

**Minutes**  
**Charter Authoring Panel Meeting**  
**January 18, 2022**

The Charter Authoring Panel met on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Deborah Coffman, Mr. Phil Baldwin (Zoom), Sonja Wright-McMurray, Dr. Eric Flowers (Zoom), Karli Saracini

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. Action Agenda**

**III. December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Charter Authoring Panel Minutes**

*Ms. Karli Saracini motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Eric Flowers seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.*

**IV. Calendar Timeline Changes**

**IV.1** The 2022 Charter Authoring Panel meeting schedule that was approved at the December meeting required revision after the State Board of Education calendar was posted. These changes were made in order to continue the practice of meeting the week following the State Board's monthly meetings.

*Dr. Sonja Wright-McMurray made the motion to approve and Dr. Flowers seconded. Motion passed unanimously*

**V. Charter Amendments**

**V.1** Consideration of an Amendment to Exalt Academy Southwest Little

The district is requesting to increase the student enrollment cap from 540 students to 1080 students. If approved, the increase would be incremental over a five (5) year period:

- 2022-2023 adding 108 students, resulting in a 648 student cap
- 2023-2024 adding 108 students, resulting in a 756 student cap

- 2024-2025 adding 108 students, resulting in a 864 student cap
- 2025-2026 adding 108 students, resulting in a 972 student cap
- 2026-2027 adding 108 students, resulting in a 1,080 student cap

*Dr. Sonja Wright-McMurray motioned to approve the cap increase over a five-year period and Ms. Karli Saracini seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**V.2** Consideration of Cross County High School amendment request to add waivers for statutes 6-17-908 and 6-17-919

*Mr. Philip Baldwin moved to approve the additional waivers and Ms. Karli Saracini seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

**V.3** Consideration of Premier High School of Fort Smith amendment request for the approval of the location of the school scheduled to open in the fall of 2022.

*Ms. Karli Saracini moved to table the amendment until either the next Charter Authorizing Panel meeting or a special meeting and Dr. Wright-McMurray seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **VI. Adjournment**

*Ms. Karli Saracini moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Wright McMurray. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 10:02 AM.*

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**Ms. Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair**

