



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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RE: Charter Amendment Request

**State Board of
Education**

Ouida Newton

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Chair

Dear Ms. Johnson

Dr. Sarah Moore

Stuttgart
Vice Chair

I received your letter dated May 9, 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 additional request for the amendment of its charter related to amending its instructional method to include in-person hybrid instruction to groups of its enrolled students during the Panel's May meeting. This additional request is to accompany an already properly filed and noticed request.

Dr. Fitz Hill

Little Rock

Kathy McFetridge

Springdale

Steve Sutton

Marion

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.

Adrienne Woods

Rogers

Randy Henderson

Blytheville

Sincerely,

Lisa Hunter

White Hall

Jacob Oliva
Commissioner of Education

Jeff Wood

Little Rock