

**Minutes  
Charter Authorizing Panel  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in the auditorium of the Department of Education building. Commissioner of Education Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Present: Deborah Coffman; Cody Decker; Mike Hernandez; John Hoy; and Dr. Karen Walters

Absent: Dr. Megan Witonski

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<http://www.arkansased.org/about-ade/charter-authorizing-panel/minutes/archive/2014>

**Action Agenda**

**A-1 Hearing for Open-Enrollment Charter School-School for Integrated Academies and Technologies Little Rock (SIATech)**

Ms. Mary Perry introduced the item and provided background information leading up to a standards review of SIATech on April 2, 2014.

Mr. Johnie Walters discussed the standards review that occurred on April 2, 2014 and the report that followed.

Dr. Linda Dawson, Ms. Lori Belzman, Ms. Tami Hocker, Ms. Kris Mallory, Ms. Beverly Gilbert, Ms. Debra Reynolds and Ms. Katie Tatum presented on behalf of SIATech.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Mr. Hoy, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried unanimously to take no action.

**A-2 Consideration of 2014 District Conversion Public Charter School Application**

Ms. Mary Perry discussed the charter application documents.

It was moved by Ms. Coffman, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried unanimously to approve the application.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Dr. Walters, seconded by Ms. Coffman, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

*Minutes recorded by Sky Bledsoe.*