

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
December 18, 2018**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Dr. Mike Hernandez, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

Present: Dr. Mike Hernandez, Acting Chairperson, Angela Kremers, Toyce Newton, Greg Rogers, Mike Wilson and Dr. Naccaman Williams

Absent: Dr. Ivy Pfeffer

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. Hernandez provided the audience with instructions pertinent to the proceedings.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Kremers, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Item included in the Consent Agenda:

1. CAP Minutes - November 13, 2018

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried unanimously to approve the CAP minutes from November 13, 2018.

2. 2019 Proposed Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting Calendar

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Williams carried unanimously to approve the 2019 Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting Calendar.

Action Agenda

Dr. Alexandra Boyd provided the Panel with directions for the proceedings. She also explained the public voting procedures to the Panel and the audience.

A-1 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Renewal: Covenant Keepers Charter School, Little Rock

Scott Smith and Tripp Walter, APSRC, and Mary Claire-Hyatt, ADE Legal, discussed outstanding unresolved issues. A discussion period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried on a unanimous vote to move the item to the end of the Agenda.

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

Tina Long, Superintendent, presented the request for renewal of the charter.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the request for a three (3) year renewal.

A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Renewal: Pine Bluff Lighthouse Academy, Pine Bluff

Lenisha Roberts, Superintendent, presented the request for renewal of the Open-Enrollment Charter.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and failed on a 2-3 vote to approve the request for three (3) years.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, but failed to get a second to approve the request for 1 year.

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

A-4 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Renewal: School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech), Little Rock

Katie Hatley, School Leader, presented the request for renewal of the Charter.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Newton, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the seven (7) year request.

A-5 Request for Charter School Amendments: Standards For Accreditation

Dr. Alexandra Boyd presented the request for an ADE Charter School Amendment concerning a transition and waivers from the previous Standards For Accreditation to the current ADE Standards For Accreditation for eStem Charter and KIPP Delta Public School.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Newton, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the amendment request.

A-6 Request for Charter School Amendment: Class Size and Teaching Load Rules

Alexandra Boyd presented the Amendment Request for a waiver for Standards For Accreditation on Class Size and Teaching Load Rules for KIPP Delta Public Schools.

A question and answer period followed.

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

A-7 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: KIPP Delta Public Schools

Scott Shirey, Superintendent, presented the amendment request to close the school in Forrest City and move the student population to Helena..

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.

A-1 (Reconvened) Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Renewal: Covenant Keepers Charter School, Little Rock

Joe Harris, National Executive Director Friendship Aspire Foundation, Dr. Alexandra Boyd, Mary Claire-Hyatt, of ADE and Scott Smith, APSRC, led a discussion on the status of the request.

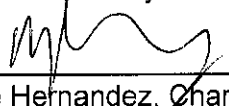
A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried on a unanimous vote to table the hearing on the request until January 15, 2019.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Kremers, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Dr. Mike Hernandez, Charter Authorizing Panel Acting Chair