



TO: Rules, Policy, and Governance Committee, Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

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SUBJECT: 2021 Commissioner Self-Evaluation

Background

Aligning with national best practices for charter school authorizers, Commission staff provided a self-evaluation survey to Commission members. Commissioners were given the opportunity to reflect on their work as a body through a survey, and the survey open from August 27th through September 28th. Six of nine commissioners completed the survey during this time frame. This memo summarizes the feedback received and intends to focus and guide recommendations from this committee as we move into 2022.

Areas of positive feedback from Commissioners

Below are the areas receiving the most positive feedback as a body:

- Area 1, Commission Structure: The Commission's committee structure received positive feedback regarding the structure and stated purposes for standing committees.
- Area 2, Dynamics & Functioning: Commissioner and staff collaboration to improve Commission processes and accountability measures for authorized schools.
- Area 3, Governance & Structure: Public meetings have been orderly and efficient for members. Commissioners also expressed satisfaction with the strategic planning process to date.
- Area 4, Financial Reporting & Internal Controls: The Commission's multi-year financial planning, and prudence of Commission staff concerning accuracy and availability of budget documents.

Areas of opportunity and growth from Commissioner feedback

Below are the areas receiving the most feedback for growth and opportunity as a body:

- Given the pandemic, our interactions have been limited up to July. There is a noted desire to continue building relationships between Commissioners and staff.
- Strategic planning that will continue to advance charter school education.
- Proactive engagement with local stakeholders to share the Commission's vision and purpose.

Major Accomplishments

Below are the most significant accomplishments noted by the body:

- Seeing the Charter Commission transform from concept to operational school district efficiently.
- Commissioners consider hiring of Executive Director a major cornerstone to the body's successful operations.