

Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
May 17, 2022

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Deborah Coffman, Karli Saracini, Dr. Eric Flowers, Toyce Newton (virtual), Phil Baldwin (virtual), Kim Davis (virtual).

The transcription of this meeting may be accessed on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website at the following: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/about/archived-minutesvideo>

II. Consent Agenda

Ms. Saracini moved to approve the CAP minutes from April 19, 2022. Seconded by Dr. Flowers. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Action Agenda

III.1. Consideration of Charter Amendments

III.1.a. Consideration of Friendship Aspire Amendment Request

Presenter: Dorie Summons, Public Charter School Director

Description: The Charter is requesting to:

- Merge Friendship Aspire Pine Bluff, Friendship Aspire Little Rock, and Friendship Aspire Southeast Pine Bluff.
- Change grade levels served from grade ten - to grade twelve to grade five to grade twelve.
- Increase the enrollment cap for Southeast Pine Bluff from twenty-five (25) student to seventy-five (75) students.

Dr. Phong Tran (Superintendent), Joe Harris (CEO), and Virginia Perry (Deputy Superintendent) represented Friendship Aspire Academies. Friendship Aspire is requesting the consolidation in order to streamline operations. Friendship Aspire is requesting grade/configuration changes in order to progress back to 5-12 at the Southeast campus. Friendship Aspire is requesting an increase in enrollment cap to reflect progression toward total enrollment cap.

Ms. Newton moved to approve amendments as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Saracini. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Saracini moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Flowers. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Ms. Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair