

**Minutes  
Charter Authorizing Panel  
Thursday, December 5, 2013**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Thursday, December 5, 2013, in the auditorium of the Department of Education building. Dr. Megan Witonski, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Dr. Tom Kimbrell

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/2013>

**Action Agenda**

Dr. Witonski explained the purpose of the meeting and the procedures to be followed during the meeting.

**A-1 Consideration of Request to Resubmit an Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Capitol City Lighthouse Charter School, North Little Rock, Arkansas**

Michael Ronan, Founder and CEO of Lighthouse Academies, explained the request to resubmit the open-enrollment charter application for the Capitol City Lighthouse Charter School.

Superintendent Kelly Rodgers and others from the North Little Rock School District spoke against the resubmission of the charter application.

Questions and answers followed.

It was moved by Dr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried unanimously to deny the resubmission of the Capitol City Lighthouse Charter School application.

**A-2 Consideration of Request to Resubmit an Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Redfield Tri-County Charter School, Redfield, Arkansas**

Amanda Kight explained the request to resubmit the open-enrollment charter application for the Redfield Tri-County Charter School.

Questions and answers followed.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Hoy, and carried by a 3-2 vote to deny the resubmission of the Redfield Tri-County Charter School application.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Mary Perry.*