



MINUTES

Tennessee Public Charter School Commission Meeting

July 25, 2025

Davy Crockett Tower, Hearing Room 1A, Nashville, TN 37243

Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqzW5v9ZuHQ>

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Welcome and Call-to-Order

00:00:00-00:03:59

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

Roll Call

Action of the Commission

Roll Call/Quorum

Committee Member Name	Attendance
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Present
Thomas Lehrman	Present
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Present
Eddie Smith	Present
Lauren Smith	Present
Chris Richards	Present

Outcome: 6 of 8 present; quorum established

Approval of Agenda

Action of the Commission

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion made by: Tom Griscom | Seconded by: Terence Patterson

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; agenda approved

Approval of Prior Minutes

Action of the Commission

Approval of Prior Minutes from March 28, 2025

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Lauren Smith

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes

Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; minutes approved

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Business Operations Committee Report

00:03:59-00:07:30

Terence Patterson, Committee Chairman, recognized Lawrence Walker to present the enterprise risk management and operation updates, proposed 2026 Commission meeting dates, the FY25 budget, amended FY26 budget, and the proposed FY27 budget.

Action of the Commission:

Approval of PowerSchool procurement

Motion made by: Tom Griscom | Seconded by: Lauren Smith

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes

Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of 2026 meeting dates

Motion made by: Tom Griscom | Seconded by: Eddie Smith

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of amended FY26 budget

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Tom Griscom

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes

Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of preliminary FY27 budget

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Tom Griscom

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

School Performance and Accountability Committee Report

00:07:30-00:08:45

Terence Patterson, Committee Chairman, recognized Maggie Lund to present the renewal criteria, pre-opening process, and preview of the FY25-26 school year.

Rules, Policy, and Governance Committee

00:08:45-00:21:55

Lauren Smith, Committee Chairman, recognized Ashley Thomas to present LEA policy consent agenda, LEA policy 1801, Commission policy 3.100, Commission policy 3.600, Commission policy 3.010, Commission policy 3.700, emergency Commission rule 1185-01-04, permanent Commission rule 1185-01-04, and amended Commission rule 1185-01-01-.04.

Action of the Commission:

Approval of LEA policy consent agenda on first and final reading

Motion made by: Tom Griscom | Seconded by: Thomas Lehrman

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of LEA policy 1801 on final reading

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Terence Patterson

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of Commission policies 3.100 and 3.600 on first and final reading

Motion made by: Tom Griscom | Seconded by: Eddie Smith

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes

Chris Richards	Yes
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Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of Commission policy 3.010 on first reading

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Lauren Smith

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of Commission policy 3.700 on final reading

Motion made by: Thomas Lehrman | Seconded by: Tom Griscom

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes

Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of emergency Commission rule 1185-01-04 on first and final reading

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Lauren Smith

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of permanent Commission rule 1185-01-04 on first reading

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Lauren Smith

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Action of the Commission:

Approval of amendment to Commission rule 1185-01-01-.04 on first reading

Motion made by: Eddie Smith | Seconded by: Tom Griscom

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes

Chris Richards	Yes
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Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Charter School Landscape presentation

00:21:55-01:25:24

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Rebecca Ledebuhr to present the charter school landscape and FY24-25 TCAP results.

Strategic Plan

01:25:24-01:31:08

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Pam Lehman to present the Strategic Plan to the Commission.

New Start Appeals Overview

01:31:08-02:06:35

Chris Richards, Commission Chairman, recognized Beth Figueroa and Ashley Thomas to present the new start appeals process and preview of work over the next few months to the Commission.

Executive Director Updates

02:06:35-02:09:25

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

Adjournment

02:29:25-02:11:21

Action of the Commission

Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion made by: Terence Patterson | Seconded by: Lauren Smith

Committee Member Name	Vote
Michael Carter	Absent
Tom Griscom	Yes
Thomas Lehrman	Yes
Alan Levine	Absent

Terence Patterson	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Lauren Smith	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes

Outcome: 6 ayes, 0 noes; motion is approved

Chairman Chris Richards adjourned the meeting.