



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**RENEWAL PROCESS
UPDATE**

JULY 27, 2023

PROCESS OVERVIEW

Timeline	Renewal Item
January of Year 9	Cumulative performance report provided to applicant.
April 1 of Year 9	Renewal application submitted by applicant.
May/June of Year 9	Review committee convened (both internal and external members) to review and score renewal application. Capacity Interviews may be conducted as needed.
September of Year 10	A renewal site visit where review committee visit school and generate Site Visit Report.
October/November of Year 10	A public hearing in the local district. A preliminary recommendation will be provided to the school and questions will be asked of this during the public hearing.
January of Year 10	Executive Director's Recommendation with Review Committee Report and Site Visit Report to Commission.



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- The following schools are going through the renewal process:
 - **Lester Prep** - in Memphis, transitioned to Commission from ASD in 2022
 - **Promise Academy Spring Hill** - in Memphis, transitioned to the Commission from ASD in 2023
 - School completed transition process to Commission in July 2023.
- In January of 2023, the Commission approved specific renewal criteria for these schools given their unique position of being ASD transition schools that recently moved to the Commission.
- Conditional renewals are not permitted. Schools, if renewed, must have ten-year charter agreements.



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- Commission staff provided each school a cumulative performance report in alignment with the renewal criteria and designated any “off track statuses.”
- Applicants addressed off-track statuses within the renewal application submitted in April 2023.
- Commission staff convened a review committee in May 2023 to review the applications and score them against the Commission’s renewal application rubric.
 - Review committee is comprised of:
 - Trent Carlson, Authorizing Coordinator, TPCSC
 - Maggie Lund, Deputy Director of Authorizing, TPCSC
 - Michelle Doane, External Consultant



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- The review committee has completed their reviews of the renewal applications as of June 30, 2023.
- The review committee chose to complete capacity interviews with both applicants to address some financial, operations, and facility related questions.
 - In alignment with T.C.A. § 49-1-614(k)(2), schools that transitioned from the ASD to the Commission must either purchase their facility, lease their facility from local LEA, or find a new facility within three years of renewal.
 - Capacity interviews were conducted on June 27 and 29.
 - The review committee will address academic questions during the site visits in September.



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- Review Committee Reports are being generated as a result of the review committee process.
 - These reports will be shared with the operators ahead of the site visits in September, so they have an idea of topics to be discussed during site visit interviews and data meetings.
 - Renewal site visits are taking place:
 - September 19 - Promise Academy Spring Hill
 - September 20 - Lester Prep
 - Site Visit Reports will be generated, similar to Review Committee Reports, and be exhibits to the Executive Director's Recommendation.



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- Commissioners will receive the Executive Director's Recommendation prior to the January meeting that includes:
 - The Review Committee Report
 - Site Visit Report
 - Findings from Public Hearing
- At the January 2024 meeting, Commissioners will make the renewal decision for Promise Academy Spring Hill and Lester Prep.
 - Renewal decisions are for 10 years.
 - If a school is not renewed, it will close at the end of the 2023-2024 academic year.





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