



**MINUTES**

**Tennessee Public Charter School Commission**

Commission Meeting

December 16, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. CT

Electronic Meeting

Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3dKc88lXpk&feature=youtu.be>

**Note:** These minutes correspond to the video recording. Each item has a minute counter assigned to the subject location in the audio file.

**Welcome and Call-to-Order:**

**00:00:00-00:07:10**

Tom Griscom, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:**

Action of the Commission

<b>Roll Call/Quorum</b>	
Dave Hanson	Present
Alan Levine	Present
Terence Patterson	Present
Chris Richards	Present
Derwin Sisnett	Present
Eddie Smith	Present
Wendy Tucker	Present
Tom Griscom	Present
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 8 present; quorum established.	

**Approval of Agenda:**

Action of the Commission

<b>Approval of Meeting Agenda</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith   Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 8 voting; agenda approved	

**Approval of Prior Minutes:**



Action of the Commission

<b>Approval of Prior Minutes for October 28, 2020</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Alan Levine   Seconded by: Terence Patterson</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; minutes approved</b>	

**Requests for Public Comment:**

No requests were received.

**Rules and Policy Committee Report:**

**00:07:10-00:25:30**

Tess Stovall, Executive Director of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission, presented an overview of First Reading - Policy 1.100 Commission Members.

Action of the Commission

<b>Approval of Changes to Policy 1.100 on First Reading</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith  Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; motion approved</b>	

Tess Stovall presented an overview of LEA Policies in 1000 Board Operations, 4000 Instructional Support and 5000 Personnel.

- 1000 Board Operations
  - o 1100 Adoption of Policies
  - o 1106 Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest
  - o 1200 Grievances and Complaints
  - o 1407 Public Records
  - o 1408 Records Retention
  - o 1800 School Calendar
  - o 1801 Special Education
  - o 1802 ADA and Section 504



- 1803 Smoke Free Environment
- 1808 Registered Sex Offenders
- 1900 Accountability of TPCSC and Charter Schools
- 4000 Instructional Support
  - 4206 Homebound Instruction
  - 4207 English Learners
  - 4209 Alternative Credit Options
  - 4210 Credit Recovery
- 5000 Personnel
  - 5104 Employee Rights
  - 5106 Application and Employment
  - 5114 Personnel Records
  - 5118 Background Investigations
  - 5400 Employee Health
  - 5610 Staff Student Relations
  - 5701 Substitute Teachers
  - 5911 Differentiated Pay

Action of the Commission

<b>Approval of LEA Policies under 1000 - Board Operations, 4000 - Instructional Support and 5000 – Personnel on first reading.</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith  Seconded by: Terence Patterson</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome: 8 of 8 voting; motion approved</b>	

Ashley Thomas, General Counsel for the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission, presented an overview of the Public Records Request Rule on final reading.

Action of the Commission

<b>Approval of Public Records Request Rule on final reading.</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Alan Levine  Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes



<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	
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**Business Operations Committee Report:** **00:25:30-00:29:35**

Tess Stovall presented the FY 2021 Budget to Actuals.

**Charter Agreements for Approval:** **00:29:35-00:47:30**

Ashley Thomas presented two charter agreements for approval.

- Nashville Collegiate Prep
- Cornerstone Prep School

Action of the Committee

<b>Approval of Charter Agreement for Nashville Collegiate Prep</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Chris Richards</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	

Action of the Committee

<b>Approval of Charter Agreement for Cornerstone Prep School</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Terence Patterson</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	

**Charter Commission Committee Discussion:** **00:47:30-00:50:19**

Tom Griscom presented an overview of the Charter Commission committee structure for 2021 to ensure it aligns with the work of the Commission. At the February 2021, Commission meeting, changes will be presented allowing flexibility to make changes to the committee structure as needed.



**Executive Director Updates and Renewal Appeal Timeline:** **00:50:19-1:00:32**

Tess Stovall provided update the executive director’s update and an overview of the renewal appeals timeline.

**Training: Sample Revocation Appeal** **1:00:32-1:35:17**

Tess Stovall provided a Commission training on a sample revocation appeal.

**Training: Authorizer Evaluations** **1:35:17-1:56:08**

Ali Gaffey, Interim Director of Charter Schools for the Tennessee State Board of Education, provided a Commission training on charter school authorizer evaluations by the State Board of Education.

**Closing Discussion and Adjournment:** **1:56:08-2:00:53**

Tom Griscom recognized and thanked Judy Spencer for her service to the Commission.

Tom Griscom recognized and welcomed new Commission staff members Ashley Thomas and Chase Ingle.

Action of the Commission

<b>Motion to adjourn meeting</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Alan Levine  Seconded by: Terence Patterson</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 8 voting; motion approved	