



Strategic Plan Update

The Commission continues to track strategic plan progress toward benchmarks at monthly meetings. This document outlines the updates and progress of the Commission on the Strategic Plan.

Strategic Priority #1: High-Quality Charter Schools: Authorize high-quality and high-performing charter schools that improve outcomes for Tennessee students.

- **New Start Appeal Process:** During the current new start appeal cycle, eight appeals were received. Commission staff completed capacity interviews and public hearings, and the appeals were heard at the October Commission Meeting.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** At the conclusion of each cycle, the Commission conducts a survey to receive direct feedback from appellants, districts, and review committee members. Staff will use insights to identify improvements for future cycles.
- **Governing Board Meetings:** Commission staff have scheduled meetings with each school's governing board to discuss progress against the performance framework, strengthen relationships, and maintain transparent communication.

Strategic Priority #2: Strong Operational Effectiveness: Achieve student success by providing effective operational support in addition to rigorous oversight and guidance.

- **Technical Assistance:** The Finance and Operations team and the School Programs and Supports team have provided ongoing technical assistance to support a successful start to the school year. Staff regularly meet with schools through check-ins and have developed guidance documents on key topics.
- **Training Schedule for the 2026-27 School Year:** The Commission launched a series of virtual and in-person training sessions to support school staff throughout the 2026-27 school year. To date, 97% of participants in exit ticket surveys have reported that the training sessions were helpful and provided the information they needed on the topics covered.

Strategic Priority #3: Community and Stakeholder Engagement: Build and cultivate strong relationships with schools, operators, and communities.

- **TISA Accountability Report:** Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-3-112, districts are required to submit an accountability report to the Tennessee Department of Education by November 1 of each year. Commission staff shared a draft of this report in the Commission's newsletter for school-level feedback and presented the report in the School Performance and Accountability Committee meeting.



- **NACSA Conference:** Staff will attend the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) Conference, which will be held in Nashville this year. NACSACon brings together charter school authorizers, support organizations, and educational leaders from across the country to share best practices, explore emerging trends, and engage in professional learning and networking opportunities.

Strategic Priority #4: Agency Oversight: Maintain excellence in functions as a state agency by ensuring prudent fiscal management, transparent operations, and strong engagement with the administration and Tennessee General Assembly.

- **Updated Strategic Plan:** Following approval at the July Commission meeting, the revised [Strategic Plan](#), which included adjusted action steps, was posted on the Commission's website and reflects the Commission's goals through 2028.
- **Budget Requests:** The Commission submitted its FY28 budget request to the Department of Finance and Administration. This request reflects the additional revenue and operational expenditures tied to increasing student enrollment.