

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

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, October 18, 2018, in the auditorium of the Arkansas Department of Education. Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

Present: Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, chair; Dr. Mike Hernandez; Greg Rogers, Dr. Angela Kremers; Toyce Newton, 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/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.

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Hernandez and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Item included in the Consent Agenda:

1. CAP Minutes - September 19, 2018

**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 Request for Charter School Amendments: Standards for Accreditation**

Dr. Alexandra Boyd, Public School Accountability, presented a request for approval of the transition in waivers from the previous Standards for Accreditation on behalf of several charter schools since the current Standards for Accreditation became effective on July 1, 2018. The following charter schools have requested approval:

- a. **District Conversion Charter Schools:** Badger Academy, Bauxite Miner Academy, Blytheville High School - A New Tech School, Cave City High School, Farmington Career Academies, Fayetteville Virtual, Fountain Lake Charter High, Fountain Lake Middle School Cobra Digital Prep Academy, Gentry High School Conversion Charter, Harrisburg

College and Career Preparatory School, Harrison High School, North Little Rock Center of Excellence, Osceola STEM Academy, Prairie Grove High School, River Valley Virtual Academy, Rogers New Tech High School, Siloam Springs High School, Southside Charter High School, Warren High School, Warren Middle and Washington Academy.

A question and answer period followed.

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

- b. **Open-Enrollment Charter Schools:** Academics Plus, Arkansas Arts Academy, Arkansas Connections Academy, Arkansas Virtual Academy, Capital City Lighthouse, Covenant Keepers Charter School, eSTEM Public Charter School, Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock, Friendship Academy of Little Rock, Friendship Academy of Pine Bluff, Future School of Fort Smith, Haas Hall Academy, Haas Hall Academy of Bentonville, Imboden Area Charter School, Jacksonville Lighthouse, KIPP Delta Public Schools, LISA Academy, Little Rock Preparatory Academy, Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy, Ozark Montessori Academy, Pine Bluff Lighthouse, Premier High School of Little Rock, Quest Academy of West Little Rock, ScholarMade Achievement Place, SIA tech, Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School, The Excel Center

Tripp Walter, Staff Attorney Arkansas Public School Resource Center, presented the interests of some Open-Enrollment charters regarding Health and Safety waivers.

A question and answer period followed.

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

### **A-2 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: The Excel Center**

Tomiko Davis, School Director and Principal, presented the school's request for amendments to the charter.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Newton, and carried on a unanimous vote to approve the request, but table the request related to a waiver of the section 4-D.2 of the Standards for Accreditation until the November meeting.

### **A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: KIPP Delta Public Schools**

Scott Shirey, Superintendent, presented the school's request for amendments to the charter.

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-4 Request for Open-Enrollment Charter School Amendment: Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy**

Steven Gast, ResponsiveEd Solutions Arkansas Superintendent, presented the school's request for amendments.

A question and answer period followed.

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

**A-5 Application for District Conversion Charter School: Hope Collegiate and Professional Academy, Hope, AR**

State Representative Danny Watson spoke on behalf of the applicant.

Dr. Bobby Hart, Superintendent, presented the school's request for a charter school.

A question and answer period followed.

Superintendent Hart requested to withdraw the charter school application.

**Panel Discussion**

Chair Pfeffer opened the meeting for discussion on the next meeting.

Panel Members requested a work session to be held the morning of the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Kremers, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

*Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott*

  
Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair

