

**MINUTES**  
**Tennessee Public Charter School Commission**  
 Commission Meeting  
 Wednesday, August 12, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. CT

**Electronic Meeting**

**Video Recording:** <https://youtu.be/XhYo639T91k>

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

9:05-9:13 a.m.

00:00:00-00:08:00

**Opening Comments, Roll Call, Prior Minutes, Agenda**

Chairman Griscom commenced the meeting and introduced Shanell Tyler, counsel to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission. Ms. Tyler conveyed the justification for conducting the meeting electronically as authorized by TCA 8-44-108. Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic concerns, state budget challenges, and restrictions against large public gatherings, the Commission determined it necessary to conduct the meeting via teleconference. The meeting was noticed, and dial-in information provided for the public, on the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission website. The meeting will be recorded and posted on the Commission's website.

**Action of the Commissioners**

<b>Roll Call/Quorum</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	*
Outcome: 7 of 8 Present; quorum established. Meeting called to order.							
* Present, but experiencing audio difficulties.							

**Action of the Commissioners**

<b>Minutes of July 30, 2020 Meeting Approval</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett   Seconded by: Eddie Smith</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Outcome: 7 of 8 voting yes; minutes to July 30, 2020 meeting approved.							
* Present, but experiencing audio difficulties.							

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Agenda Approval</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Outcome: 7 of 8 voting yes; agenda approved. * Present, but experiencing audio difficulties.							

Commissioner Richards then reviewed the interview process to be conducted for each of the three (3) finalists.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

9:13 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

00:08:00-03:47:00

**Candidate Interviews**

1<sup>st</sup> Candidate – Jerry Sanders

2<sup>nd</sup> Candidate – Tess Stovall

3<sup>rd</sup> Candidate – Ben Schumacher

1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

03:47:00-04:27:00

**Review of Executive Director Candidates (Chris Richards, Commission Member)**

Commissioner Richards reviewed the voting process and opened the floor for discussion of each of the finalists. Discussion ensued, including a review of the public comment opportunities at this and prior meetings.

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Motion to Take a Vote on Selecting an Executive Director</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Dave Hanson   Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; motion approved.							

A roll call vote was taken, with each Commissioner naming his or her choice for the Executive Director. All 8 Commissioners named Tess Stovall.

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Motion to recommend Tess Stovall as the Executive Director of the Commission, amended to direct the Chair or the Chair’s designee to proceed with negotiations to hire Tess Stovall as the Executive Director.</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Wendy Tucker, amended by Wendy Tucker   Seconded by: Eddie Smith</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; motion approved.							

1:40 p.m.-1:41:p.m.

04:27:00-04:28:00

**Final Comment and Adjournment**

Chairman Griscom and Committee of the Whole Chair, Chris Richards, thanked the Commissioners for their time and commitment to this hiring process.

Action of the Commissioners

<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>							
<b>Motion made by: Alan Levine   Seconded by: Wendy Tucker</b>							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; meeting adjourned.							