



RESOLUTION OF THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
REGARDING NOVUS SMART ACADEMY AMENDED APPLICATION APPEAL

Whereas, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-101 et. seq., Novus SMART Academy ("Novus") submitted an appeal on the denial of its amended charter school application by the Rutherford County Schools Board of Education dated July 29, 2024 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 Novus participated in a public hearing on September 9, 2024 to answer questions of the Commission staff and receive comment from members of the public in the proposed district, and;

Whereas, the Commission's Charter Review Committee, conducted a capacity interview on September 4, 2024, at which time representatives of Novus provided responses to questions from members of the Review Committee, and;

Whereas, the Commission, at a quarterly meeting on October 17, 2024, 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. Approval of the Novus amended application does not create a substantial negative fiscal impact on the Rutherford County School system; and,
2. Novus partially meets standard for academic plan design and capacity; and,
3. Novus partially meets standard for operations plan and capacity; and,
4. Novus partially meets standard for financial plan and capacity.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission that the amended application for Novus SMART Academy is denied, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108(5)(C).

Commissioner Carter 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 Michael A. Carter, Sr. voted aye;
2. Commissioner Thomas Griscom voted aye;
3. Commissioner Eddie Smith voted aye;
4. Commissioner Lauren Smith voted aye;
5. Commissioner Chris Tutor voted aye;
6. Commissioner Jamie Woodson voted aye;
7. Commissioner Chris Richards voted aye;
8. Commissioner Terence Patterson was absent; and,
9. Commissioner Alan Levine was absent.



The Chair thereupon declared that the resolution was duly passed and adopted on this 17th day of October 2024.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chris Richards", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Richards, Chair
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission