

**Minutes  
Charter Authorizing Panel  
December 21, 2017**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Thursday, December 21, 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; Kathi Turner; Dr. Naccaman Williams; Mike Wilson.

Absent: Toyce Newton; Dr. Jeremy Owoh

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>

Mr. Michael Lowery, ADEQ Administrative Services Maintenance Technician, provided the attendees with a safety and logistics overview of the facility.

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

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

**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 Renewal: Arkansas Arts Academy, Rogers**

Mary Ley, Superintendent, presented the Panel with the charter's ten-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 ten-year charter renewal request.

**A-2 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Renewal: Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy, Bentonville**

Steven Gast, Superintendent, Susan Provenza, Principal, presented the Panel with charter's ten-year renewal, which included a request for an enrollment cap increase from 685 to 1200.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Hernandez, and carried unanimously to approve the charter's ten-year renewal request, including the enrollment cap increase from 685 to 1200.

**A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Renewal: Premier High School of Little Rock, Little Rock**

Steven Gast, Superintendent, and Dennis Felton, Principal, presented the Panel with the charter's five-year renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

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

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

*Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott*

  
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Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair