

**Minutes  
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting  
February 18, 2020**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Auditorium. Panel Chair Dr. Ivy Pfeffer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Dr. Angela Kremers, Toyce Newton, Greg Rogers, Dr. Naccaman Williams (remotely by phone).

Absent: Phillip Baldwin

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 instructions pertinent to the proceedings.

**Consent Agenda**

1. CAP Minutes:
  - a. December 17, 2019
  - b. December 18, 2019

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Dr. Kremers, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action Agenda**

**A-1 2020 Open-Enrollment Charter School Application Approval Request.**

Director of Public Charter Schools Tracy Webb presented the Panel with a request for approval of the updated 2020 Open-Enrollment Charter School Application.

A question and answer period followed.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the revised Open-Enrollment Charter School Application. Motion carried unanimously.

## **A-2 2020 District Conversion Charter School Application Approval Request.**

Director of Public Charter Schools Tracy Webb presented the Panel with a request for approval of the updated 2020 District Conversation Charter School Application.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Kremers moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the District Conversion Charter School Application. Motion carried unanimously.

## **A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: Haas Hall Academy, Bentonville**

Staff Attorney Mary Claire Hyatt advised the Panel that Haas Hall Academy asked that their amendment request be pulled from the agenda.

## **A-4 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Charter Amendment: Hot Springs Junior Academy, Hot Springs**

Charter Schools Office Program Advisor Kelly McLaughlin introduced the Hot Springs Junior Academy team and provided the audience with instructions pertinent to the proceedings.

Assistant Superintendent Taryn Echols, of the Hot Springs Junior Academy presented an overview of the request for a charter amendment for a relocation of the existing campus, a change in grade levels served from grades 7-8 to grades 7-9 and a waiver to pair oral communication with civics.

A question and answer period followed. The waiver to pair oral communication and civics was rescinded.

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the charter application renewal request pertaining to the relocation and reconfiguration. Motion carried unanimously.

## **A-5 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Charter Amendment: Hot Springs World Class High School, Hot Springs**

Assistant Superintendent Taryn Echols, of Hot Springs World Class High School presented an overview of the request for a charter amendment for a grade level reconfiguration from grades 9-12 to grades 10-12.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Rogers moved, seconded by Dr. Kremers, to approve the charter application amendment request. Motion carried unanimously.

A question and answer period followed pertaining to Hot Springs Junior Academy.

Dr. Kremers moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the Hot Springs Junior Academy amendment request for an enrollment cap increase from 600 to 800. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Pfeffer requested the Charter Schools Office to prepare an overview report for District Conversion Charter Schools as a platform of discussions for future meetings.

Next meeting scheduled for March 17, 2020.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

*Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott*

  
Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair