



**MINUTES**

**Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission  
April Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

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**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

**Roll Call:**

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tom Griscom	X	
Chris Richards	X	
Terence Patterson	X	
Derwin Sisnett	X	
Wendy Tucker	X	
Mary Pierce	X	
Dave Hanson	X	
Eddie Smith	X	
Alan Levine	X	

**Welcome**

**0:00:00-0:02:56**

Tom Griscom, Chairman  
Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission

**Introduction and Welcome**

**0:02:56-0:07:59**

Dr. Sarah Morrison, Executive Director  
Tennessee State Board of Education

**Adoption of April 22, Agenda & Feb 18-19, Minutes**

**0:07:59-0:14:13**

Tom Griscom, Chairman  
Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission

**Report Items**

**0:14:13-0:18:15**

Amity Schuyler, Deputy Commissioner  
Tennessee Department of Education

The report items were presented by Amity Schuyler as follows:

- Update on hiring of Executive Director for the Commission
- Introduction of contract staff: Chris Reynolds was introduced. First day as contractor with the commission is May 4, 2020
- Introduction of Interim General Counsel: Shanell Tyler, Interim General Counsel for the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission. Shanell is with the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Tennessee

**Presentations**

**0:18:15-02:28:18**

Dr. Karega Rausch, CEO & Vice President of Research and Development  
National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)

Erin Marwah, Associate Director of Authorizer Engagement and Advancement  
National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)

- Training for the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission was conducted by Dr. Karega Rausch and Erin Marwah with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)

**Break**

**02:28:18-02:33:18**

**Action Item – Rules (First Reading)**

**02:33:18-02:39:40**

Shanell Tyler, Interim General Counsel for the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission presented the following rules (first reading) for discussion and vote. The motion was made by Commissioner Alan Levine to approve the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wendy Tucker.

The vote to approve rule 1185-01-01-.01 was as follows:

<b>Item/Rule: 1185-01-01-.01</b>			
New start charter school appeals rule			
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Second:</b>		
Alan Levine	Wendy Tucker		
<b>Member</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)</b>	X		

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

The vote to approve rule 1185-01-01-.02 was as follows:

<b>Item/Rule: 1185-01-01-.02</b>			
Charter school renewal application appeals rule			
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>	
Alan Levine		Wendy Tucker	
<b>Member</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Alan Levine (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Eddie Smith (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards</b>	X		
<b>Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)</b>	X		



The vote to approve rule 1185-01-01-.03 was as follows:

<b>Item/Rule:</b> 1185-01-01-.03			
Charter school revocation appeals rule			
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>	
Alan Levine		Wendy Tucker	
<b>Member</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Alan Levine (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Eddie Smith (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards</b>	X		
<b>Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)</b>	X		

The vote to approve rule 1185-01-02-.01 was as follows:

<b>Item/Rule:</b> 1185-01-02-.01			
Public records rule			
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>	
Alan Levine		Wendy Tucker	
<b>Member</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Alan Levine (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Eddie Smith (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)</b>	X		

<b>Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards</b>	X		
<b>Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)</b>	X		

**Action Item – Policy Consent Agenda Items (First Reading)**

**02:39:40-02:44:01**

Shanell Tyler, Interim General Counsel for the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission presented the following policy consent items (first reading) for discussion and vote. The motion was made by Commissioner Wendy Tucker to approve the policies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Smith.

The vote to approve policy 2:00 was as follows:

<b>Item/Policy: 2:00</b>			
Charter schools appeal policy			
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Second:</b>		
Wendy Tucker	Eddie Smith		
<b>Member</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Alan Levine (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Eddie Smith (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards</b>	X		
<b>Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)</b>	X		

The vote to approve policy 2.100 was as follows:

<b>Item/Policy: 2.100</b>
Application review policy

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

The vote to approve policy 2.200 was as follows:

<b>Item/Policy: 2.200</b>				
Charter school renewal and renewal appeals policy				
<b>Motion:</b> Wendy Tucker	<b>Second:</b> Eddie Smith			
<b>Member</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	
<b>Commissioner Dave Hanson</b> (Mid)	X			
<b>Commissioner Alan Levine</b> (East)	X			
<b>Commissioner Terence Patterson</b> (West)	X			
<b>Commissioner Derwin Sisnett</b> (West)	X			
<b>Commissioner Eddie Smith</b> (East)	X			
<b>Commissioner Wendy Tucker</b> (Mid)	X			
<b>Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards</b>	X			



<b>Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)</b>	X		
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The vote to approve policy 2.300 was as follows:

<b>Item/Policy: 2.300</b>			
Charter revocation and appeals policy			
<b>Motion:</b>		<b>Second:</b>	
Wendy Tucker		Eddie Smith	
<b>Member</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Commissioner Dave Hanson (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Alan Levine (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Terence Patterson (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Derwin Sisnett (West)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Eddie Smith (East)</b>	X		
<b>Commissioner Wendy Tucker (Mid)</b>	X		
<b>Vice Chair and Commissioner Chris Richards</b>	X		
<b>Chair and Commissioner Tom Griscom, Chair (East)</b>	X		

**Action Item – First and Final Reading, Public Records Policy Action Item**

**02:44:01-02:47:03**

Shanell Tyler, Interim General Counsel for the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission presented the following public records policy action item (first and final reading) for discussion and vote. The motion was made by Commissioner Terence Patterson, to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wendy Tucker.

The vote to approve public records policy 3.00 was as follows:

<b>Item/Policy: 3.00</b>	
Public records policy	
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Second:</b>
Terence Patterson	Wendy Tucker

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

**Closing Discussion:**

**02:47:03-02:48:02**

Tom Griscom, Chairman  
Tennessee Public Charter Schools Commission

Chairman Griscom thanked commission members for attendance and participation. The commission was advised the next full meeting of the commission is June 24. The meeting may be held virtually as a location cannot be determined at this time due to COVID19.

**Adjourn**

**02:48:02**

Without further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.