

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
December 20, 2017**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, in the auditorium of the Department of Environmental Quality building. Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Present: Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, chair; Dr. Mike Hernandez; Toyce Newton; Dr. Jeremy Owoh; Kathi Turner; Dr. Naccaman Williams; Mike Wilson

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/2017>

Reports

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

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

Panel members Turner, Dr. Owoh, and Dr. Hernandez presented findings from individual prior school visits.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Owoh and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Items included in the Consent Agenda: CAP Minutes- November 15, 2017.

Action Agenda

Staff Attorney Jennifer Davis 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 District Conversion Public Charter School Renewal: Blytheville High School - A New Tech School, Blytheville

Sally Cooke, Curriculum Director and School Improvement Specialist, and Robin Sneed, School Director, presented the Panel with the charter's three-year renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried unanimously to approve the three-year charter renewal request with the provision that the charter return at a later date with revised goals.

A-2 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Renewal: Miner Academy, Bauxite

Matt Donaghey, Superintendent, Joshua Harris, Principal, and Leann Pinkerton, Director of Academic Affairs, presented the Panel with the charter's five-year renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Turner, and carried unanimously to approve the charter's five-year renewal request.

A-3 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Renewal: Rogers New Technology High School, Rogers

Dr. Lance Arbuckle, Principal, presented the Panel with the charter's five-year renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Williams, and carried unanimously to approve the charter's five-year renewal request.

A-4 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Renewal: Washington Academy, Texarkana

Terry Taylor, Principal, presented the Panel with the charter's five-year renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried unanimously to approve the charter's five-year renewal request.

Adjournment

It was moved by Dr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Owoh, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair