

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
October 21, 2016**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Friday, October 21, 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: Hot Springs Junior Academy

Superintendent Dr. Mike Hernandez presented the Panel with the Hot Springs Junior Academy application request for a district conversion charter school.

A question and answer period followed.

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

A-2 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Application: North Little Rock Center of Excellence

Superintendent Mr. Kelly Rodgers presented the Panel with the North Little Rock Center of Excellence request for a district conversion charter school. Senator Jane English and Representative Mark Lowery of District 39 addressed the Panel.

A question and answer period followed.

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

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

Superintendent Dr. Allen Williams presented the Panel with the Prairie Grove High School request for a district conversion charter school.

A question and answer period followed.

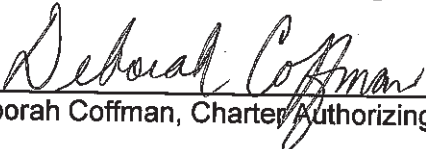
It was moved by Dr. Gotcher, seconded by Dr. Saunders, and carried unanimously to approve the application.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Kelly McLaughlin


Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair