



RESOLUTION OF THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
REGARDING TENNESSEE NATURE ACADEMY AMENDED APPLICATION APPEAL

Whereas, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-101 et. seq., Tennessee Nature Academy (“TNA”) submitted an appeal to the denial of its amended charter school application by the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Board of Education dated August 2, 2022 to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”), which is charged with serving as an appellate authorizer beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, and;

Whereas, representatives of the sponsor of TNA participated in a public hearing on September 7, 2022 to answer questions of the Commission staff and receive comment from members of the public in the proposed district, and;

Whereas, the Commission’s Charter Review Committee, conducted a capacity interview on September 13, 2022, at which time representatives of TNA provided responses to questions from members of the Review Committee, and;

Whereas, the Commission, at a quarterly meeting on October 18, 2022, reviewed, discussed, and considered the full appeal record, review committee report, and Executive Director’s recommendation prior to voting on a decision;

Whereas, the Commission determined the following findings of fact:

1. TNA meets the standard for academic plan design and capacity
2. TNA meets the standard for operations plan and capacity
3. TNA meets the standard for financial plan and capacity

Therefore, be it resolved by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission that the amended application for Tennessee Nature Academy is approved, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-105(a).

Commissioner Richards moved for approval of the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tucker and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

1. Commissioner Griscom voted nay;
2. Commissioner Hanson voted aye;
3. Commissioner Levine voted nay;
4. Commissioner Patterson voted aye;
5. Commissioner Richards vote aye
6. Commissioner Smith voted nay;
7. Commissioner Tucker voted aye;
8. Commissioner Woodson vote aye; and
9. Commissioner Sisnett was recused from this vote.



The Chair thereupon declared that the resolution was duly passed and adopted on this 18th day of October 2022.

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-13-108(5)(D), the decision of the Commission is final and not subject to appeal.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas Griscom", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Griscom, Chairman
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission