



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**Jacob Oliva**  
Secretary

June 6, 2023

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Commissioner

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Arkansas Virtual Academy

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
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**State Board of  
Education**

RE: Charter Amendment Request

**Ouida Newton**  
*Poyen*  
Chair

Dear Ms. Johnson

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
*Stuttgart*  
Vice Chair

I received your letter dated June 5, 2023, requesting a waiver of section 4.02.4 of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Rules Governing Public Charter Schools. You requested this waiver so that the Charter Authorizing Panel may hear Arkansas Virtual Academy's request for the amendment of its charter related to seeking to reinstate ARVA's waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2403 during the Panel's June meeting. This additional request is to accompany an already properly filed and noticed request.

**Dr. Fitz Hill**  
*Little Rock*

**Kathy McFetridge**  
*Springdale*

Pursuant to my authority under Section 4.02.6 of the above rules, I grant Arkansas Virtual Academy a waiver of section 4.02.4.

**Steve Sutton**  
*Marion*

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Rogers*

Sincerely,

**Randy Henderson**  
*Blytheville*

**Lisa Hunter**  
*White Hall*

Jacob Oliva  
Commissioner of Education

**Jeff Wood**  
*Little Rock*