

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
May 17, 2017**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, in the auditorium of the Department of Education building. Deborah Coffman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Present: Deborah Coffman, chair Dr. Mark Gotcher, Vice Chair (Action Items 2-5), Stacy Smith; Bobby Lester; Dr. Ivy Pfeffer; Greg Rogers;

Absent: Annette Barnes; Dr. Eric Saunders; Lisa Haley

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/2016>

Reports

Ms. Coffman welcomed the members of the Panel and the audience.

Ms. Coffman provided the audience with instructions pertinent to the proceedings. There were no reports provided.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Gotcher and seconded by Dr. Pfeffer and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Items included in the Consent Agenda: Minutes- April 19, 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 Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock

Ms. Christina Long, Superintendent, presented the Panel with the Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Pfeffer, seconded by Dr. Gotcher, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request.

A-2 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Little Rock Preparatory Academy

Ms. Christina Long, Superintendent, presented the Panel with the Little Rock Preparatory Academy amendment request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Gotcher, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request.

A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Arkansas Virtual Academy

Dr. Scott Sides, Superintendent, presented the Panel with the Arkansas Virtual Academy amendment request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Gotcher, seconded by Dr. Pfeffer, and carried with a unanimous vote to approve the amendment request.

Report

2. Charter Office Proposal to Develop and Implement Annual Reporting

Director Alexandra Boyd presented a proposal to provide a comprehensive Annual Reporting system for charters.

Discussion followed.

Adjournment

It was moved by Dr. Gotcher, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair