

**Minutes  
Charter Authorizing Panel  
August 17, 2016**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 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; Jennifer Liwo; Ivy Pfeffer; Greg Rogers; Dr. Eric Saunders

Absent: Annette Barnes

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**

**Report-1 Chair's Report**

Ms. Coffman welcomed the members of the Panel and the audience. She introduced the Panel members and then recognized state legislators in attendance.

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

Items included in the Consent Agenda: Minutes – May 18, 2016.

**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 Application: Classical Academy of Fayetteville, Fayetteville or Farmington, Arkansas**

School leader, Dr. Mary Ann Duncan presented the Panel with Classical Academy of Fayetteville, Fayetteville OR Farmington, Arkansas application request for an open-enrollment charter school.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Gotcher, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, and carried with a 5-to-1 vote to deny the tabling this application until the September meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Ms. Liwo, and carried unanimously to deny the application.

**A-2 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Lockesburg STEM Academy, Lockesburg, Arkansas**

No representatives were in attendance to present the Panel with the application request for the Lockesburg STEM Academy.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried unanimously to deny the application.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

*Minutes recorded by Kelly McLaughlin*

  
Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair