



**CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL HEARING**

Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy (“GAPA”)

Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. CT

[WEBEX Meeting](#)

Meeting Access Code: 161 161 5690

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9:00 a.m. CT	Call to Order Introduction	Dr. Sara Morrison, Hearing Officer, Executive Director, Tennessee State Board of Education
	Monroe County Schools (15 min.)	Dr. DeAnna McClendon, Director of Schools Doris Matthews, Monroe County School Board Attorney Lee Anne Strickland, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Academics
	Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy (15 min.)	Paul Gaffney, Founder and Visionary Carl Knight, School Leadership and Discipline Dr. Patricia Jones, TEAMS Educator Courtney Parham, Exceptional Education and CDC Nicole Prater, Special Education, Human Capital, and Admissions Erica Braden, Economics Instructor and Finance
	State Board Questions (15 min.)	Dr. Sara Morrison, Hearing Officer, Executive Director, Tennessee State Board of Education
	Public Comments (Up to 30 min.)	State Board staff will read comments received by deadline into the record.
	Closing (20 min.)	Monroe County Schools (10 min.) Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy (10 min.)
	Adjourn	

**REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** If you wish to make a public comment during the public hearing, you must submit your comment prior to the public hearing date. Public comments will be read aloud by a State Board staff member during the public hearing. Each public comment will be read for a maximum of two (2) minutes. You can sign up to comment by completing [this](#) online form. **The submission for public comment will close at 12:00 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 or when fifteen (15) individuals have signed up. Only those individuals who have signed up by the deadline shall have their comment read on their behalf by State Board staff during the public hearing.**

NOTE: In lieu of having a public comment read aloud during the hearing, written comments may be submitted [online](#), or mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

Tennessee State Board of Education  
Attn: Compass Community Schools - Midtown  
5th Floor, Davy Crockett Tower  
500 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243  
FAX: (615) 741-0371



E-mail: [CharterSchool.Appeals@tn.gov](mailto:CharterSchool.Appeals@tn.gov)

Written comments must be received by the State Board of Education by 4:30 p.m. CDT on Thursday, July 23, 2020 to be considered. All comments provided to the State Board of Education will be weighed equally. Further information is available on the State Board's website: <http://www.tn.gov/sbe/>