissioner Tucker voted aye;
- 8. Commissioner Woodson voted aye; and,
- 9. Commissioner Sisnett was recused from this vote:

The Chair thereupon declared that the resolution was duly passed and adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-13-108(5)(D), the decision of the Commission is final and not subject to appeal.

Thomas Griscom, Chairman

Tennessee Public Charter School Commission