

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
October 20, 2016**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Thursday, October 20, 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.

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 Application: River Valley Virtual Academy, Van Buren

Superintendent Dr. Harold Jeffcoat presented the Panel with the River Valley Virtual Academy application request for a district conversion charter school.

Representative Gary Deffenbaugh addressed the Panel.

A question and answer period followed.

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

A-2 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Application: Harrisburg College and Career Preparatory School

Superintendent Danny Sample presented the Panel with the Harrisburg College and Career Preparatory School application request for a district conversion charter school.

Representative Dwight Tosh addressed the Panel.

A question and answer period followed.

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

A-3 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Application: Harrison High School

Superintendent Dr. Melinda Moss presented the Panel with the Harrison High School application request for a district conversion charter school.

A question and answer period followed.

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kelly McLaughlin


Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair