

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
July 14, 2020**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, remotely via Zoom. Panel Chair Dr. Ivy Pfeffer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Chair Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Phillip Baldwin, Dr. Angela Kremers, Greg Rogers, Dr. Naccaman Williams, Toyce Newton

The transcription of this meeting may be accessed on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website at the following:

<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/about-ade/charter-authorizing-panel/minutes/archive/2020>

Dr. Pfeffer introduced the Panel members and provided the audience with logistical instructions pertinent to the Zoom meeting proceedings.

Consent Agenda

CAP Minutes from May 19, 2020

Dr. Kremers moved, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Agenda

Dr. Pfeffer provided directions for the proceedings. She also swore in the school leadership and explained the public voting procedures.

**A-1 Consideration of District Conversion Charter School Amendment Request:
Fayetteville Virtual Academy, Fayetteville**

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Megan Slocum presented an overview of the Fayetteville Virtual Academy amendment request to increase the grade levels served to K-3 and to increase the enrollment cap from 500 to 5,000.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the applicant's amendment request. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-2 Consideration for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment Request:
Arkansas Virtual Academy**

Superintendent Amy Johnson and Assistant Superintendent Kristin Allen presented via Zoom an overview of the Arkansas Virtual Academy amendment request to increase enrollment cap from 3,000 to 4,000.

A question and answer period followed.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Dr. Kremers, to approve the applicant's amendment request. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-3 Consideration for District Conversion Charter School Amendment Request:
Don Tyson School of Innovation, Springdale**

General Counsel Kendra Clay, presented an overview of the **Don Tyson School of Innovation** amendment request to increase enrollment cap from 2,000 to 8,000.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the applicant's amendment request. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-4 Consideration for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment Request:
Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy, Bentonville**

Superintendent Steven Gast, Director of Classical Education Swan Provenza and Director of Innovation and Expansion Dr. Dennis Felton presented an amendment request to add a new campus in Rogers, Arkansas, for the 2022-2023 school year and to increase the enrollment cap from 1,500 to 2,500.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Dr. Kremers, to approve the applicant's amendment request. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote.

**A-5 Consideration of District Conversion Charter School Amendment
Request: Cabot Academic Center for Excellence, Cabot**

Superintendent Dr. Tony Thurman and Cabot School District representative Aaron Randolph presented an overview of the Cabot Academic Center for Excellence amendment request to change enrollment cap from 500 to 1000 and to request waivers pertaining to Class Size and Teaching Load DESE Rules Governing Special Needs Funding.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Kremers moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the applicant's

amendment request. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 18 and 19, 2020.

Adjournment

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair