

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
Friday, March 21, 2014**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Friday, March 21, 2014, in the auditorium of the Department of Education building. Commissioner of Education Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Chair; Dr. Megan Witonski, Vice Chair; Deborah Coffman; Mike Hernandez; John Hoy, and Dr. Karen Walters

Absent: Cody Decker

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>

Action Agenda

Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendments: Arkansas Virtual Academy (ARVA)

Dr. Scott Sides discussed the waivers being requested.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment requests.

Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendments: Benton County School of the Arts

Dr. Paul Hines discussed the waiver and name change being requested.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Witonski, seconded by Mr. Hoy, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment requests.

Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy

Mr. Chris Baumann discussed the waiver being requested for Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy, Premier High School of Little Rock, and Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request for Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy.

Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Premier High School of Little Rock

It was moved by Dr. Witonski, seconded by Mr. Hoy, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request for Premier High School of Little Rock.

Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff

It was moved by Dr. Witonski, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request for Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff.

Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Quest Middle School of West Little Rock

Mr. Chris Baumann discussed the request to change the location of Quest Middle School of West Little Rock.

Mr. Jeff Hathaway, Mr. Jim Saxton, Mr. Dave Freiwald, Mr. Seth Roth, Mr. Chris Heller, and Ms. Vada Reynolds spoke in opposition to the amendment.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Hoy, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary Perry.