

**Minutes
Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting
October 13, 2020**

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Deborah Coffman, Mr. Phil Baldwin, Ms. Sonja Wright-McMurray (Zoom), Dr. Naccaman Williams (Zoom) and Ms. Ann Clemmer (Zoom)

The transcription of this meeting may be accessed on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website at the following: <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/about-ade/charter-authorizing-panel/minutes/archive/2020>

Consent Agenda

Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the CAP minutes from September 15, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Agenda

Mary Claire Hyatt provided directions for the proceedings. Ms. Coffman swore in the school representatives and explained the voting procedures.

A-1 Consideration of District Conversion Charter School Application – Cave City Middle School Career and Collegiate Preparatory

Dr. Cheryl Bell presented an overview of the application for a district-conversion public charter school to serve students in grades 6-8 with a maximum enrollment of 375.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the application request. Motion carried unanimously.

A-2 Consideration of District Conversion Charter School Application – Batesville Charter High School

Dr. Jennifer Douglas presented an overview of the application for a district-conversion public charter school to serve students in grades 9-12 with a maximum enrollment of 2000.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, to approve the application request. Motion carried unanimously.

A-3 Consideration of District Conversion Charter School Application – Academies at Rivercrest High School

Mr. Harry Alvis presented an overview of the application for a district-conversion public charter school to serve students in grades 9-12 with a maximum enrollment of 500.

A question and answer period followed.

Ms. Clemmer moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the application request. Motion carried unanimously.

A-4 Consideration of District Conversion Charter School Application – Vilonia Pathways Academy

Dr. David Stephens and Dr. Cathy Riggins presented an overview of the application for a district-conversion public charter school to serve students in grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 700.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Ms. Wright-McMurray, to approve the application request. Motion carried unanimously.

A-5 Consideration of District Conversion Charter School Application – Driven Virtual Academy

Dr. Charles McNulty, Superintendent, and Ms. Rachel Blackwell presented an overview of the application for a district-conversion public charter school to serve students in grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 900.

A question and answer period followed.

Ms. Wright-McMurray moved, seconded by Ms. Clemmer, to approve the application request. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.