

# OKLAHOMA BOARD OF PRIVATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

**SUBJECT:** COMBINED CA-099 & POSTING AGENDA  
**DATE:** September 23, 2026 **TIME:** 1:00 PM  
**PLACE** 3700 N. CLASSEN BLVD., STE. 101 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor shared Conf. Room)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73118  
405/528-3370

1. Introduction of Public attendees/visitors. A Public attendee is anyone other than an OBPVS Board member, OBPVS agency staff, or a representative of a State agency or other entity.
2. **Introduction of New Board Member Dr. Jonathon (“Jon”) Daniels.** Dr. Daniels fills the School-Member position previously held by Teresa Knox. Dr. Knox serves as the Campus President of Tulsa Welding School. Since his Appointment by Governor Stitt Dr. Daniels completed defense of his Doctoral Dissertation, to earn his Ed.D. on 8/20/2026. The Board and Staff will introduce themselves and provide their OBPVS roles, and Dr. Daniels is invited to share a little about himself.
3. Formal **Roll Call** to determine quorum, and call to order.
4. **Comments** – Comments are limited to 2-minutes per Public attendee.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA NO. 099** – Discussion and possible action regarding Minutes, financial, or activity reports to be transmitted electronically to Board members **by 4:00 PM on 9/22/2026.** Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine matters for the OBPVS and its Board and may be discussed and acted upon collectively through one motion. Items may also be acted upon individually. Each Board member retains the right to remove an item from the Consent Agenda to facilitate the item’s discussion or being acted upon in a separate motion(s).
  - a. **Minutes** DRAFT for the June 17, 2026 Board meeting. Please refer to **EXHIBIT 4.a.**
  - b. **Fee Collection Report - 3-Months Combined FYE-2026 Fee Collection Reports for April through June, 2026** (April and May carried forward from the June 17, 2026 Board Meeting). Plus, the first **FY-2027** Report combining the **July and August 2026 FEES. EXHIBIT 5.b.i., and 5.b.ii.**
  - c. **Disbursement of Funds for the 3-Months June to August 2026, with EXHIBITS 5.c.i. to 5.c.viii., as follows:**
    - i. Operating Budget Comparison by Dept. & Account Report **for August 2026 with FY-2027 Year-To-Date Amounts**
    - ii. **August 2026** 6-Digit Expenditure Detail Report
    - iii. **August 2026** 6-Digit Object of Expenditure
    - iv. **July 2026** 6-Digit Expenditure Detail Report
    - v. **July 2026** 6-Digit Object of Expenditure.
    - vi. Operating Budget Comparison by Dept. & Account Report **for June 2026 with FY-2027 Year-End Amounts**
    - vii. **June 2026** 6-Digit Expenditure Detail Report
    - viii. **June 2026** 6-Digit Object of Expenditure

d. **Director's Report** since **June 17, 2026. Exhibit 5.d.**

e. **Multiple Month Abbreviated Staff Actions Report** through 8/31/2026. **Exhibit 5.e.**

6. Director overview, discussion, and Board action or other input to the bi-annual **OBPVS Strategic Plan** due 10/1/10026. The Master PowerPoint® document was distributed to all Board members electronically on 9/15/2026. The Director will bring to the 9/23/2026 Board meeting all input provided by any Board members not able to attend the 9/23/2026 Meeting. Several previous Strategic Plans emphasized Agency financial survival and/or the limited amount of efforts that the prior 2-member Staff could realistically accomplish. Board input is being solicited to develop a more standard Plan that will be meaningful for the OBPVS. Ultimately, the Plan needs to contain multi-year Key Performance Indicators to use to assess the Agency's progress toward Goal success, and for Public accountability. As an illustration, **EXHIBIT 6** provides the last Strategic .ppt sections (other than the financial history, past strategic goals and Key Performance Indicators).
7. Board review, discussion, and determination if a proposed School Owner's prior Felony Conviction about nineteen (19) years ago would bar the Applicant from serving as a School Official or Instructor. A prior pleading, conviction, or a plea of nolo contendere must be reported by Applicant or School Owners, key School Officials, Instructors, and Solicitors, then updated annually during relicensing. Some years back the Board delegated to the Director those felony reviews and determinations not involving sexual misconduct or "money" Felonies. This Agenda Item brings the first "money" category review to the Board since the delegation action. **EXHIBIT 7.**

The **next (03) Agenda items** (Items 8 to 10), each deal with a Request for a statutory OBPVS Schol Licensing Exemption submitted by an entity asserting the applicability of the "religious" Exemption.

Specifically, **Title 70 O.S. §21-101.1(4)(c)** states:

**The term "private school" shall not include the following which are exempt from licensing by the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools:**

3. Parochial, private or other nonpublic schools offering programs of general education accredited or approved by the State Board of Education, the State Board of Career and Technology Education or the State Regents for Higher Education;

**4. Education or training, as approved by the Board, provided and paid for by:**

- a. an employer for its own employees,
- b. a professional organization, as approved by the Board, for its members,

**c. a parochial, denominational, eleemosynary school or institution, which is sectarian in nature and uniquely useful for and intrinsic to the propagation of a faith or the pursuit of the mission of the school or institution as approved by the Board, or**

- d. an entity supported by taxation of a local or state source.

Common elements of the several Religious-based License Exemption Requests is that a Student must execute a "Statement of Faith," and for several Programs the only "textbook" is the *Holy Bible*, often with a specific version identified. **[NAH.]**

8. Introduction, discussion, and possible action to approve, deny or pend an Exemption Request received from **Charis Bible College Oklahoma (“Charis”)** that operates under the legal name **“Andrew Wommack Ministries” (“AWI”)** headquartered in Colorado. An original “religious” Exemption request was received in 2022, for which the OBPVS questions about the Request were never answered, even upon a 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Request. In October 2024, following a change of personnel at **AWI**, a Paralegal for **AWI** reached out to re-activate the Exemption Request. **In June and July of 2026, the Exemption Request was updated**, and the then-current List of Courses, Student Handbook (a/k/a Catalog), Statement of Faith, and Student Standard of Conduct were provided to the OBPVS. The Director observed one (01) Degree Program that might not be eligible for the OSRHE-automatic religious Exemption. The question was transmitted to Ms. Walker of the OSRHE on 9/22/2026. Other than that “Business” Program nothing on the **Charis** or **AWI** websites, or within the provided materials, indicates that the OBPVS statutory exemption standards are not already met. **EXHIBIT 8.**
9. Introduction, discussion, and possible action to approve, deny or pend an Exemption Request received from the **Reformation Bible College of Florida** that was forwarded by **Ms. Walker** at the **OK. State Regents for Higher Ed. (“OSRHE”)** in May 2026. On 7/31/2026 the formal request for a “religious” Exemption was received by the OBPVS. The Director observed nothing in the Reformation Bible College’s various materials or website that indicates that the statutory exemption standards are not already met. **EXHIBIT 9.**
10. Introduction, discussion, and possible action to approve, deny or pend an Exemption Request received on 8/21/2026 from the **Kenneth Copeland Ministries’** to move its non-Degree training d under a newly organized sister-entity named **the Kenneth Copeland Bible Training Center (KCBTC)**. Both are based in **Texas**. The latter already received approval to operate from the **Texas Workforce Commission**. The proposed fully online Program of biblical and ministry training would neither grant any sort of College-eligible credit, nor any level of a Degree. The Director observed nothing in the documents or shared information submitted by **KCBTC** that indicates that the statutory exemption standards are not already met. The Website for **KCBTC** is currently under development. **EXHIBIT 10.**

**Similar to the last three (03) items above, the next two (02) Agenda items (#11 and #12) each deal with the same “religious” statutory OBPVS School Licensing Exemption. For both, the Director already issued an Exemption approval.**

The OBPVS Board is requested to act by ratifying the Director’s determinations on the following two (02) delegated “routine” Exemption determinations delegated to the Director.

**The difference in the two (02) sets of Exemption Requests is that the determinations made by the Director had Request-specific circumstances for which waiting for the Board to meet in September posed harm to the prospective Students, or a State/Federal Funding agency.**

11. Introduction, discussion, and action to **ratify** a “religious”-based statutory OBPVS Licensing Exemption Request determined by the Director on 9/1/2026. The original **Pursuit College** Exemption inquiry was received by the OBPVS on 7/9/2026 after forwarding by **Ms. Walker** at the **OSRHE**. **Pursuit College** is located in **Kirkland, WA**. The OBPVS transmitted information as to “how to apply” for a Statutory Exemption on 8/1/2026. The thorough response was received

by the OBPVS on 8/5/2026 in anticipation of the Request being able to be presented at the Board's same-day Board Meeting. **Pursuit** received a request, described as unsolicited, from an Oklahoma resident wishing to enroll for the term to begin on 9/7/2026 in the non-Degree, online, "**Certificate of Christian Ministry**" Program. Awaiting an OBPVS Exemption determination, **Pursuit** left its 8/31/2026 Admissions cut-off open for the Oklahoma resident to potentially start the Term on a timely basis. The Director observed nothing on **Pursuit College's** website, or in the provided materials that indicates that the statutory exemption standards are not already met. Further, immediately on 9/1/2026, Pursuit confirmed in writing its placement of the phrase, "Only the online Certificate of Christian Ministry (C.C.M.) is currently available to Oklahoma residents," on its Website. The disclosure permitted **Pursuit College** the opportunity to delay applying for the **OSRHE's** own religion-based Exemption for Degree-granting Institutions. **EXHIBIT 11.**

12. Introduction, discussion, and action to ratify a "religious"-based statutory OBPVS Licensing Exemption Request determined by the Director on 9/21/2026 and transmitted to the Requestor on 9/22/2026. The original request was received from the **State Approving Agency** ("SAA") of the **Oklahoma Department of Veteran's Affairs** on 9/14/2026 and contained the then-current Catalog for **Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City**. **HBBC previously applied to the SAA seeking Approval for Non-Degree Funding use by Oklahoma Veterans at HBBC.** Promptly on 9/15/2026, **HBBC's** Admissions Director and Registrar Jason Spivey submitted a group of 2-page slicks describing each of the Departments at **HBBC**, as well as the formal Request for Exemption. On 9/17 and 9/20/2026, the Director and Mr. Spivey met by telephone to address the few questions the Director raised. Admirably, one question was fully and satisfactorily resolved in about an hour after the 9/17/2026 telephone meeting. Mr. Spivey and his colleagues agreed to make several changes to its materials to make certain that no confusion arouse over **HBBC's** ongoing approvals, and the mission of its Educational Department being tied to in-Church or Christian Schools. Each of the necessary minor changes was detailed in the Director's Exemption Approval Letter. **EXHIBIT 12.**

13. Refer to **EXHIBIT 13.** Discussion and action to approve, deny, or pend a Request for an OBPVS Exemption by **J Witt [Jennifer] Photography LLC of Durant, OK.** Ms. Witt self-located the avocational, hobby, or personal wellness classes Statutory Exemption in **Title 70 O.S. §21-101.1(5)** that states:

**The term "private school" shall not include the following which are exempt from licensing by the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools:**

**5. Education or training, as approved by the Board, which offers instruction solely in the field of an avocation, hobby, recreation or entertainment, as approved by the Board.**

14. **AAO** research update, discussion, and possible action to begin to implement "**sustaining**" (**multi-year**) **relicensing/licensure** for independently Accredited OBPVS-licensed Schools as enabled by **SB 211** enacted in 2021. **EXHIBIT 14.**
15. Director update, discussion, and possibly taking one of two actions, or something else: 1) **EITHER** schedule an October 2026 Board Meeting that was not scheduled by the December 2025 deadline, in *expectation* that the initial **FY-2028 Budget** would be due by October 1<sup>st</sup>, as it had been for approximately the last fourteen (14) years. 2) **OR**, the Board to empower the Board

Chair to provide the Director with input, changes, or approval for the initial **FY-2028 Budget** that is now due on November 1, 2026.

16. **AAO Impressions** of her first attendance at the **CSPEN (Career Schools Private Education Network)** Annual Meeting in **Austin, TX 8/10 to 8/13/2026** where she joined up with the Director. **EXHIBIT 16.**

17. **Old Business** – Updates and discussion about previous matters not specifically listed within this Agenda.

- a. The **Director corrected** that the final Budget that was due before 6/30/2026 was not distributed to numerous parties, as originally reported. **It is only the upcoming Strategic Plan and the initial Budget for a Fiscal Year that receive such widespread distributions.** This year's initial **FY-2028 Budget** has a current extended-deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup>, rather than the standard October 1<sup>st</sup> due date. Agencies were advised on 9/1/2026 that the deadline was extended for implementation of the, as yet unseen, new Budget software package.

b. **Other Old Business, as commented on by Board members:**

18. Discussion and possible action on **New Business** – Under the ***Open Meeting Act***, New Business may include only those items that could not reasonably have been known at the time the posted Agenda was published, distributed, or posted.

19. Announcements.

- a. The next **Quarterly Meeting of the Governor's Council** is schedule for **October 23, 2026** at the Francis Tuttle Technology Center's Portland Campus at 3500 NW 150<sup>th</sup> St. in Oklahoma City.
- b. **The next regular OBPVS Board Meeting** is currently scheduled for **November 4, 2026.**
- c. **Other Announcements** by Board members or the OBPVS staff.

20. Vote to adjourn the 9/23/2026 Meeting.

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