

Minutes Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting June 14, 2022

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Deborah Coffman, Dr. Sonya Wright-Mc Murray, Mark Zellner, Phil Baldwin (virtual), Kim Davis (virtual).

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

Minutes from May 12, 2022

Osceola STEM Academy rescinding charter

Blytheville High School rescinding charter

Mr. Baldwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Wright-McMurray. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Action Agenda

III.1. Consideration of Charter Amendments

III.1.a. III.1. Consideration of Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy Amendment Request

Presenter: Dorie Summons, Public Charter School Director

Description: The Charter is requesting to:

- Change the opening date from August 2022 to August 2023.

Dr. Don Hall stated that due to supply-chain issues the charter was unable to purchase materials to finish with various safety repairs, furniture for classrooms, and technology. This lead the charter to decide that it would be best to delay opening for a year.

Chairman Coffman clarified that the charter would have 9th graders only starting 23-24 with a cap of 200 and then build progressively.

Dr. Hall stated that the cap would progress as follows:

2023-24 200 students

2024-25 400 students

2025-26 600 students

2026-27 800 students

Clarification was given that the expiration of the charter would remain the same, June 30th, 2027.

Dr. Sonja Wright-McMurray moved to approve amendments as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr.Zellner. Motion passed unanimously.

III.1.b. III.1. Consideration of IDEAS Public Schools of Arkansas Amendment Request

Presenter: Dorie Summons, Public Charter School Director

Description: The Charter is requesting to:

- Change the opening date from August 2023 to August 2024.

Mr. Fishman stated that the reason for this request was due to the lack of an Executive Director. He also stated that the Charter had only one of the two sites identified. The Charter felt that they did not have enough time to properly train a hired Executive Director in the the IDEA model to open in 2023.

Chairman Coffman clarified that the one-year delay would shift the start for K, 1, 2, and 6th grade. she clarified that the charter would have a cap of of 1,000 for the first year of K,1,2, and 6.

Mr. Fishman stated that they would launch the grades on two separate campuses.

Chairman Coffman made the clarification that the Charter would need to come back before the Panel once campuses have been secured to determine campuses, buildings, number of principals, and LEA numbers.

Dr. Sonja Wright-McMurray moved to approve amendments as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr.Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Dr. Sonja Wright-McMurray moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr.Zellner. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Ms. Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair