

MINUTES

Tennessee Public Charter School Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (CT)

Electronic Meeting

Video Recording: <https://youtu.be/tLFeNHJNMZQ>

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

Opening Comments:

0.00.00-0.00.37

Shanell Tyler, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Tennessee and Interim General Counsel for the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission, opened the meeting by conveying the purpose of conducting the meeting electronically as authorized by TCA 844-108. Due to on-going COVID19 pandemic concerns 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.

Roll Call and Establish Quorum:

0.00.37-0.04.58

COMMISSIONER	Present	Absent
Tom Griscom	x	
Chris Richards	x	
Terence Patterson	See Note	
Derwin Sisnett	x	
Wendy Tucker	x	
Dave Hanson	x	
Eddie Smith	x	
Alan Levine	See note	

Note: Commissioner Alan Levine and Commissioner Terence Patterson did not acknowledge their presence due to technical difficulties.

A quorum was established.

Adoption of Agenda:

Item/Rule: Adoption of Agenda	
Motion: Derwin Sisnett	Second: Wendy Tucker

Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)	X		
Commissioner Alan Levine (East) <i>(SEE NOTE)</i>			
Commissioner Terence Patterson (West) <i>(SEE NOTE)</i>			
Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)	X		
Commissioner Eddie Smith (East)	X		
Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)	X		
Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards	X		
Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)	X		

Note: Commissioner Alan Levine and Commissioner Terence Patterson did not announce their votes due to technical difficulties.

The Agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes from the Commission's April 22, 2020 Meeting:

Item/Rule: Approval of April 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes			
Motion: Eddie Smith		Second: Wendy Tucker	
Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)	X		
Commissioner Alan Levine (East) <i>(SEE NOTE)</i>			
Commissioner Terence Patterson (West) <i>(SEE NOTE)</i>			
Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)	X		
Commissioner Eddie Smith (East)	X		

Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)	X		
Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards	X		
Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)	X		

Note: Commissioner Alan Levine and Commissioner Terence Patterson did not announce their votes due to technical difficulties.

The minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting were approved.

Report Items (Committee Chairs):

0.04.58-0.35.33

- Business Operations Committee Report – Commissioner Tom Griscom
 - Commissioner Griscom reported on the following items:
 - Introduction of Judy Spencer, Director of Charter Schools for the Tennessee Department of Education
 - State budget update and impact on the Commission
 - Update on Executive Director hiring process
 - Update on future meeting structure and cadence
- Rules and Policy Committee – Commissioner Derwin Sisnett
 - Commissioner Sisnett provided an update on the upcoming Public Hearing
- Governance Committee - Alan Levine
 - Commissioner Levine reported on governance priorities

PowerPoint Presentation:

0.35.33-0.54.03

Dr. Eve Carney, Tennessee Department of Education Chief of Districts and Schools, presented an update on school turnaround

Action Items:

0.54.03-1:50.25

Item/Rule: Establish Committee of the Whole to Hire Executive Director			
Motion: Wendy Tucker		Second: Terence Patterson	
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)	X		
Commissioner Alan Levine (East)	X		

Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)	X		
Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)	X		
Commissioner Eddie Smith (East) <i>(SEE NOTE)</i>			
Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)	X		
Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards	X		
Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)	X		

Note: Commissioner Eddie Smith did not announce his vote due to technical difficulties.

The Motion was approved.

Item/Rule: Approval of Revision to Executive Director Job Description			
Motion: Wendy Tucker		Second: Alan Levine	
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)	X		
Commissioner Alan Levine (East)	X		
Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)	X		
Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)	X		
Commissioner Eddie Smith (East) <i>(SEE NOTE)</i>			
Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)	X		
Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards	X		
Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)	X		

Note: Commissioner Eddie Smith did not announce his vote due to technical difficulties.

The Motion was approved.

Item/Rule:			
Chairman Tom Griscom to hire an Interim Executive Director and bring to Commission for approval			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)		X	
Commissioner Alan Levine (East)	X		
Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)		X	
Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)		X	
Commissioner Eddie Smith (East) <i>(SEE NOTE)</i>			
Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)		X	
Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards	X		
Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)		X	

Note: Commissioner Eddie Smith did not announce his vote due to technical difficulties.

The Motion failed.

Approval of Interim Executive Director Job Description	
DID NOT ACT ON, AS THE MOTION FOR CHAIRMAN TOM GRISCOM TO HIRE AN INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO BRING TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL FAILED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF COMMISSION MEMBERS.	
Motion:	Second:

Closing Remarks and Vote to Adjourn:

1:50:00-1.51.25

Item/Rule: Motion to Adjourn			
Motion: Second: Roll Call by Judy Spencer			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)	X		
Commissioner Alan Levine (East)	X		
Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)	X		
Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)	X		
Commissioner Eddie Smith (East) (SEE NOTE)			
Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)	X		
Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards	X		
Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)	X		

Note: Commissioner Eddie Smith did not announce his vote due to technical difficulties.

The Motion was approved.

Adjourn:

1.51.25

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Tom Griscom.