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Tennessee Public Charter School Commission Meeting
October 12, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. CT
Cordell Hull Building Senate Hearing Room II

Video Recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3xVs2Co-Xo>

Note: These minutes correspond to the video recording. Each item has a minute counter assigned to the subject location in the audio file.

Welcome and Call-to-Order

00:00:00-00:04:21

Tom Griscom, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Action of the Commission

Roll Call/Quorum	
Dave Hanson	Present
Alan Levine	Present
Terence Patterson	Present
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Present
Eddie Smith	Present
Wendy Tucker	Present
Jamie Woodson	Present
Tom Griscom	Present
Outcome: 8 of 9 present; quorum established.	

Approval of Agenda

Action of the Commission

Approval of Meeting Agenda	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; agenda approved.	



Approval of Prior Minutes

Action of the Commission

Approval of Prior Minutes for September 22, 2021	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Dave Hanson	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved.	

Public Comment

00:04:21-00:34:24

The following individuals gave public comments:

- State Representative Ron Gant
- Jennifer Geppert Smith
- Charlie Friedman
- Courtney Blaise
- Thomas Minor
- Eddie Keel
- Keri Kidd Cannon
- Eli Foster
- Carmen Foster
- Abigail Tylor

The following individuals submitted written comments that were read by Chase Ingle, Director of External Affairs, to the Commission.

- Rachel Kelly
- Malcolm Getz
- Amy Frogge
- Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

Business Operations Committee Report

00:34:24-00:40:48

Dave Hanson, Chairman of the Committee, recognized Melanie Harrell, and she presented the agency budget updates and updates on future office space to the Commission.

School Performance and Accountability Committee Report

00:40:48-00:56:34

Derwin Sisnett, Committee Member, recognized Melanie Harrell and Tess Stovall, and they presented School Operations, LEA Operations, ESSER and Consolidated Funding Application updates to the Commission.

Rules, Policy and Governance Committee Report

00:56:34-01:03:41

Terence Patterson, Chairman of the Committee, recognized Ashley Thomas, and she presented the Policy

1.000 – Mission Statement on first reading to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of Policy 1.000 – Mission Statement on first reading	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved.	

Terence Patterson recognized Ashley Thomas, and she presented Achievement School District Authorization Permanent Rule and Amendment Appeals Permanent Rule on final reading to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of Achievement School District Authorization Permanent Rule on final reading	
Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett Seconded by: Alan Levine	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved.	

Action of the Commission

Approval of Amendment Appeals Permanent Rule on final reading	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Alan Levine	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved.	

New Start Appeal – Academy of the Arts

01:03:41-01:13:07

Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall and Ashley Thomas, and they presented the Academy of the Arts Charter High School appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Adopt the resolution to uphold the denial of the Academy of the Arts Charter High School amended application	
Motion made by: Alan Levine Seconded by: Eddie Smith	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved.	

New Start Appeals – Nashville Classical II

01:13:07-01:33:45

Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall and Ashley Thomas, and they presented the Nashville Classical II appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Adopt the resolution to approve Nashville Classical II’s amended application	
Motion made by: Dave Hanson Seconded by: Wendy Tucker	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Abstained
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; 1 abstention; motion approved.	

Strategic Planning Update

01:33:45-01:43:30

Tom Griscom recognized DreJean Cummings and Chase Ingle, and they presented an update on Strategic Planning to the Commission.

Executive Director Updates

01:43:30-01:51:39

Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall, and she presented Executive Director updates to the Commission.

Closing Discussion and Adjournment

01:51:39-01:52:24

Action of the Commission

Motion to adjourn meeting	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Jamie Woodson	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Absent
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved.	

Chairman Griscom adjourned the meeting