

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
November 19, 2019**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Auditorium. Panel Chair Dr. Ivy Pfeffer called the meeting to order at 8:30 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:

Consent Agenda

1. CAP Minutes – October 15, 2019

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the CAP minutes from October 15, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Action Agenda

**A-1 Hearing for District Conversion Public Charter School Amendment
Request: Bauxite Miner Academy, Bauxite**

Director of Curriculum Leann Pinkerton and Superintendent Matt Donaghy of the Bauxite Miner Academy presented an overview of the amendment request for a waiver of Standards for Accreditation Section 4-D.1 Teacher Licensure.

A question and answer period followed.

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

**A-2 Hearing of District Conversion Public Charter School Amendment
Request: Fayetteville Virtual Academy, Fayetteville**

Associate Superintendent for Support Services Dr. Megan Slocum presented an overview of the amendment request for a waiver of Act 641 Code 6-16-102 School Day Instructional Time and Standards for Accreditation Section 1-A.5.2 Planned Instructional Day.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the amendment request for a waiver of Code 6-16-102(a)(5). Motion carried unanimously.

**A-3 Hearing of District Conversion Public Charter School Application Request:
Mountainburg Middle School Brain Academy, Mountainburg**

State Representative Bruce Coleman, State Representative Lee Johnson and Mountainburg Mayor Susan Wilson spoke in support of the application request.

Superintendent Dr. Debbie Atwell and Principal Amanda Howard presented an overview of the application request to open a District-Conversion Public Charter School to serve students in grades 5-8 with a maximum enrollment of 400.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, to approve the application request. Motion carried unanimously.

A-4 Review of Open-Enrollment Public Charter Schools

Director of Public Charter Schools Tracy Webb presented an overview of the Student achievement, enrollment and waiver data for each open-enrollment public charter school.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the Review and request an appearance for full review of both Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School and Pine Bluff Lighthouse Elementary and a Standards for Accreditation Update for Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock at the December 18, 2019 CAP meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for December 17-18, 2019.

Adjournment

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Kremers, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair