



**Letter of Intent: Achievement School District Charter School applying to
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission**

Any eligible Achievement School District (ASD) charter school operator intending to apply for authorization by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (Charter Commission) must file a Letter of Intent to the Charter Commission by October 15th of the school year prior to the school year the charter school would operate under the Charter Commission. This letter must be delivered to the Charter Commission and the Tennessee Department of Education no later than **October 15th** at 11:59p.m. Central Time. When the October 15th deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or State observed holiday, the letter of intent is due on the next business day.

Submit the letter of intent via email to the Charter Commission at CharterSchool.Appeals@tn.gov and Tennessee Department of Education at charter.schools@tn.gov.

Name of ASD Charter School: Libertas School of Memphis (dba Libertas School at Brookmeade Elementary)

Sponsor of the School: Libertas School

Provide the name of the person who will serve as **the primary contact** for the application. **The primary contact** should serve as the contact for follow-up, interviews, and notices regarding the application.

Name of Primary Contact Person: Bob Nardo, Executive Director

Secondary contact person: Sarah Newstok, Development & Special Projects Coordinator

School Address: 3777 Edenburg Dr., Memphis TN 38127

Primary Contact's Telephone: (901) 654-7788

Primary Contact's E-Mail Address: bob.nardo@libertasmemphis.org

Secondary email address: sarah.newstok@libertasmemphis.org

Name of Current School Leader: Bob Nardo, Executive Director

Projected School Year that the school would open under the Charter Commission: 2022-23

Does the charter school have years remaining on its charter agreement with the ASD? (Y/N): YES

If yes, the school year the current ten-year charter term expires: 2024-25



Enrollment Projections for remainder of charter agreement OR for all 10 years if applying for a new charter agreement. Note: Schools with time remaining on their agreement with the ASD would be authorized by the Charter Commission for the remaining years on their ASD agreement, not for a new ten-year term.

	School Year	Grade Levels	Total Student Enrollment
Year One			
Year Two			
Year Three			
Year Four			
Year Five			
Year Six			
Year Seven	21/22	PreK-5	485
Year Eight	22/23	PreK-5	500
Year Nine	23/24	PreK-5	500
Year Ten	24/25	PreK-5	500

Current Leadership

List all current governing members and their roles on the table below (adding rows as needed).

Full Name	Current Job and Employer	Focus/Expertise*	Role on Governing Board
Vinessa Brown	Co-founder and Development Director of Lifeline to Success (ex-offender re-entry program)	Libertas Parent; Community development / engagement, marketing, nonprofit leadership, adult education, staff training and placement	Chair
Allison Leslie	Chief Academic Officer, Compass Community Schools	Longtime educator and school leader; former Superintendent of Aspire Public Schools in Memphis	Vice Chair
Andrew Boord	Portfolio Manager, Fenimore Asset Management	Financial management	Treasurer
Francis Ginski	Attorney, FedEx	Contracts, regulatory compliance, employment law	Secretary
Loretta Rudd	Professor of Child Development and Family Studies, University of Memphis	Early childhood development, former Montessori school leader; nonprofit board governance (also serves on Urban Child Institute board)	Trustee
Markise Rogers	Entrepreneur in urban real estate redevelopment	Community engagement; Finance (Former bond trader with Raymond James Financial); Veteran of US Navy	Trustee
Teddy King	Family & Community Engagement, Frayser Community Schools	Libertas Parent; Community development / engagement (20 year Frayser resident), marketing	Trustee
Jamesha Hayes	Training Institute Director, Teach for America - Memphis	K-12 teaching / curriculum and instruction; teacher development; Community engagement (advisor to Girls, Inc; alumna of Rhodes College)	Trustee
Bob Nardo	Executive Director, Libertas School	Education, nonprofit management	Ex officio, non-voting

**Community Service/Outreach, Legal Expertise/Attorney, Public Relations, Education, Management/Organizational Experience, Parent/Community Involvement, Finance, Marketing, Fundraising/Grant Writing, Personnel/Human Capital, Other (please elaborate)*



Applicant Eligibility

Tennessee law limits the charter schools that may apply directly for authorization under the Charter Commission to qualifying charter schools authorized by the ASD. Please read the following statements and confirm eligibility to apply:

- An ASD-authorized school allowed to apply to the Charter Commission based on the determination of the Commissioner of Education under T.C.A. 49-1-614(k)(2)(B).

- An ASD-authorized school allowed to apply to the Charter Commission by meeting the priority exit criteria set forth in the state’s accountability model under T.C.A. 49-1-614(k)(4).

Conflict of Interest

Please identify any potential conflicts of interest that you or any governing board member may have in the space below. This is in alignment with best practices for both non-profit and charter school governance and is also aligned with T.C.A. § 49-13-111(g), which states “with regard to conflicts of interest, the governing body of a charter school shall be subject to T.C.A. §§ 12-4-101 and 12-4-102. These portions of Tennessee law govern public contracts and personal interests of officers and boards of directors.

Not applicable

By my signature below, I affirm that all of the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robt. Nardo".

(Signature)

Robert Nardo
(Printed Name)

9/23/21
(Date)