

**Minutes**  
**Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting**  
**April 19, 2022**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Deborah Coffman, Mr. Kim Davis, Dr. Sonja Wright-McMurray, Ms. Karli Saracini, Dr. Eric Flowers

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**

*Dr. Wright McMurray moved to approve the CAP minutes from February 15, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Saracini. Motion carried unanimously.*

**III. Action Agenda**

**III.1. Consideration of Charter Amendments**

**III.1.a. Founders Classical Academy Charter Amendment (Charter Expiration: June 30, 2028)**

Founders Classical Academy is requesting to add a new virtual building Founders Classical Virtual Academy with statewide enrollment, and to increase the enrollment cap of the charter from 2500 to 3000. Susan Provenza spoke on behalf of Responsive Ed in favor of the amendments. The new virtual school would serve as its' own LEA separate from the brick-and-mortar schools that already exist under this charter.

*Ms. Saracini moved to approve both amendments as presented. Dr. Wright-McMurray seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

**III.2. Consideration of Charter Amendments**

**III.2.a. Premier High Schools of Arkansas (Charter Expiration: June 30, 2023)**

Premier High Schools of Arkansas is requesting to add a new virtual building Premier High Schools of Arkansas Virtual with statewide enrollment and to increase the charter enrollment cap from 625 to 875. Dennis Felton, Jr., Director of Premier High Schools of Arkansas spoke on behalf of Premier Schools in favor of the amendments. The new virtual school would have its' own LEA separate from the brick-and-mortar schools that currently exist under this charter.

*Dr. Wright-McMurray moved to approve the amendments as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **IV. Adjournment**

*Ms. Saricini moved to adjourn. Dr. Wright-McMurray seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.*

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Ms. Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair