

**Minutes**  
**Charter Authorizing Panel**  
**February 25, 2019**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Monday, February 25, 2019, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Present: Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Phillip Baldwin, Dr. Angela Kremers, Dr. Toyce Newton, Greg Rogers, Mike Wilson

Absent: Dr. Naccaman Williams

The transcription of this meeting may be accessed on the Arkansas Department of Education website at the following:

<http://www.arkansased.gov/about-ade/charter-authorizing-panel/minutes/archive/2019>

Dr. Pfeffer provided the audience with instructions pertinent to the proceedings.

**Consent Agenda**

Item included in the Consent Agenda:

1. CAP Minutes - January 15, 2019

It was moved by Dr. Kremers., seconded by Ms. Newton and carried unanimously to approve the CAP minutes from January 15, 2019.

2. 2019 Proposed Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting Calendar

**Action Agenda**

**A-1 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: Capital City Lighthouse Charter School, North Little Rock**

Lenisha Roberts, Superintendent, presented the panel with the request for amendment to the current charter to be revised from K-12 to K-8.

A question and answer period followed

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the request for an amendment.

**A-2 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock, Little Rock**

Tina Long, Superintendent, presented the request for an amendment to the charter for a waiver on Principal licensure.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the request for an amendment.

**A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: Future School of Fort Smith, Fort Smith**

Boyd Logan, Superintendent, presented the request for an amendment of the Charter for a waiver for an earlier start date.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Dr. Kremers, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the request.

**A-4 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: LISA Academy, Little Rock**

Luanne Baroni, Assistant Superintendent, LISA Academy, presented the request for approval to amend their charter to receive the transfer of the Ozark Montessori Charter, increase the enrollment cap to an additional 600, waivers and a renaming of the school. Barbara Padgett, Superintendent of Ozark Montessori Charter School requested a voluntary transfer/ surrender of the charter to LISA Academy.

Kendra Clay, Legal Analyst Springdale Public School District provided public comments.

Dr. Fatih Bogrek, Superintendent LISA Academy, provided additional comments.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the amendment request. A discussion period followed. Ms. Newton rescinded her motion and Mr. Wilson, subsequently rescinded his second.

It was moved by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the amendment request but with an enrollment cap increase of only 300.

Break 11:45 AM

**A-5 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: Little Rock Preparatory Academy, Little Rock**

Donna Broyles, Interim Superintendent and Tripp Walter of APSRC, presented the panel with an amendment request for a waiver on the minimum teacher salary and website posting.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the request.

**A-6 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School, Pine Bluff**

Alexander Noguerola, Superintendent/ Principal presented the request for an amendment to their charter to add waivers for Uniform School Dates, Guidance Counselor, Library Media Specialist and School Board meeting requirements for remote attendance.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the request.

**A-7 Request for District Conversion Charter School Amendment: Fayetteville Virtual Academy, Fayetteville**

Dr. Megan Slocum, Assistant Superintendent, presented the amendment request for an update on the Superintendent and Principal of record and a change in the grade configuration from K-12 to 4-12.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Kremers, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the request.

**A-8 Request for District Conversion Charter School Amendment: Polk County Virtual Academy**

Benny Weston, Superintendent and Jeanie Smith, Director of Polk County Virtual Academy, presented the request for an amendment for a waiver on Principal licensure.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the amendment request.

**A-9 Request for Charter School Amendments: Class Size and Teaching Load Rules**

Reginald Ballard, presented the amendment requests to the panel.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Kremers, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the amendment request.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:49 PM.

*Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott*

  
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Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair