



## Strategic Plan Update

As a trusted partner, the Charter Commission provides access and support to excellent charter schools through rigorous oversight, transparency, and accountability.

The Commission continues to track strategic plan progress toward benchmarks at monthly meetings, and we remain on track for Quarter 3. 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 Charter Agreement:** This quarter, the Commission negotiated a charter agreement with Knowledge Academy at the Crossings. In addition to Knowledge Academy at the Crossings, the Commission has negotiated charter agreements with three new schools this year: The Rock Academy, Jackson Museum School and Rocketship TN #4.
- **First Replication Application:** The Commission received its first replication application from Libertas School of Memphis to open Libertas High School. Commission staff completed the capacity interview and public hearing, and the application will be heard at the April Commission Meeting.

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

- **School Site Visits:** This quarter, the Commission completed its remaining school site visits, marking the conclusion of all site visits for the 2025–26 school year. Overall, a majority of Commission schools demonstrated a consistent vision and aligned systems that effectively support student culture and outcomes. Following each site visit, reports are issued to each school’s executive director and governing board chair.
- **Robust Training Schedule for the 2026-27 School Year:** The Commission is preparing to launch a series of training sessions to support school staff during the 2026–27 school year. In response to stakeholder feedback, Commission staff will offer several in-person training sessions in Memphis and Nashville in addition to a virtual training schedule. Across the upcoming school year, the Commission will offer training opportunities covering 30 topics in both virtual and in-person formats. Topics range from school safety, student information system updates, grants management, 504, Pre-K compliance, and more.

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



- **Quarterly Stakeholder Meetings:** The Commission continues to host quarterly stakeholder meetings to provide timely updates and foster collaboration across key areas, including authorizing, operations, finance, and student support. In addition to virtual quarterly stakeholder meetings, the Commission is preparing to hold an in-person stakeholder meeting for West Grand Division schools in May.

**Strategic #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.

- **Sunset Bill:** The Commission's Sunset bill passed the House and Senate, extending the Commission to June 30, 2030.
- **Annual Review of the Strategic Plan:** At the next quarterly meeting, I will present an annual review of the Commission's strategic plan, including updates on assessing progress, identified challenges, and adjusted benchmarks or action steps as needed to stay aligned with current priorities.