

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
October 19, 2016**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, October 19, 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.

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 – August 19, 2016 and Panel Meeting Dates.

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 Amendment: Haas Hall, Fayetteville

Superintendent Dr. Martin Schoppmeyer presented the Panel with the charter's request.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. Gotcher, and carried with a vote of 6-to-1 to approve the request.

A-2 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: KIPP Delta, Helena-West Helena

Superintendent Scott Shirey presented the Panel with the charter's request.

A question and answer period followed.

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

A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Arkansas Arts Academy, Rogers

Superintendent Mary Ley presented the Panel with the charter's 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.

A-4 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Cross County High School, Cherry Valley

Principal Stephen Prince presented the Panel with the charter's request.

A question and answer period followed.

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

A-5 Request for Adult Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: The Excel Center, Little Rock

School Leader Dr. Stacy Hunter Swartz presented the Panel with The Excel Center application.

A question and answer period followed.

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kelly McLaughlin


Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair