

Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
September 14, 2021

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Deborah Coffman, Dr. Naccaman Williams (Zoom), Mr. Phil Baldwin (Zoom), Sonja Wright-McMurry, Dr. Eric Flowers

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

Mr. Baldwin moved to approve the CAP minutes from August 17 and 18, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Wright-McMurry. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Action Agenda

III.1. Consideration of Charter Amendments for Digital learning Plans

III.1.a. Consideration of Charter Amendment for Digital Learning Program – Premier high School Springdale.

Premier High School Springdale submitted a Digital Learning Program that will follow asynchronous and synchronous instruction through virtual delivery. School instructors will be utilizing an LMS to monitor student activity and engagement in grades 9-12. The charter expires June 2026.

Ms. Wright-McMurray moved to approve the amendment for three (3) years. Dr. Flowers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III.1.b. Consideration of Charter Amendment for Digital Learning Program – Academies at Rivercrest High School

The Academies at Rivercrest high School submitted a Digital Learning Program application that follows asynchronous and synchronous instruction through virtual delivery. The school serves grades 9-12. The charter expires June 2026.

Dr. Williams moved to approve the amendment for three years. Mr. Baldwin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Wright-McMurray moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Williams. Motion carried unanimously.



Ms. Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair