

CHARTER AUTHORIZING PANEL
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
Arch Ford Auditorium

Meeting Summary

- I. Dr. Matthew Sutherlin, Coordinator for Standards and Systems Support, Public School Accountability called the meeting to order.
- II. The Panel unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.
 1. Dorie Summons with the Public Charter School Office presented the minutes from October meetings.
- III. The Panel considered the Action Agenda.
 1. The Panel voted to approve the application from the Institute for the Creative Arts to establish an open-enrollment charter school beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year.
 2. The Panel voted to approve the amendment requests from Responsive Ed Arkansas Premier High School of Arkansas to add two new campuses to the charter in the Fayetteville and Russellville communities.

Responsive Ed Arkansas Premier High School of Arkansas rescinded its request to increase the enrollment cap from 975 to 1,225 with the cap in Fayetteville of 175 students and the cap in Russellville of 75 students.
 3. The Panel considered the application from the Mountainburg Public School District to convert Mountainburg High School to a charter serving students in grades 9-12 with a career and technical focus.

The Panel voted to require Mountainburg Public School District to provide more details about charter operations at the Panel's December meeting.
 4. The Panel voted to approve the application from the Newport School District to convert Newport High School to The Academies at Newport High School. The school will serve students in grades 8-12 and will follow a traditional, college prep, career and technical, with a virtual option educational model.

The Panel voted to adjourn the meeting.