

Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
June 13, 2023

I. Call to Order

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on June 13, 2023. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Present: Ms. Deborah Coffman, Dr. Sonya Wright-McMurray, Mr. Kim Davis (virtual), Mr. Phil Baldwin (virtual), Toyce Newton (virtual)

The transcription of this meeting may be accessed on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website at the following:

<https://udese.ade.arkansas.gov/about/larchived-minutesvideo>

II. Consent Agenda

11.1. Minutes

Presenter: Dorie Summons, Public School Charter Director

Dr. Wright-McMurray made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2023 Charter Authorizing Panel meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baldwin. The motion was carried unanimously.

III. Action Agenda

111.1. Consideration of Amendment Request for Premier High School of Arkansas

Presenter: Dorie Summons, Public School Charter Director

Description: District is requesting to increase the Charter (Premier High Schools of Arkansas) enrollment cap to 950. The district's enrollment cap is currently 875.

NOTE: Mr. Felton adjusted the request to 975 at the start of his presentation to the Charter Authorizing Panel.

Mr. Felton explained why the enrollment cap needs to be increased and how the cap will be divided among each campus. The Little Rock campus will decrease its enrollment cap by 75. The Fort Smith campus will decrease its enrollment cap by 125. Texarkana will increase its enrollment cap to 50. Premier Online will increase its enrollment cap to 250.

Dr. Wright-McMurray asked how the Charter decided to ask for 975. Mr. Felton stated that it was developed after researching historical trends among other

IV. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Wright-McMurray and it was seconded by Ms. Newton. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:53AM.

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Charter Authorizing Panel Chair

Addendum: Deborah Coffman was the former Chairperson of the Charter Authorizing Panel. Her attendance was reflected in the minutes for June 2023. Dr. Matthew Sutherlin was appointed Chairperson in July 2023. His signature reflects the consent of the Panel for the meeting above.