

Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
December 18, 2019

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, December 18, 2019, in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Auditorium. Panel Chair Dr. Ivy Pfeffer called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Present: Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Phillip Baldwin, Dr. Angela Kremers, Greg Rogers, Dr. Naccaman Williams, Mike Wilson.

Absent: 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/2019>

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

Action Agenda

**A-1 Hearing for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Renewal Application:
Arkansas Virtual Academy**

Head of School Amy Johnson of Arkansas Virtual Academy, presented an overview of the request for a five (5) year charter application renewal.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, to approve the request for a charter application renewal with modifications to include flexibility within and not an increase in the enrollment cap. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-2 Hearing of Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Renewal Application:
Capital City Lighthouse, North Little Rock**

Principal Rosanna Mhlanga, Assistant Principal of Instruction John Osborn, presented an overview of the request for a three- (3-) year charter application renewal.

Dr. Williams moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to allow for public comments.

A question and answer period followed.

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

A-3 Review Hearing of Open-Enrollment Public Charter School: Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School, Pine Bluff

Staff Attorney Mary Claire Hyatt provided the directions for the proceedings. She also explained the public voting procedures to the Panel and the audience.

Superintendent and Principal Jeremy Cegers presented an overview of the school's current status.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, to revoke the charter immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

A-4 Review Hearing for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School: Pine Bluff Lighthouse, Pine Bluff

Executive Director Lenisha Roberts of Lighthouse Academies, Inc., Regional Academic Director Amanda Crowder, Chief Academic Officer and Sarah Gallagher presented an overview of the status of the school.

A question and answer period followed.

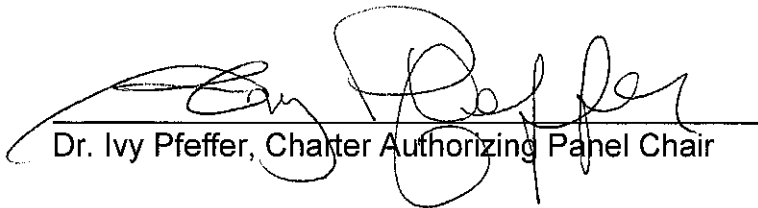
Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to accept the School Review. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for January 14, 2020.

Adjournment

Mr. Rogers moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair