

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
July 19, 2017**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, in the auditorium of the Department of Education building. Deborah Coffman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A. M.

Present: Deborah Coffman, chair, Stacy Smith; Dr. Ivy Pfeffer; Greg Rogers; Dr. Eric Saunders

Absent: Lisa Haley, Bobby Lester

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.

Ms. Alexandra Boyd provided a Charter Schools Unit Report on the 10 active applications petitioning for open-enrollment charters. Ms. Boyd requested an additional date be added to the August Charter Authorizing Panel hearings. It was agreed to add Tuesday, August 15, 2017, per Dr. Pfeffer's recommendation.

Consent Agenda

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

Items included in the Consent Agenda: Minutes- May 17, 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: KIPP Delta Public Schools

Mr. Scott Shirey, Executive Director, presented the Panel with the KIPP Delta Public Schools request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request to expand enrollment of the Blytheville campus from 810 to 1100 allowing for further expansion to K-3 and an overall increase of the KIPP Delta Public Schools enrollment cap to 2600. Additionally, the approval stipulated that KIPP Delta must notify the Blytheville School District and the Charter Office by March 31st as to how the expansion will occur for the following school year.

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

Mr. Brian Marsh, Interim President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, withdrew the charter school's amendment request and presented the Panel with a status update of The Excel Center.

Adjournment

It was moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Dr. Pfeffer, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott


Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair