

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
May 18, 2016**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, in the auditorium of the Department of Education building. Deborah Coffman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Deborah Coffman, Chair; Dr. Mark Gotcher, Vice Chair; Annette Barnes; Bobby Lester; Jennifer Liwo; Ivy Pfeffer; Greg Rogers; Dr. Eric Saunders

Absent: Stacy Smith

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

<http://www.arkansased.gov/about-ade/charter-authorizing-panel/minutes/archive/2016>

Reports

Report-1 Chair's Report

Ms. Coffman welcomed the members of the Panel and the audience. She introduced the Panel members and then recognized state legislators in attendance.

Senator Jim Hendren and Representative Jim Dotson addressed the Panel.

Ms. Coffman provided the audience with instructions pertinent to the proceedings.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Dr. Saunders, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Items included in the Consent Agenda: Minutes – April 20, 2016.

Action Agenda

Staff Attorney Jennifer Davis provided the Panel with directions for the proceedings. She also explained the public voting procedures to the Panel and the audience.

A-5 Request for District Conversion Charter School Amendments: Springdale School of Innovation

Associate Superintendent, Dr. Megan Witonski, presented the Panel with Springdale School of Innovation's request for amendment to the charter.

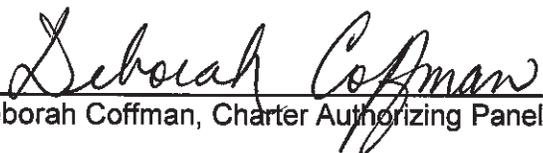
A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Ms. Barnes, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment of the charter.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kelly McLaughlin

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Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair