

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

On January 29, 2026, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia made and entered the following order:

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West Virginia Professional Charter School Board,
Randy Smith, President of the West Virginia Senate,
Roger Hanshaw, Speaker of the West Virginia House
Of Delegates, Patrick Morrissey, Governor of West
Virginia, Eastern Panhandle Preparatory Academy,
Workforce Initiative West Virginia, West Virginia
Academy, and Clarksburg Classical Academy,
Petitioners

v.) No. 25-851 (Kanawha County No. CC-20-2021-P-340)

Sam Brunett, Robert McCloud, and Jaclyn Sanchez,
Respondents

ORDER

On December 18, 2025, the petitioners West Virginia Professional Charter School Board, Randy Smith, President of the West Virginia Senate, Roger Hanshaw, Speaker of the West Virginia House Of Delegates, Patrick Morrissey, Governor of West Virginia, Eastern Panhandle Preparatory Academy, Workforce Initiative West Virginia, West Virginia Academy, and Clarksburg Classical Academy, by counsel Dallas F. Kratzer, III, Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, and Michael R. Williams, Solicitor General, filed a notice of appeal, together with a motion to stay, for the reasons stated.

On December 29, 2025, the respondents Sam Burnett, Robert McCloud, and Jaclyn Sanchez, by counsel Jeffrey G. Blaydes, Blaydes Law, PLLC, Bren J. Pomponio, and Lydia C. Milnes, Mountain State Justice, Inc., and Joshua E. Weishart, filed a response to the motion to stay.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of the opinion to and does grant the petitioners' motion to stay. Justice Wooton would refuse the motion to stay. It is ORDERED that all proceedings below are stayed pending resolution of this appeal.

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Attest: /s/C. Casey Forbes
Clerk of Court

