

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
December 15, 2016**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Thursday, December 15, 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 Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Renewal: Little Rock Preparatory Academy

Superintendent Christina Long presented the Panel with the Little Rock Preparatory Academy renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

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

A-2 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Renewal: LISA Academy

Superintendent Atnan Ekin presented the Panel with the LISA Academy renewal request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Dr. Gotcher, and carried by a 4-to-2 vote to approve the application request for a thirteen (13) year renewal term.

A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Ozark Montessori Academy

Superintendent Dr. Christine Solano presented the Panel with the Ozark Montessori Academy amendment request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Ms. Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Freddie Scott



Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair