



**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,  
APPROVING THE RENEWAL  
APPLICATION OF EMERALD ACADEMY  
TO CONTINUE TO BE A CHARTER SCHOOL  
WITH OVERSIGHT BY THE  
KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-001**

**PREPARED BY:  
KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:**

  
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**DIRECTOR OF LAW**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Jan. 9, 2025*

**Date**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education is charged with governing the Knox County school system so that all students receive the best educational opportunities in order to graduate prepared to enter a postsecondary institution or the workforce; and T.C.A. § 49-2-203(a)(2) provides that the Tennessee Legislature bestows the power to the Board of Education to manage and control public schools under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education recognizes that Emerald Academy and Emerald Charter Schools have filed a renewal application to continue to operate a public charter school with oversight by the Knox County Board of Education;

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education appointed a Charter Review Committee

to review the renewal application of Emerald Academy and Emerald Charter Schools and the Committee recommended approval of the renewal application pursuant to the parameters provided in state law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee districts are required to comply with the provisions of the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act, including but not limited to T.C.A. § 49-13-108;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Knox County Board of Education approves the public charter school renewal application filed by Emerald Academy and Emerald Charter Schools.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be delivered directly to Mr. Steve Diggs, as the representative of the applicant Emerald Academy/Emerald Charter Schools, the public welfare requiring it.

Confirmed as an action of the Board:



Betsy Henderson, Chair  
Knox County Board of Education

Date: 1/9/2025