



TO: Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

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SUBJECT: Executive Director Updates

2027 Meeting Dates

- The following quarterly meeting dates have been scheduled for 2027.
 - Quarter 1: January 21 & January 22
 - Quarter 2: April 15 & April 16
 - Quarter 3: July 22 & July 23 (out of Nashville)
 - Quarter 4: October 7 & October 8

Commission Trainings for Schools

- We continue to provide training opportunities for school staff to support their work. In-person training sessions were held this summer, while virtual training continues throughout the school year. Most sessions focus on the Commission's role as an LEA and authorizer and provide technical assistance and support similar to that offered by other school districts. So far, feedback from participants has been positive, and staff continue to discuss how training sessions can better meet schools' needs in future years and as the Commission continues to grow.
- In November, the Commission leadership team will meet to review survey results from the first semester trainings to make adjustments for our spring trainings.

National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) Conference

- In October, the NACSA Conference will be in Nashville at the Opryland Hotel. The conference is a convening for authorizers, focused on the work of authorizing. We expect a great Tennessee representation from all authorizers.

Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) Monitoring

- Annually, the TDOE conducts regular, ongoing monitoring of LEAs across the state.
- This year, the Commission will be monitored in:
 - Federal Programs – This will be a Level 1, desktop monitoring. We do anticipate receiving Level 3, on-site monitoring, in the coming years as a part of the regular cycle.



- Annual Performance Report – For FY27, the Commission will continue to participate in Annual Performance Report (APR) monitoring, which focuses on the performance and progress of students with disabilities. Schools serving high school grades will be selected for APR monitoring.
- Background checks – A sample of teachers is pulled to check their background check status.
- Teacher Licensure – A sample of teachers is pulled to check their licenses.

MOUs with Geographic LEAs

- Ashley Thomas will provide updates.

Legislative Updates

- Hayden Pendergrass will provide updates.