

**Minutes  
Charter Authorizing Panel  
January 15, 2019**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

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

**Chair's Report**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Item included in the Consent Agenda:

1. CAP Minutes - December 18, 2018
2. CAP Minutes – December 19, 2018

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Williams and carried on a vote unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Action Agenda**

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

**A-1 2019 Open-Enrollment Charter School Application**

Reginald Ballard, Director of the Public Charter Schools Office presented an overview of the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application timeline and process.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried on a vote unanimously to approve.

**A-2 2019 District Conversion Charter School Application**

Reginald Ballard, Director of Public Charter Schools Office, presented an overview of the District Conversion Public Charter School Application Timeline and process.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried by a vote unanimously to approve.

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

**A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Renewal: Covenant Keepers Charter School, Little Rock**

Joe Harris, COO and National Executive Director of the Friendship Education Foundation, presented their position and decision to not renew the application.

Dr. Valerie Tatum, Founder City of Fire CDC, presented their position to not renew.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Kremers, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the voluntary non-renewal request of both Friendship Aspire Foundation and the City of Fire CDC.

**A-4 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: eStem Public Charter Schools, Little Rock**

John Bacon, Superintendent, presented the request for an amendment to the charter.

A question and answer period followed.

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

**A-5 Request Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School, Pine Bluff (Withdrawn)**

**A-6 Review Hearing: Capital City Lighthouse Academy, North Little Rock**

Lenisha Roberts, Executive Director Lighthouse Academies of Arkansas and Sarah Shannon, Principal, presented the overview on behalf of the school.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried on a unanimous vote to accept the report.

**A-7 Review Hearing: Blytheville New Tech High School, Blytheville**

Bobby Ashley, Superintendent, presented the overview status report and an amendment request to revise the charter goals.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried on a unanimous vote to accept the status report.

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

## Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

*Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott*



Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair