

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
January 18, 2017**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, January 18, 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; Dr. Mark Gotcher, Vice Chair; Stacy Smith; Bobby Lester; Greg Rogers; Dr. Eric Saunders; Annette Barnes, Ivy Pfeffer, 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 including the newest member Lisa Haley and the audience.

Ms. Coffman provided the audience with instructions pertinent to the proceedings.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Coffman guided the members through a review of the Consent Agenda. Revisions to the minutes were recommended to reflect the term of the approved Charter Public School contracts.

Items on the Consent Agenda included: Minutes December 13-15, 2016.

Action Agenda

A-1 2017 Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application

A draft of the revised 2017 Open Enrollment Public Charter School Application was reviewed.
Presenter: Freddie Scott

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Ms. Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the application with revisions.

A-2 2017 District Conversion Public Charter School Application

A draft of the revised 2017 District Conversion Public Charter School Application was reviewed.
Presenter: Alexandra Boyd

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Dr. Gotcher, and carried unanimously to approve the application with revisions.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. Gotcher, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair