



MINUTES

Thursday, January 27, 2022
 Davy Crockett Tower, Conference Room 1A
 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243

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Welcome and Call-to-Order

00:00:00-00:04:10

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

Roll Call

Action of the Commission

Roll Call/Quorum	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Present
Chris Richards	Present
Derwin Sisnett	Present
Eddie Smith	Present
Wendy Tucker	Present
Tom Griscom	Present
Jamie Woodson	Present
Outcome: 7 of 9 present; quorum established.	

Approval of Agenda

Action of the Commission

Approval of Meeting Agenda	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Chris Richards	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; agenda approved	



Approval of Prior Minutes

Action of the Commission

Approval of Prior Minutes for January 7, 2022	
Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett Seconded by: Eddie Smith	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; minutes approved	

Business Operations Committee Report

00:04:10-00:09:14

Eddie Smith, Committee member, recognized Melanie Harrell to present the FY'22 Budget to Actuals and FY '23 budget updates to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Eddie Smith recognized Melanie Harrell and Ashley Thomas to present the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) update to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of the MOU between the Charter Commission and the Tennessee Department of Education	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion approved	

School Performance and Accountability Committee Report

00:09:14-00:20:30

Chris Richards, Committee Chairman, recognized Tess Stovall to present the school operations and accountability updates to the Commission; Maggie Lund to present the site-visit update and planning for the upcoming school year to the Commission; Beth Figueroa to present the Commissioner’s authorizer



evaluation to the Commission; and Tess Stovall to review the amendment petitions update.

Rules, Policy and Governance Committee Report

00:20:30-00:26:48

Terence Patterson, Committee Chairman, recognized Ashley Thomas to present an update on LEA policy 4400 to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of Commission LEA Policy 4400 on first and final reading	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Chris Richards	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Abstain
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Abstain
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion approved	

TDOE Amendment Application

00:26:48-00:29:53

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall to present revisions to the TDOE’s charter amendment application to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of the TDOE's revised charter amendment application	
Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett Seconded by: Eddie Smith	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Commission Strategic Plan

00:29:53-00:40:13

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized DreJean Cummings and Chase Ingle to present the strategic plan to the Commission.



Action of the Commission

Approval of the Commission Strategic Plan	
Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Executive Director Updates

00:40:13-00:44:51

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall to present updates to the Commission.

Closing Discussion and Adjournment

00:44:51-00:46:10

Action of the Commission

Motion to recess meeting	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Terence Patterson	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Absent
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 7 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Chairman Griscom recessed the meeting.

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Reconvening Meeting

00:00:00-00:01:27

Tom Griscom, Commission Chairman, reconvened the Commission meeting.

Roll Call

Action of the Commission

Roll Call/Quorum	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Present
Terence Patterson	Present
Chris Richards	Present
Derwin Sisnett	Present
Eddie Smith	Present
Wendy Tucker	Present
Jamie Woodson	Present
Tom Griscom	Present
Outcome: 8 of 9 present; quorum established.	

Public Comment

00:01:27-00:28:57

The following individuals gave public comments:

1. Nichol Albertson – Smithson Craighead Academy
2. Marcus Williams - Purpose Preparatory Academy
3. Sallie Norton – Purpose Preparatory Academy
4. William Townsend – Purpose Preparatory Academy
5. Domonique Townsend - Purpose Preparatory Academy
6. Pryce Townsend - Purpose Preparatory Academy
7. Dormonique Scruggs - Purpose Preparatory Academy
8. Brynlee Townsend - Purpose Preparatory Academy
9. Chatoria Kirby - Purpose Preparatory Academy
10. Ronnie Nelson - Libertas School of Memphis
11. Sherry Reed-Banks – Libertas School of Memphis
12. Demetria Barber - Libertas School of Memphis

ASD APPLICATION – CORNERSTONE PREP DENVER

00:28:57-00:57:05

Chase Ingle read a written statement from Cornerstone Prep Denver to the Commission.

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall, Ashley Thomas, and Maggie Lund to present the application from Cornerstone Prep-Denver to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of the Cornerstone Prep Denver application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Chris Richards	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

ASD Application – Lester Prep

00:57:05-1:07:58

Chase Ingle read a written statement from Lester Prep to the Commission.

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall and Maggie Lund to present the Lester Prep charter school application to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of the Lester Prep Charter School application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

ASD Application – Libertas Charter School

1:07:58-1:20:25

Bob Nardo spoke on behalf of Libertas Charter School to the Commission.

Tess Stovall presented the Libertas Charter School application to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of the Libertas Charter School application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Wendy Tucker	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Amendment Appeal – Purpose Prep Academy
1:20:25-1:42:26

Chase Ingle read a statement from Purpose Prep Academy to the Commission.

Chase Ingle read a written statement from Metro Nashville Public Schools to the Commission.

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall and Ashley Thomas to present the Purpose Prep Academy amendment appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission

Approval of the Purpose Prep Academy amendment appeal	
Motion made by: Wendy Tucker Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Amendment Appeal – Smithson Craighead Academy
1:42:26-2:03:50

Dana Dillard Jackson spoke on behalf of Smithson Craighead Academy to the Commission.

Chase Ingle read a written statement from Metro Nashville Public Schools to the Commission.

Tess Stovall and Ashley Thomas presented the Smithson Craighead Academy amendment appeal to the



Commission.

The Commission requested that staff members send a formal letter to Metro Nashville Public Schools to ask for clarification on their provided written statement.

Action of the Commission

Approval of the Smithson Craighead amendment appeal application	
Motion made by: Eddie Smith Seconded by: Wendy Tucker	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Closing Discussion and Adjournment

2:03:50-2:05:29

Action of the Commission

Motion to adjourn meeting	
Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett Seconded by: Chris Richards	
Dave Hanson	Absent
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
Outcome: 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Chairman Griscom adjourned the meeting.