



TO: Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

FROM: Tess Stovall, Executive Director, Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

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SUBJECT: Executive Director Updates

Commission Staffing

- With both growth of our portfolio of schools and the addition of three positions for FY24, the focus over the last few months has been a restructure of the district focused positions and the hiring of additional staff to add capacity.
- I spoke with several statewide authorizers that also serve as the LEA to determine how they set up and structure their overall teams. Most larger authorizers have a team focused on authorizing, a team focused on finance/operations, and a team focused on school supports.
- Given this feedback as well as where the greatest capacity needs of the staff are, I created a school programs and supports team that is separate and distinct from the finance and operations team.
- The school programs and supports team will work directly with schools on academic and support programs such as special education, English Learners, federal programs, summer learning, extended learning, and school safety.
- The finance and operations team will work with schools on budgets, federal grants, reimbursements, student information systems, assessments, and general compliance.
- The authorizing team will work on application review, overall performance management, site visits, district/school accountability, and pre-opening.
- An updated staff organization chart is posted on our staffing page on the [website](#).

Commissioner Terms

- In June, Governor Lee made three appointments for five-year terms through June 2028. The individuals appointed are:
 - Tom Griscom, East Grand Division
 - Chris Richards, West Grand Division
 - Lauren Smith, Middle Grand Division
- The following three Commissioners' terms expire on June 30, 2024:
 - Terence Patterson, West Grand Division
 - Eddie Smith, East Grand Division
 - Jamie Woodson, Middle Grand Division

2023 Remaining Meeting Dates

- October 5 & 6, 2023 (Nashville) (Quarterly Meeting)
 - New start appeals
 - As a reminder, committee meetings for October will be held virtually on September 21 due to new start appeals.



Commission Committee Make-up

- With the appointment of new Commissioners, Chair Griscom and I evaluated the current make up of committees, and Chair Griscom is appointing the following committees beginning with the next quarterly meeting, in accordance with Commission Policy 1.100.
 - Business Operations
 - Michael Carter (chair), Eddie Smith, Jamie Woodson
 - Rules, Policy, and Governance
 - Chris Tutor (chair), Alan Levine, Lauren Smith
 - School Performance and Accountability
 - Terence Patterson (chair), Chris Richards, Tom Griscom