



MINUTES

Tennessee Public Charter School Commission Meeting

Friday, April 9, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. CT

Electronic Meeting

Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxTjixyK7lo&t=7s>

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

00:00:00-00:04:33

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

Roll Call

Action of the Commission

Roll Call/Quorum	
Dave Hanson	Not Present at Roll Call
Alan Levine	Present
Terence Patterson	Present
Chris Richards	Present
Derwin Sisnett	Present
Eddie Smith	Present
Wendy Tucker	Present
Tom Griscom	Present
Outcome: 7 of 8 present; quorum established.	

Approval of Agenda

Action of the Commission

Approval of Meeting Agenda	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett	
Dave Hanson	Not present for Vote
Alan Levine	Not present for Vote
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Not Present for Vote
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 5 of 8 voting; agenda approved	



Approval of Prior Minutes

Action of the Commission

Approval of Prior Minutes for February 5, 2021	
Motion made by: Christine Richards Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Not Present for Vote
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 8 voting; minutes approved	

Public Comment

There were no requests for Public Comment.

00:04:33-00:05:10

Charter Agreements

00:05:10-00:17:10

Ashley Thomas, General Counsel, presented four charter agreements for Bluff City High School, KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary, KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle School and Rocketship Nashville #3 to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of Bluff City High School Charter Agreement as amended	
Motion made by: Wendy Tucker Seconded by: Alan Levine	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Action of the Commission

Approval of KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary School Charter Agreement as amended	
Motion made by: Chris Richards Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes



Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Action of the Commission

Approval of KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle School Charter Agreement as amended	
Motion made by: Wendy Tucker Seconded by: Eddie Smith	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Action of the Commission

Approval of Rocketship Nashville #3 Charter Agreement as amended	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Wendy Tucker	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Rules, Policy and Governance Committee

00:17:10-00:31:35

Terence Patterson, Chairman of the Rules, Policy and Governance Committee, recognized Tess Stovall, Executive Director, and Commissioner Alan Levine, to present an overview on the Annual Review Process for the Executive Director to the Commission.

Terence Patterson recognized Ashley Thomas for presentation of updates to Commission Policies 1000, 2000 and 3000 series to the Commission on first reading.



Action of the Commission

Approval of updates to Commission Policies 1000, 2000 and 3000 on first reading	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Alan Levine	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Terence Patterson recognized Ashley Thomas for presentation of LEA Policies in the 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000 and 6000 series on final reading to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of LEA Policies in the 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000 and 6000 series on final reading	
Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett Seconded by: Alan Levine	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Business Operations Committee Report

00:31:35-00:37:34

Dave Hanson, Chairman of the Business Operations Committee, recognized Melanie Harrell, Director of Finance and Operations.

Melanie Harrell reviewed the FY 2021 budget to actuals, FY 2022 budget update, procurement procedures, and space plans for the Commission’s future office space.

School Performance and Accountability Committee

00:37:34-00:57:09

Chris Richards, Chairman of the School Performance and Accountability Committee, recognized Tess Stovall.



Tess Stovall gave a presentation on school operational update and new start appeal preparations to the Commission.

Chris Richards recognized Melanie Harrell.

Melanie Harrell gave a presentation of the LEA set up preparations to the Commission.

Special Legislative Session

00:57:09-01:14:12

Chase Ingle, Director of External Affairs, presented an update on the Tennessee General Assembly's legislation on education.

Executive Director Updates

01:14:12-01:25:13

Tess Stovall provided the Executive Director's update to the Commission.

Closing Discussion and Adjournment

01:25:13-01:32:20

Action of the Commission

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

Chairman Griscom adjourned the meeting.