TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEMBERS	1.100

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1. Number.

The Tennessee Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") is composed of nine (9) appointed members entitled "Commissioners".[1]

2. Qualifications.

The majority of the Commissioners must reside within the geographic boundary of an LEA in which at least one (1) public charter school operates. There must be at least three (3) Commissioners from each grand division of the state serving on the Commission. Elected officials and state employees are prohibited from serving as a Commissioner for so long as they hold the office or position.[2]

3. Terms of Office.

The terms of initial appointments for Commissioners begin on July 1, 2019, and the terms of the initial nine (9) appointments shall be for three (3) years for three (3) Commissioners, four (4) years for three (3) Commissioners, and five (5) years for three(3) Commissioners, as designated by the governor in the governor's initial appointments. As terms of the initial Commission members expire, successor Commissioners shall serve five (5)-year terms.[3]

4. Appointments.

Appointments shall be made by the governor subject to confirmation by the Senate and House of Representatives. If the Senate or the House of Representatives fails to confirm the appointment of each of the Commissioners by the governor within ninety (90) calendar days after the Tennessee General Assembly next convenes in regular session following the appointment, then

[1] T.C.A. § 49-13-105.
[2] *Id.*
[3] *Id.*

the appointment terminates on the day following the ninetieth calendar day.[4]

5. Vacancies

The position of any Commissioner shall become vacant if a Commissioner fails, without cause, to attend more than fifty percent (50%) of the Commission's regular meetings in a calendar year. Cause shall be determined by the Commission. Whenever a vacancy on the commission exists for any reason, the governor shall appoint a member for the remainder of the unexpired term. A member appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy on the commission is subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.[5]

6. Method and Election of Officers

The chair and vice chair of the Commission shall be elected by the Commissioners for a term of three (3) years or for the remainder of the respective chair's or vice chair's term on the Commission, whichever is earlier.[6] The chair and vice chair may be reelected. The chair of the Commission shall appoint the chair and members of any committee of the Commission.[7]

7. New Commissioner Orientation

To orient and onboard new Commissioners, each new member shall be required to attend an orientation program designed to review the current work of the Commission. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to design such a program. The program is subject to approval by the chair.

8. Representation of Commissioners

The Executive Director, with concurrence of the chair, shall develop a procedure for designation of members to represent the Commission at appropriate meetings, public hearings, and functions. This shall not abridge the right of Commissioners as public officials to express their individual views.

9. Expenses and Reimbursement

Each Commissioner shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of official duties directly related to their role as a Commissioner in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations of the state.[8]

[4] *Id.*
[5] *Id.*
[6] *Id.*
[7] *Id.*
[8] *Id.*

10. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

In order to assure that any appearance of conflict of interest is avoided, and in order to assure that any indirect interests are publicly acknowledged, each Commissioner shall complete the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (attached below). Each Commissioner shall amend his or her disclosure because of termination or acquisition of interests of which disclosure is required.

TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR DIRECT AND/OR INDIRECT INTERESTS OF COMMISSIONERS

I, the undersigned member of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission, in order to assure that any appearance of conflict of interest is avoided, and in order to assure that any indirect interests are publicly acknowledged, hereby make the following statements and assurances:

1. I am related to the following employees of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission or any official of any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, K-12 public education institution or other entities which do business with, are licensed by, or are otherwise involved with the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission:

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2. I am employed or professionally affiliated with the following corporation, partnership, sole proprietorships, associations, K-12 public education institutions or any other entities which do business with, are licensed by, or are otherwise involved with the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission:

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3. I have an ownership interest in or serve on the board of the following corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, associations, K-12 public education institutions or other entities which, to

my knowledge, do business with K-12 public education institutions coordinated or licensed by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission:

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4. In my household and among my dependents (including parents, siblings, spouse or children), to the best of my knowledge, the following individuals have an ownership interest as stated in Number 3 above:

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5. I provide advisory and/or lobbying services to the below organizations corporation, partnership, sole proprietorships, associations, K-12 public education institutions or any other entities which do business with, are licensed by, are or may otherwise be involved with the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission:

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6. I am currently the recipient of the following grants administered by the Tennessee Charter School Commission:

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7. I have made financial contributions in the past year to the following public charter schools and/or charter management organizations under the authority of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission.

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I hereby certify that if, during my tenure on the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission, I become directly or indirectly interested as an owner, employee or affiliated as described in Number 1-7 above, or if there is any change in the information provided in this statement, I shall immediately disclose such information to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission. The accuracy of this statement will be reviewed within thirty (30) days after the Commission's regularly scheduled spring meeting, but no later than June 1.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

By my signature below, I affirm that all of the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I attest that I will review public charter school applications, hear appeals, and carry out my Commission duties in a fair and impartial manner.

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(Signature)

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(Date)