



**TENNESSEE**  
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

Tennessee Public Charter School Commission Meeting  
Commission Meeting  
October 17, 2022

Video Recording (October 17): <https://youtu.be/wJLRVQ9GQ84>

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**Welcome and Call-to-Order**

**00:00:00- 00:02:49**

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
Jamie Woodson	Present
<b>Outcome:</b> 9 of 9 present; quorum established	

**Approval of Agenda**

Action of the Commission

<b>Approval of Meeting Agenda</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
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 9 of 9 voting; agenda approved	

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

Action of the Commission

<b>Approval of Prior Minutes from July 29, 2022</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Dave Hanson   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
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 9 of 9 voting; agenda approved	

**Public Comment**

**00:02:49- 00:07:47**

The following individuals gave public comments:

- Bob Nardo
- Demetria Barber

Chase Ingle read a written statement from Maya Bugg with the Tennessee Charter School Center.

**School Performance and Accountability Committee Report**

**00:07:47- 00:11:59**

Chris Richards, Committee Chairman, recognized Maggie Lund who presented the School Performance and Accountability Report on the School Performance Framework revisions, SY21-22 Annual Report Update, the LEA School & Operational Update, and the Special Populations update to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

<b>Adopt the presented components of the School Performance Framework</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Chris Richards   Seconded by: Wendy Tucker</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 9 of 9 voting; motion approved	



**Business Operations Committee Report**

**00:11:59-00:14:26**

Dave Hanson, Committee Chairman, recognized Melanie Harrell who provided the Business Operations Report update, including the FY22 closeout, FY23 budget to actuals, and FY24 budget update.

**Rules, Policy, and Governance Committee Report**

**00:14:26-00:16:21**

Terence Patterson, Committee Chairman, recognized Ashley Thomas to provide the Rules, Policy, and Governance Report, including the Commission Policy Updates and the LEA Policy Updates to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

<b>Approval of Commission Policy 1.100 on Final Reading</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Terence Patterson   Seconded by: Eddie Smith</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Yes
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 9 of 9 voting; motion is approved	

Action of the Commission:

<b>Approval of LEA Policy 4805 on First and Final Reading</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
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 9 of 9 voting; motion approved	

**Strategic Plan Update**

**00:16:21-00:26:55**

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized DreJean Cummings who presented the Strategic Plan to the Commission.

**Executive Director Update**

**00:26:55-00:37:24**

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall who presented updates to the Commission.

*The Commission took a short break.*

**New Start Appeals- Founders Classical Academy of Brentwood**

**00:49:58-01:58:16**

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Krysia Rozanska
- Laura Brugnani
- Dylem Vaughn
- Douglas Lokken
- Rory Rottschalk
- Timothy Burbage
- Gary Chapman
- Trisha Lucente
- Chelsea Gilbert
- Edina Kishonthy
- John Gonzalez
- Walter Blanks Jr
- Scott Cutcher

Mitch Emhoff provided a state on behalf of Founders Classical Academy of Brentwood.

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall. Tess Stovall presented the Founders Classical Academy of Brentwood appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

<b>Adopt the resolution to uphold the denial of the Founder’s Classical Academy of Brentwood’s amended application</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Alan Levine</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

**Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville**

**01:58:16- 02:22:03**

Wes Duncell provided a statement on behalf of Sumner County Schools.

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Pam Teller
- Mia Davis
- Joanna Elliot-Daniels

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall. Tess Stovall presented Founders Classical Academy of Hendersonville appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

<b>Adopt the resolution to uphold the denial of Founder’s Classical of Hendersonville’s amended application</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Dave Hanson</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

**Recess and Adjournment**

**02:22:03- 02:23:00**

Action of the Commission

<b>Motion to recess the Commission meeting until October 18, 2022</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith   Seconded by: Wendy Tucker</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

Chairman Griscom recessed the meeting.



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**Welcome and Call-to-Order**

00:00:00- 00:04:50

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	Absent
Eddie Smith	Present
Wendy Tucker	Present
Tom Griscom	Present
Jamie Woodson	Present
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 9 present; quorum established	

**Approval of Agenda**

Action of the Commission

<b>Approval of Meeting Agenda</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith   Seconded by: Wendy Tucker</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes



<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 9 voting; agenda approved	
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**New Start Appeals**

**00:04:50-01:06:40**

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall. Tess Stovall and Beth Figueroa presented Tennessee Nature Academy appeal to the Commission.

**Tennessee Nature Academy**

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Sherrill Stratford
- Roger Waynick
- Sarah Savage
- David McGowan
- Beth Jain
- Kisse Gutierrez

Jay Renfro provided a statement on behalf of Tennessee Nature Academy. Chase Ingle read a statement from Metro Nashville Public Schools.

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall. Tess Stovall presented the Tennessee Nature Academy appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

<b>Adopt the resolution to overturn the denial of the Tennessee Nature Academy's amended application</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Chris Richards   Seconded by: Wendy Tucker</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	No
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Absent
Eddie Smith	No
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	No
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

**Binghamton Community School**

**01:06:40-01:22:20**

Chase Ingle read a statement from Binghamton Community School and Memphis-Shelby County Schools.

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall. Tess Stovall presented the Binghamton Community School appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

<b>Adopt the resolution to uphold the denial of Binghampton Community School’s amended application</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Alan Levine   Seconded by: Wendy Tucker</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	N/A
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	N/A
Derwin Sisnett	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	N/A
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 5 of 9 voting; motion approved	

**Tennessee Volunteer Military Academy**

**01:22:20-01:35:28**

Chase Ingle read a statement from Memphis-Shelby County Schools.

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall. Tess Stovall presented the Tennessee Volunteer Military Academy appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

<b>Adopt the resolution to uphold the denial of Tennessee Voluntary Military Academy’s amended application</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Eddie Smith   Seconded by: Dave Hanson</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	Yes
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

**Academy of the Arts Charter High School**

**01:35:28-01:50:49**

Stephanie Neal provided a statement on behalf of Fayette County Schools.

The following individuals provided public comment:



- Tom Minor

Chairman Tom Griscom recognized Tess Stovall. Tess Stovall presented the Academy of the Arts Charter High School appeal to the Commission.

Action of the Commission:

<b>Adopt the resolution to uphold the denial of Academy of the Arts Charter High School's amended application</b>	
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Eddie Smith</b>	
Dave Hanson	Yes
Alan Levine	Yes
Terence Patterson	N/A
Chris Richards	Yes
Derwin Sisnett	Absent
Eddie Smith	Yes
Wendy Tucker	Yes
Jamie Woodson	Yes
Tom Griscom	Yes
<b>Outcome:</b> 8 of 9 voting; motion approved	

**Closing Discussion and Adjournment**

**01:50:49-1:57:34**

Action of the Commission

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

Chairman Griscom adjourned the meeting.