

**ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEMBERS TO BE
APPOINTED/REAPPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION
JUNE 1, 2016—MAY 31, 2018**

NAME	BIO	TERM
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NOMINATED BY GOVERNOR ROBERT BENTLEY

<p>Sally Smith Mrs. Sally Smith asked not to be reappointed to the Commission for another year.</p>	<p>Sally Smith is Executive Director of the Alabama Association of School Boards. In her current role, Smith oversees efforts to build public support for schools and expand learning opportunities for school board members. Smith received her law degree from Birmingham School of Law and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 2003. Smith resides in the 3rd State Board of Education District.</p>	<p>One Year June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016</p>
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SELECT ONE OF THE TWO HIGHLIGHTED NAMES BELOW TO REPLACE SALLY SMITH AS A GOVERNOR’S APPOINTEE TO THE COMMISSION WITH A TWO-YEAR TERM

<p>Blake Harris</p>	<p>Blake Harris is Executive Director of Students First. He is an attorney, political consultant, and Alabama Native. He is a veteran of political campaigns at the state and federal level, and uses that experience to impact the public policy conversation in Montgomery. Born and raised in Decatur, Blake is a graduate of Harding University and Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. Blake lives with his wife Holly in Birmingham.</p>	<p>Will be a two-year term; June 1, 2016-May 31, 2018</p>
<p>Lisa Williams</p>	<p>Lisa Williams received her Bachelor of Arts in education and her Master of Arts in education from Harding University in Searcy, AR. Prior to coming to Alabama Lisa served as an academic administrator for eight years with Arkansas Virtual Academy, a K-12 Inc. school. Her background also includes serving as an adjunct supervisor of student teachers at Harding University and serving as a virtual learning teacher of Grades K-8 and an elementary school teacher.</p>	<p>Will be a two-year term; June 1, 2016-May 31, 2018</p>
<p>Ed Richardson</p>	<p>Ed Richardson has over 40 years of experience in public education. Richardson served as Alabama State Superintendent of Education and President of Auburn University. Richardson has a deep knowledge and understanding of charter schools and will be a strong asset to the charter commission. Richardson resides in the 2nd State Board of Education District.</p>	<p>Two Years June 1, 2016-May 31, 2018</p>

NOMINATED BY LT. GOVERNOR KAY IVEY

Melinda McClendon	Melinda McClendon is a graduate of Auburn University and has worked for and with some of the world's largest companies. She was appointed as the first female City Commissioner and was later elected as a Houston County Commissioner. She and her husband Ted have four children and are active in their community. McClendon resides in the 2 nd State Board of Education District.	Two Years June 1, 2016-May 31, 2018
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NOMINATED BY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE HUBBARD

Terri Tomlinson	Terri Tomlinson retired from George Hall Elementary School where she served as Principal. She is a proven educator and innovator in classroom learning, student achievement, and education administration. Under her leadership, George Hall Elementary School was named one of Alabama's Torchbearer Schools and a National Blue Ribbon School. Tomlinson resides in the 1 st State Board of Education District.	Two Years June 1, 2016-May 31, 2018
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NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE DEL MARSH

Chad Fincher	Chad Fincher is a former member of the Alabama House of Representatives. While serving in the Legislature, Fincher was the sponsor or co-sponsor of numerous educational reform bills. Fincher resides in the 1st State Board of Education District.	Two Years June 1, 2016-May 31, 2018
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ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
JUNE 1, 2015

NAME/ADDRESS	APPOINTEE	TERM
Thomas Rains, Co-Vice Chairman A+ Education Partnership P.O. Box 4433 Montgomery, AL 36103	Governor Robert Bentley	Two Years June 1, 2015-May 31, 2017
Sally Smith Alabama Association of School Boards 4240 Lomac Street Montgomery, AL 36106	Governor Robert Bentley	One Year June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016
Edward R. Richardson, Chairman 925 Rocky Hills Drive Auburn, AL 36830	Governor Robert Bentley	One Year June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016
Marvin McDaniel Buttram 203 Somer Bridge Drive Huntsville, AL 35811	Governor Robert Bentley	Two Years June 1, 2015-May 31, 2017
Melinda Sconyers McClendon 3204 Foxridge Road Dothan, AL 36303	Lt. Governor Kay Ivey	One Year June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016
Agnes M. Tomlinson 8255 Taddish Drive North Mobile, AL 36695	Speaker of the House Mike Hubbard	One Year June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016
Gloria Batts, Co-Vice Chairman P. O. Box 5454 Huntsville, AL 35814	Speaker of the House Mike Hubbard	Two Years June 1, 2015-May 31, 2017
Alma Freeman 1218 Meriwether Road Montgomery, AL 36117	Speaker of the House Mike Hubbard	Two Years June 1, 2015-May 31, 2017
Chad Fincher 333 Brawood Drive Mobile, AL 36608	President Pro Tempore of the Senate Del Marsh	One Year June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016
Henry Edward Nelson 4833 Clairmont Avenue Birmingham, AL 35222	President Pro Tempore of the Senate Del Marsh	Two Years June 1, 2015-May 31, 2017

1 (2) Upon receiving notice of approval of the tenth
2 start-up public charter school to be approved in a fiscal
3 year, the department shall provide notice to all authorizers
4 that the cap has been reached and no new start-up public
5 charter schools may be approved in that fiscal year.

6 (3) The cap expires on April 1 immediately following
7 the conclusion of the fifth fiscal year after the effective
8 date of this act.

9 (4) At the conclusion of the fifth fiscal year, the
10 department shall submit a report to the Legislature outlining
11 the performance of both start-up and conversion public charter
12 schools. This report shall include, at a minimum, academic
13 performance of all public charter schools in the state, a
14 detailed update on the authorizing process, and
15 recommendations for adjustments to public charter school
16 governance and oversight.

17 (5) There is no limit on the number of conversion
18 public charter schools that may be approved.

19 → (c) The Alabama Public Charter School Commission.

20 (1) The commission is established as an independent
21 state entity.

22 (2) The mission of the commission is to authorize
23 high quality public charter schools, in accordance with the
24 powers expressly conferred on the commission in this act.

1 (3) The commission shall be composed of a total of
2 11 members. The State Board of Education shall appoint 10
3 members, made up of four appointees recommended by the
4 Governor, one appointee recommended by the Lieutenant
5 Governor, two appointees recommended by the President Pro
6 Tempore of the Senate, and three appointees recommended by the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Governor, the
8 Lieutenant Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
9 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each
10 recommend a list of no fewer than two nominees for each
11 appointment to the commission. One recommended appointee of
12 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one recommended
13 appointee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
14 be an appointee recommended by members of the Senate minority
15 party and members of the House minority party, respectively.
16 No commission member can be appointed unless he or she has
17 been recommended by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 (4) The eleventh member of the commission shall be a
21 rotating position based on the local school system where the
22 application was denied. This member appointed to the rotating
23 position shall be appointed by the local school system where
24 the applicant is seeking to open a public charter school. The
25 local school system shall appoint a member to the rotating

1 position through board action specifically to consider that
2 application.

3 (5) The appointing authorities of the commission
4 members shall strive to select individuals that collectively
5 possess strong experience and expertise in public and
6 nonprofit governance, strategic planning, management and
7 finance, public school leadership, assessment, curriculum and
8 instruction, and public education law. Each member of the
9 commission shall have demonstrated understanding of and
10 commitment to charter schooling as a tool for strengthening
11 public education and shall sign an agreement to hear the
12 appeal and review documents in a fair and impartial manner.

13 (6) Membership of the commission shall be inclusive
14 and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and
15 economic diversity of the state. The appointing authority
16 shall consider the eight State Board of Education districts in
17 determining the geographical diversity of the commission.

18 (7) The initial appointments to the commission shall
19 be made no later than June 1, 2015. Two recommended appointees
20 of the Governor, one recommended appointee of the Lieutenant
21 Governor, one recommended appointee of the Speaker of the
22 House of Representatives, and one recommended appointee of the
23 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve and initial
24 term of one year and two recommended appointees of the
25 Governor, two recommended appointees of the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives, and one recommended appointee of the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve an initial
3 term of two years. Thereafter, all appointees shall serve two-
4 year terms of office. All appointments shall be eligible for
5 reappointment as determined by the appointing authority, not
6 to exceed a total of six years of service, unless the member
7 was initially appointed to serve a one-year term of office. If
8 the initial term of office of an appointee was one year, he or
9 she may serve a total of five years of service on the
10 commission.

11 (8) A member of the commission may be removed for
12 failure to perform the duties of the appointment. Whenever a
13 vacancy on the commission exists, the appointing authority,
14 within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, shall appoint a
15 member for the remaining portion of the term in the same
16 manner as the original appointment was made. A member of the
17 commission shall abstain from any vote that involves a local
18 school system of which he or she is an employee or which he or
19 she oversees as a member of a local school board. The
20 requirement to abstain does not apply to the rotating position
21 on the commission.

22 (9) Six members of the commission constitute a
23 quorum, and a quorum shall be necessary to transact business.
24 Actions of the commission shall be by a majority vote of the
25 commission. The commission, in all respects, shall comply with