

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
December 14, 2016**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, December 14, 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; Greg Rogers; Dr. Eric Saunders; Annette Barnes

Absent: Lisa Haley; Ivy Pfeffer

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.

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 District Conversion Public Charter School Renewal: Lincoln High School

Superintendent Mary Ann Spears presented the Panel with the Lincoln High School renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Gotcher, seconded by Dr. Saunders, and carried unanimously to approve the request for a five (5) year renewal term.

A-2 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Renewal: Osceola STEM Academy

Principal Christel Smith presented the Panel with the Osceola STEM Academy renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Dr. Saunders, and carried unanimously to approve the application for a three (3) year renewal term.

A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Renewal: Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School

Regional Vice President Lenisha Broadway presented the Panel with the Jacksonville Lighthouse renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.


It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Barnes, and carried unanimously to approve the application request for a five (5) year renewal term.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair