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PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

MINUTES

Commission Meeting
January 24, 2025
The University of Memphis
FedEx Institute of Technology

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Welcome and Call-to-Order

00:00:00-00:04:01

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	Absent
Terence Patterson	Present
Eddie Smith	Present
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Present
Chris Richards	Present
Outcome: 6 of 8 present; quorum established	

Agenda

Action of the Commission

Approval of agenda	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Tom Griscom	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 present; agenda approved	

Approval of Prior Minutes

Action of the Commission

Approval of minutes from December 2, 2024	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Tom Griscom	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 present; motion approved	

Welcome from University of Memphis

00:04:01-00:11:48

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Dr. Sally Parish, Associate Vice President for Educational Initiatives with the University of Memphis, who welcomed the Commission to the university and shared gratitude for the opportunity to host the quarterly meeting.

Public Comment

00:11:48-00:31:08

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Ricki Gibbs
- Susana Pineda
- Sharita Jones
- Francis Ginski
- Bob Nardo

School Performance and Accountability Committee Report

00:31:08-01:12:56

Terence Patterson, Committee Chair, recognized Beth Figueroa to present the SY23-24 annual report, an addendum request from KIPP Antioch Global Elementary, a petition to delay one academic year from American Classical Academy Jackson Madison, and updates on SY24-25.

Action of the Commission

Approval of addendum request for KIPP Antioch Global Elementary	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Tom Griscom	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes



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Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 present; motion approved	

Action of the Commission

Approval of petition to delay one academic year and amended charter agreement from American Classical Academy Jackson Madison	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Tom Griscom	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	No
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 present; motion approved	

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Chad Everett, Chief Operations Office at IOTA Community Schools to provide updates on Bluff City High School's intervention.

Action of the Commission

Approval to move Bluff City High School from Tier 3 to Tier 2 intervention	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Tom Griscom	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 present; motion approved	

Business Operations Committee Report

01:12:56-01:17:28

Michael Carter, Committee Chair, recognized Melanie Harrell to present budget updates to the Commission.

Rules, Policy, and Governance Committee Report

01:17:28-01:21:49

Chris Tutor, Committee Chair, recognized Ashley Thomas to present updates to LEA policy 4603 and Commission policies 1.000, 1.100, 1.200, 1.300, 2.000, 2.100, 2.200, and 3.600 on first and final reading.

Action of the Commission

Motion to approve LEA policy 4603, and Commission policies 1.000, 1.100, 1.200, 1.300, 2.000, 2.100, 2.200, and 3.600 on first and final reading	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Tom Griscom	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	No
Outcome: 6 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Chris Tutor, Committee Chair, recognized Ashley Thomas to present Commission policy 3.100 and Commission rule 1185-01-01.02 to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Motion to approve Commission policy 3.100 and Commission rule 1185-01-01-.02	
Motion made by: Michael Carter Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Renewal Applications

01:21:49-01:33:07

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Maggie Lund to present renewal applications and charter agreements from Cornerstone Prep Denver, LEAD Neely's Bend, and Libertas School of Memphis.

Action of the Commission

Motion to approve renewal application and charter agreement for Cornerstone Prep Denver	
Motion made by: Chris Tutor Seconded by: Eddie Smith	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent



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Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Action of the Commission

Approval of renewal application and charter agreement for LEAD Neely's Bend	
Motion made by: Terence Patterson Seconded by: Tom Griscom	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	No
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 present; motion approved	

Action of the Commission

Approval of renewal application and charter agreement for Libertas School of Memphis	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Chris Tutor	
Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Charter Agreements

01:33:07-01:34:49

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Ashley Thomas to present charter agreements from Rocketship Dream Community Prep, Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary, Encompass Community School, Nurses Middle College Nashville, LEAD Southeast Elementary, and Wooddale Middle School.

Action of the Commission



Approval of charter agreements for Rocketship Dream Community Prep, Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary, Encompass Community School, Nurses Middle College Nashville, LEAD Southeast Elementary, and Wooddale Middle School

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Chris Tutor

Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Commission Strategic Plan Update

01:34:49-01:36:41

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized DreJean Cummings to present an update on the Commission Strategic Plan.

Action of the Commission

Approval of Commission policy 1.000 on the Strategic Plan, mission, and vision

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Chris Tutor

Michael Carter	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	No
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 present; motion approved	

Executive Director Updates

01:36:41-01:41:19

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present updates.

Closing Discussion and Adjournment

01:41:19-01:42:26

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	Absent



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Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Absent
Chris Tutor	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Outcome: 6 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, adjourned the meeting.