

Minutes
Charter Authoring Panel Meeting
December 14, 2021

The Charter Authorizing Panel met on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Panel Chair Deborah Coffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Deborah Coffman, Dr. Naccaman Williams (Zoom), Mr. Phil Baldwin, Sonja Wright-McMurray, Dr. Eric Flowers, 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. Consent Agenda

Mr. Baldwin moved to approve the CAP minutes from October 19, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Saracini. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Action Agenda

IV. Charter Renewals

IV.1. Consideration of Charter Renewal - Cabot ACE

The district is requesting:

- Renewal of the charter for a five (5) year period.
- The campus serves grades 5-12.
- The current enrollment cap is 2,500 students.
- Change the charter name from Academic Center of Excellence (ACE) to Cabot Panther Academy.
- The charter will continue to follow a combination of the Alternative Learning Environment (ALE), Virtual Only and Credit Recovery models.
- A digital learning program (DLP) was included.

Dr. Williams moved to approve the renewal for five (5) years. Dr. Wright-McMurray seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV.2 Consideration of Charter Renewal – Hot Springs Junior High Academy:

The district is requesting:

- Renewal of the charter for a five (5) year period.
- The campus serves grades 7-9.

- The current enrollment cap is 900 students.
- The charter will continue to follow a traditional education model.
- A DLP was not included in the renewal application.

Dr. Wright-McMurray moved to approve the renewal for five (5) years. Ms. Saracini seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV.3. Consideration of Charter Renewal - Cross County Elementary Technology Academy

The district is requesting:

- Renewal of the charter for a five (5) year period.
- The campus serves grades K-6.
- The current enrollment cap is 500 students.
- The charter will continue to follow a traditional education model.
- DLP not included

Mr. Baldwin moved to approve the renewal for five (5) years. Dr. Flowers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Afternoon Session 1:00 p.m.

V.1. Charter Renewals

V.1.a Consideration of Charter Renewal – Lincoln High School

The district is requesting:

- Renewal of the charter for a five (5) year period.
- The campus serves grades 9-12.
- The current enrollment cap is 850 students.
- The charter will continue to follow a combination of the traditional education model with a focus on trade/skill/certification/college/careers.
- DLP included

Dr. Wright-McMurray moved to approve the renewal for five (5) years. Ms. Saracini seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

V.1.b Consideration of Charter Renewal for North Little Rock Center of Excellence

The district is requesting:

- Renewal of the charter for a five (5) year period.
- The campus serves grades 9-12.

- The current enrollment cap is 3,000 students.
- The charter will continue to follow a blending of traditional and digital education models.
- DLP not included

Ms. Saracini moved to approve the renewal for five (5) years. Dr. Wright-McMurray seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Williams moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Wright McMurray. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Ms. Deborah Coffman, Charter Authorizing Panel Chair