Charter Authorizing Panel Voting Sheet
Newman Virtual Academy
October 16, 2024

Motion: Denied

Panel Member	Vote		Reason/Comment
Phil Baldwin	☑	For	I vote to approve the motion to deny the application. I see a future for the applicant to bring a virtual charter school program to Arkansas but believe a reconsideration of the approach and plan will be beneficial to the applicants opportunity for success and most importantly the successful education of the children of Arkansas.
	☐	Against	
	☐	Abstain	
Dr. Sonja Wright-McMurray	☑	For	I support the motion to not approve Newman Virtual Academy. Although they presented a good model for virutal education, I still have some concerns with students' ability to gain a full CTE experience without access to the "drop in" centers. I would encourage the applicant to reapply in the future.
	☐	Against	
	☐	Abstain	
Toyce Newton	☐	For	
	☐	Against	
	☑	Abstain	
Freddie Scott	☑	For	I support the motion to not approve the request to open the virtual open enrollment charter with an initial launch SY 2025-2026 beginning with Grades 6-12 because of the lack of confidence in Newman's capacity to produce expected results with such a broad target and existing virtual charters. I would encourage the organization to revise their proposal to a more tailored and targeted approach.
	☐	Against	
	☐	Abstain	
Dr. Tina Moore	☑	For	I support the motion to NOT approve the Newman Virtual Academy request for an open enrollment virtual charter. While the application and presentation included strong aspects to target needs of Arkansas students, it failed to address some critical areas at this time. I encourage the group to work with the ADE DESE Charter staff and potentially APSRC to strengthen their plan and reapply next cycle.
	☐	Against	
	☐	Abstain	
Kim Davis	☑	For	I voted to approve the motion to decline the application due to the current limited inexperience in the fully remote virtual model by the appliant, Newman. Although there is a strong partner in the virtual space, additional time will provide the opportunity to work through perceived implementation challenges.
	☐	Against	
	☐	Abstain	
Dr. Matthew Sutherlin	☐	For	
	☐	Against	
	☐	Abstain	