

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
December 17, 2019**

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Present: Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Phillip Baldwin, Dr. Angela Kremers, Greg Rogers (absent from Agenda Item A-1), Mike Wilson (absent from Agenda Items A-3 and A-4).

Absent: Toyce Newton, Dr. Naccaman Williams

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

Consent Agenda

1. CAP Minutes – November 19, 2019
2. Proposed 2020 Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting Schedule

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

Charter School Office Program Advisor Kelly McLaughlin provided the directions for the proceedings.

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Application: Siloam Springs High School, Siloam Springs**

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District 63 State Representative Stu Smith and District 19 State Senator James Sturgis spoke on behalf of the applicant.

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Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the request for a charter application renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-6 Hearing for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Renewal Application:
Academic Plus Charter Schools, Maumelle**

Maumelle Mayor Caleb Norris, State Senator Mark Johnson and State Representative Mark Lowery spoke on behalf of the applicant.

Chief Executive Officer Rob McGill of Academics Plus Charter, Inc., Principal Jeremy Brown, Principal Kimberly Willis, and Principal Paula Newton presented an overview of the request for a thirteen (13) year charter application renewal.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Rogers moved, seconded by Dr. Kremers, to approve the request for a charter application renewal for ten (10) years. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote.

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair