



MINUTES

Commission Meeting
January 26, 2024
Davy Crockett Tower

Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ-Tui3twMc>

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Welcome and Call-to-Order

00:00:00-00:03:47

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Action of the Commission

Roll Call/Quorum	
Michael Carter	Present
Tom Griscom	Present
Alan Levine	Present
Terence Patterson	Present
Eddie Smith	Present
Lauren Smith	Present
Chris Tutor	Present
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Present
Outcome: 8 of 9 present; quorum established	

Approval of Agenda

Action of the Commission

Approval of Meeting Agenda	
Motion made by: Tom Griscom Seconded by: Alan Levine	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; agenda approved	



Approval of Prior Minutes

Action of the Commission

Approval of Prior Minutes from October 6, 2023, and December 4, 2023	
Motion made by: Tom Griscom Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Public Comment

00:03:47-00:20:03

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Teresa Brown
- Romel McMurry
- Tammy Sharp
- Patrick Washington
- Canitha Mitchell
- Ariel Graves

Presentation: 2024 Calendar Mapping

00:20:03-00:32:38

Chris Richards recognized Beth Figueroa to present the 2024 calendar mapping to the Commission.

Presentation: Commission Strategic Plan Update

00:32:38-00:37:55

Chris Richards recognized Drejean Cummings to present the strategic plan update to the Commission.

Presentation: Executive Director Updates

00:37:55-00:44:05

Chris Richards recognized Tess Stovall to present the Executive Director updates to the Commission.

*****Short Recess**

00:44:05-00:53:11

Additional Public Comment

00:53:11-00:56:56

Hayden Pendergrass introduced the following to present a public comment.

- Sara VanHeel

Business Operations Committee Report

00:56:56-00:59:49

Chris Richards recognized Commissioner Michael Carter who recognized Melanie Harrell to present the FY23 authorizer fee report, the FY24 budget to actuals, and the FY25 budget to the Commission.

Rules, Policy, and Governance Committee Report

00:59:49-01:02:39

Chris Richards recognized Commissioner Chris Tutor who recognized Ashley Thomas to present LEA policy 6207 on first reading to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to adopt LEA policy 6207 on first reading	
Motion made by: Chris Tutor Seconded by: Eddie Smith	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Chris Richards recognized Commissioner Chris Tutor who recognized Ashley Thomas to present policies 3.600, 3.700, and LEA policy 1200 on first and final reading to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to adopt changes to policies 3.600, 3.700, and LEA policy 1200 on first and final reading	
Motion made by: Chris Tutor Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

School Performance and Accountability Committee Report

01:02:39-01:25:05

Chris Richards recognized Commissioner Terence Patterson who recognized Beth Figueroa to present the 23-24 school year updates to the Commission.

Commissioner Terence Patterson recognized Beth Figueroa and Tess Stovall to present an amendment petition from Nashville Collegiate Prep to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to approve the amendment petition and amended charter agreement from Nashville Collegiate Prep	
Motion made by: Michael Carter Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Commissioner Terence Patterson recognized Beth Figueroa and Tess Stovall to present an amendment petition from Rutherford Collegiate Prep to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to approve the amendment petition and amended charter agreement from Rutherford Collegiate Prep	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Charter Agreements

01:25:05-01:28:45

Chris Richards recognized Ashley Thomas to present charter agreements from American Classical Academy Jackson Madison, Cornerstone Prep Lester, Empower Memphis, Invictus Nashville, and KIPP Antioch Global Middle School to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to approve the charter agreements for American Classical Academy Jackson Madison, Cornerstone Prep Lester, Empower Memphis, Invictus Nashville, and KIPP Antioch Global Middle School.	
Motion made by: Michael Carter Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Michael Carter	Yes



Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Renewal Appeal

01:28:45-01:53:57

Hayden Pendergrass recognized Ms. Shereka Roby-Grant with MNPS and Mr. Will Hill with Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary to give a public comment.

Chris Richards recognized Tess Stovall to present the Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary renewal appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to overturn the denial of Rocketship Nashville Elementary's renewal application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Tom Griscom	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Renewal Applications

01:53:57-02:05:35

Chris Richards recognized Tess Stovall and Beth Figueroa to present the Lester Prep renewal application to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to approve the renewal application for Lester Prep	
Motion made by: Chris Tutor Seconded by: Alan Levine	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes

Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Chris Richards recognized Tess Stovall and Beth Figueroa to present the Promise Academy Spring Hill renewal application to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to approve the renewal application for Promise Academy Spring Hill	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Chris Tutor	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Adjournment

02:05:35-02:07:09

Action of the Commission

Motion to adjourn meeting	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Chris Tutor	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Tutor	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Absent
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Chairman Chris Richards adjourned the meeting.