



TO: Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

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SUBJECT: Executive Director Updates

Staffing

- Since the January 2022 meeting, we have not had any additional hires. We continue to recruit and interview for a reporting and operations coordinator.
- Additionally, we are looking at add capacity in the authorizing team, particularly around the large increase in our portfolio and upcoming appeals, with an authorizing coordinator position.
- Once these two roles are filled, the Commission will have one vacant position (of the total 15 allocated by the General Assembly).
- As the TN Department of Education looks to the future regarding the Achievement School District, they are hiring for new positions within their central office. One of those positions can support the processing of federal fund reimbursements for the Commission, and we will be involved in the interview process for that position.

2022 Legislative Session

- The Commission successfully presented its budget to the Senate Education Committee on February 9, 2022 and to the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee on March 8, 2022.
- Commissioner Woodson had successful confirmation hearings on March 2, 2022 in the Senate and House.
- Chase Ingle, Director of External Affairs, will provide a full wrap up of legislative session and any impacts on the work of the Commission at our July meeting.

Charter School Appeals

- New Start Appeals
 - As of February 1, 2022, 18 new start charter applications were submitted to districts across the state. Districts have 90 days to review and vote on these initial applications.
 - Staff will monitor the progress of these applications to prepare for potential appeals that would come to the Commission.
 - At the July Commission meeting, staff will provide a full update on the status of all applications and potential appeals. Any appeal would be heard at the October 2022 meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- The 2023 meeting calendar will be reviewed and voted on at the July Commission meeting. Staff will poll possible dates with Commissioners ahead of July. According to statute, the Commission must have, at a minimum, quarterly meetings.



- The July 28/29, 2022 meeting will be held in Chattanooga.
- The October 17/28, 2022 meeting will be held in Memphis.