

## Charter Authorization Panel Minutes, August 13, 2024

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Chairman, Dr. Matthew Sutherlin. Members present: Dr. Matthew Sutherlin; Dr. Sonya Wright-McMurray; Mr. Freddie Scott; Mr. Phillip Baldwin; Dr. Tina Moore; Toyce Newton; Kim Davis. The Chair swore in all who planned to speak. There was technical difficulty with those being able to hear on zoom, so the meeting was delayed.
- II. Consent agenda motion by Dr. Tina Moore, seconded by Freddie Scott. Unanimously approved.
- III. Stephen Reynolds, Attorney with ADE Legal, gave procedural review.
- IV. Consideration of Garfield Scholars' Academy's Garfield Scholars' Academy would like to request a waiver for a certified school counselor position to a non-certified position with a degree in the area of emphasis. The person hired will be part time 3 days a week. The 2024-2025 budget for Garfield Scholars Academy does not have the funding for a full time counselor.
- V. Presenter: Melanie Kennon  
Description: The Garfield Scholars' Academy is requesting a waiver of Standards for Accreditation 4-E.1 and 4-E.2 Guidance Counselors and Section 3.01.1.1 of the DESE Rules Governing School Counseling Programs. Dr. Kennon presented the part-time counselor plan, and stated the district has a plan to include local agencies with access to mental as well as physical healthcare to support our students until our current candidate is fully licensed. The district has a certified candidate which is only lacking the praxis for counseling. The counselor would work 3 days a week.
- VI. Chair, Dr. Matthew Sutherlin, asked Stephen Reynolds, legal, how to write the waiver request. Reynolds, stated to amend the request for 4E.1 and 4E.2 to 4 E3 which is for the full time counselor, and for 4E. 1, a certified counselor.
- VII. Ms. Toyce Newton motioned to grant the amended waiver. Dr. Wright McMurray seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Motion to adjourn by Kim Davis seconded by Freddie Scott.

Minutes prepared by Stacy Jones

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Charter Authorizing Panel Chair