

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
August 16, 2018**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Thursday, August 16, 2018, in the auditorium of the Arkansas Department of Education. Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

Present: Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, chair; Dr. Mike Hernandez; Dr. Jeremy Owoh; Dr. Angela Kremers; Dr. Naccaman Williams; Mike Wilson

Absent: Toyce Newton

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/2018>

Dr. Pfeffer introduced the members of the Panel and welcomed all in attendance.

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

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 Hearing of Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: The Seven Arts Lyceum, Searcy, AR

Dr. Jeff Kreh, Cofounder and President of Likewise College, presented the application request to serve students from grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 700 to begin in the 2019-2020 school year.

Dr. Boyd and Staff Attorney Hyatt provided an overview of remaining concerns with the application.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Owoh, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried on a 4-to-1 vote to deny the application request.

A-2 Hearing of Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Sims-Fayola International Academy of Pine Bluff, AR

Dedrick Sims, CEO, presented the application request to serve students from grades 5-8 with a maximum enrollment of 200 to begin in the 2019-2020 school year within the Pine Bluff School District.

Dr. Boyd and Staff Attorney Hyatt provided an overview of remaining concerns with the application.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried on a 3-to-2 vote to deny the application request.

A-3 Hearing of Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Sugarloaf Valley Academy, Hackett, AR

John Harris, Superintendent, presented the application request to serve students from grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 300 to begin in the 2019-2020 school year within the Hackett School District. State Representative Marcus Richmond spoke on behalf of the applicant.

Dr. Boyd and Staff Attorney Hyatt provided an overview of remaining concerns with the application.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson to approve the application request, but the motion died due to a lack of a second. It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Owoh, and carried on a 4-to-1 vote to deny the application request.

Dr. Boyd provided an overview of the proposed agenda for the next Charter Authorizing Panel hearings, upcoming school visits, and charter application renewals.

Adjournment

It was moved by Dr. Owoh, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott


Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair