



Tom Griscom, Chair
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

September 29, 2022

Dear Chair Griscom:

American Classical Education (ACE) hereby withdraws the appeals of the denials of its applications to Madison, Montgomery, and Rutherford counties.

We made this decision because of the limited time to resolve the concerns raised by the Commission staff and our concerns that the meeting structure and timing on October 5th will not allow Commissioners to hear directly from the community members whose interests lie at the heart of the Commission's work.

ACE requested a delay to address concerns and clarify confusion and misconceptions raised by Commission staff in each of the public hearings earlier this month, but understand that request could not be accommodated.

Additionally, we heard from many parents and students who are on fall break during the newly reformatted Commission meetings scheduled for October 5th. They expressed concern that they would not be able to speak and make their voices heard. We share their concern that the voices that really matter - the parents and students in these communities - would not be able to attend.

ACE appreciates the time and effort spent by the Commission and Commission staff on these appeals and your professionalism throughout this process. We remain committed to empowering parents and students to have access to high-quality public schools of choice.

Sincerely,

SIGNED BY

Dolores Gresham, Chair

CC:

Tess Stovall, Executive Director, Tennessee Public Charter School Commission
Joel Schellhammer, Executive Director, American Classical Education