



RESOLUTION OF THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
REGARDING EMPOWER MEMPHIS CAREER AND COLLEGE PREP AMENDED APPLICATION APPEAL

Whereas, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-101 et. seq., Empower Memphis Career and College Prep (“Empower”) submitted an appeal on the denial of its amended charter school application by the Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board of Education dated July 28, 2023 to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”), which is charged with serving as an appellate authorizer beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, and;

Whereas, representatives of the sponsor of Empower participated in a public hearing on August 30, 2023 to answer questions of the Commission staff and receive comment from members of the public in the proposed district, and;

Whereas, the Commission’s Charter Review Committee, conducted a capacity interview on September 8, 2023, at which time representatives of Empower provided responses to questions from members of the Review Committee, and;

Whereas, the Commission, at a quarterly meeting on October 6, 2023, reviewed, discussed, and considered the full appeal record, review committee report, and Executive Director’s recommendation prior to voting on a decision;

Whereas, the Commission, determined the following findings of fact:

1. Empower meets/exceeds standard for academic plan design and capacity
2. Empower meets/exceeds standard for operations plan and capacity
3. Empower meets/exceeds standard for financial plan and capacity

Therefore, be it resolved by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission that the amended application for Empower Memphis Career and College Prep is approved, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108(5)(C).

Commissioner Carter moved for approval of the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woodson and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

1. Commissioner Michael A. Carter, Sr. voted aye;
2. Commissioner Thomas Griscom voted aye;
3. Commissioner Alan Levine voted aye;
4. Commissioner Chris Richards voted aye;
5. Commissioner Eddie Smith voted aye;
6. Commissioner Lauren Smith voted aye;
7. Commissioner Chris Tutor voted aye;
8. Commissioner Jamie Woodson voted aye; and,
9. Commissioner Terence Patterson was recused from the vote.



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The Chair thereupon declared that the resolution was duly passed and adopted on this 6th day of October 2023.

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-13-108(5)(D), the decision of the Commission is final and not subject to appeal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Richards". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chris Richards, Chair
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission