

**Minutes  
State Board Special Meeting  
April 14, 2025**

Present via Zoom: Dr. Sarah Moore, Chair; Kathy Rollins, Vice-Chair; Gary Arnold; Ken Bragg; Lisa Hunter; Leigh Keener; Adrienne Woods; Jacob Olivia, ADE Secretary.

Absent: Randy Henderson; Jeff Wood; Beau McCastlain, 2024 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met Thursday, April 14, 2025.  
Dr. Sarah Moore called the meeting to order at 3:16 PM.

**Action Agenda**

**II.1. Request by Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy to Voluntarily Transfer Charter to Exalt Academy**

Item II.1. was presented by Dr. Darrell Smith, Assistant Commissioner - School Choice and Parent Empowerment and Mr. Daniel Shults, ADE Litigation Attorney. Also present via Zoom was Ms. Tina Long, Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer, Exalt Academy.

The Charter Authorizing Panel held a special meeting on April 14, 2025, and considered the request from the Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy to voluntarily transfer charter to Exalt Academy.

The State Board requested Dr. Smith to update the State Board on the transfer.

A motion not to review the decision of the Charter Authorizing Panel was made by Ms. Adrienne Woods, seconded by Ms. Lisa Hunter. The motion unanimously passed.

**Public Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

Dr. Sarah Moore, Chair, adjourned the State Board meeting at 3:47 PM.

*Minutes recorded by Angela Scaife.*

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**Jacob Oliva, Secretary**  
**Arkansas Department of Education**

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**Dr. Sarah Moore, Chair**  
**State Board of Education**