

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel
Thursday, October 15, 2015**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Wednesday, October 15, 2015, 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. Debbie Jones, Vice Chair; Annette Barnes; Dr. Mark Gotcher; Bobby Lester; Jennifer Liwo; Ivy Pfeffer; Greg Rogers; and Dr. Eric Saunders

Absent: none

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<http://www.arkansased.org/about-ade/charter-authorizing-panel/minutes/archive/2015>

Action Agenda

Ms. Coffman welcomed the members of the Panel and the audience. She provided the audience with instructions pertinent to the proceedings.

General Counsel Kendra Clay provided the Panel with directions for the proceedings. She also explained the public voting procedures to the Panel and the audience.

A-1 Hearing of Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Scott Charter School, Scott, Arkansas

This request was withdrawn prior to the hearing.

A-2 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy

Christopher Stevens, Campus Director of Quest Middle School West Little Rock, presented the Panel with Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy's request for an amendment to the current charter.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, and carried unanimously to deny the amendment request.

A-3 Request for Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Quest Middle School of West Little Rock

Christopher Stevens, Campus Director, presented the Panel with Quest Middle School of West Little Rock's request for amendments to the current charter.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Stevens withdrew the request regarding Advanced Placement courses.

It was moved by Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Barnes, and carried unanimously to approve a name change to become effective July 1, 2016.

A-4 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Amendment: Bauxite Miner Academy

Tyler Tarver, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs, presented the Panel with Bauxite Miner Academy's request for an amendment to the current charter.

A question and answer period followed.

It was moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Dr. Gotcher, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request.

A-5 Request for District Conversion Public Charter School Amendment: Rogers New Technology High School

Dr. Lance Arbuckle, Principal, presented the Panel with Rogers New Technology High School's request for an amendment to the current charter.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Arbuckle withdrew the request regarding class size and teaching load.

It was moved by Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, and carried unanimously to approve the amendment request to increase the enrollment cap.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Alexandra Boyd.