ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
JUNE 1, 2016

**NOMINATED BY GOVERNOR**

**THOMAS RAINS** — Thomas Rains is Vice President of Operations and Policy of A+ Education Partnership, where he promotes education policies and programs focused on ensuring that all students graduate from high school ready for college and careers. Rains is a former teacher and holds a Master of Public Administration from Columbia University. Rains resides in the 5th State Board of Education District.

**LISA WILLIAMS** — 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. Williams resides in the 5th State Board of Education District.

**ED RICHARDSON** — 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.

**MAC BUTRAM** — Mac Buttram serves as an Associate Pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. While serving as an elected official in the Alabama House of Representatives, Buttram sat on both the Education Ways and Means Committee and the Education Policy Committee. Buttram currently serves on the Alabama Workforce Council and holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Buttram resides in the 8th State Board of Education District.

**NOMINATED BY LT. GOVERNOR**

**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 2nd State Board of Education District.

**NOMINATED BY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

**TERRI TOMLINSON** — Terri Tomlinson retired from George Hall Elementary School where she served as Principal. Tomlinson is a proven educator and innovator in classroom and school administration. Under her leadership George Hall Elementary School became one of Alabama’s Torchbearer Schools. Tomlinson resides in the 1st State Board of Education District.

**GLORIA BATTS** — Gloria Batts is Executive Director of Village of Promise, an after-school program for underserved students in the Huntsville area. Batts has been active in the Black Alliance for Educational Options as a parent leader and has been active in educational issues in her community. Her professional career over 35 years has been in the areas of human resources, social services, and as a business owner. Batts resides in the 8th State Board of Education District.

**ALMA FREEMAN** — Alma Freeman is a retired Professor and Dean of Alabama State University. Freeman served as Interim President of Trenholm Technical College in 2001. She currently serves on the Board of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Freeman resides in the 5th State Board of Education District.

**NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE**

**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.

**HENRY NELSON** — Henry Nelson received his Ed.D. in Education Policy from Vanderbilt University. A native of Birmingham, Nelson also earned a master’s degree of Theological Studies from Emory University; two masters of business administration degrees in Finance and Management from the University of Alabama—Birmingham and Samford University, respectively; and a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Tuskegee University. Nelson has been published in scholarly journals regarding educational reform. Nelson resides in the 4th State Board of Education District.