

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, in the auditorium of the Department of Education building. Mike Hernandez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Vice Chair, Dr. Debbie Jones; Ivy Pfeffer; Cody Decker; Annette Barnes; Deb Coffman; and Dr. Eric Saunders

Absent: None

The transcription of this meeting may be accessed on the Arkansas Department of Education website at the following:

<http://www.arkansased.org/about-ade/charter-authorizing-panel/minutes/archive/2014>

Reports

Report-1 Chair's Report

Mike Hernandez welcomed the members of the panel and the audience.

Report-2 Update on the Current Charter Application Cycles

Mary Perry discussed the current status of the charter application cycles.

Consent Agenda

C-1 Minutes – May 14, 2014

It was moved by Ms. Coffman, seconded by Ms. Barnes and carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

Action Agenda

A-1 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Amendment: Cloverdale Aerospace Technology Conversion Charter Middle School, Little Rock School District

Dr. Whitehorn, Associate Superintendent at Little Rock School District, discussed the request to amend the current charter by eliminating the current "test prep" period.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Coffman and carried unanimously to deny the request.

A-2 Consideration of the 2013-2014 Report on the Status of the Public Charter Schools Program to the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education

Ms. Perry presented the report.

It was moved by Mr. Decker, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, and carried unanimously to approve the report.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Saunders, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Sky Bledsoe.