

Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
August 16, 2022

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Deborah Coffman, Karli Saracini, Mark Zellner, Toyce Newton (virtual), Phil Baldwin, Kim Davis, Dr. Sonya Wright-McMurray

The transcription of this meeting may be accessed on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website at the following: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/about/archived-minutesvideo>

II. Consent Agenda

Mr. Zellner moved to approve the CAP minutes from July 19, 2022. Ms. Newton seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Action Agenda

III.1. Hearing for Omni Classical Prep of Cabot

Presenter: Dorie Summons, DESE Charter Director

Description: Omni Classical Prep of Cabot has submitted an application for an Open Enrollment Charter School.

Speaking on behalf of Omni Classical Prep of Cabot is Melissa Bosch and Monica Ramirez, the applicant delivered a presentation outlining their vision and plan for opening the charter.

Robert Holloway provided commentary in opposition to the charter applicant.

Mariah Cobb provided public comment in support of the charter.

Whitney James, DESE Staff Attorney, provided legal review and waiver review.

Motion was made, by Mr. Baldwin, to defer the application. Seconded by Mr. Zellner. Motion fails 2-4.

Motion made by Mr. Davis to deny application. Second by Ms. Saricini. Motion passes 4-2

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Saricini moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Wright-McMurray. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Ms. Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair