



Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**May 14th, 2025, 1:30 P.M.
5400 N. Grand Blvd.
1st floor conference room
Oklahoma City, OK 73112**

The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability (the “Commission” or “CEQA”) met for a Commission meeting at 1:30 p.m., on May 14, 2025, at the offices of the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (“OEQA”), 5400 N. Grand Blvd., 1st Floor Conference Room, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. Notice of and agenda was posted on a prominent public view at OEQA, and on the Commission website, in compliance with Open Meeting Act.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; John Daniel; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Parker

OEQA STAFF PRESENT: Megan Oftedal; Rusty Faircloth; Eric Jones; and Tatyana Blakemore

GUESTS PRESENT: Kristin Bugg; Evan Loosen; Wendy Pratt; Chad Buckendahl; Susan Pinson; Tom Ivey; Jen Oswald; Jerry Mihelic; Alyana Henry; Staci Vollmer; Kim Pennington; John Jones; and Brent Sykes

Call to Order: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders called the May 14, 2025, meeting of the Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with five (5)

Commission Members present; Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; John Daniel; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley. Ken Parker was absent.

Welcome and Introduction of Others Present, Dr. Megan Oftedal welcomes the Commission and introduced others present at the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action to: Approve Minutes of the April 9th, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Commission. The Commission review the minutes of the April 9, 2025 meeting. Ms. Szallar made a motion to *Approve the Minutes of the April 9th, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Commission*. Mr. Daniel seconded the motion, and the motion passed by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; John Daniel; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley.

Discussion and Possible Action to: Approve Randall University's Masters of Education in Educational Leadership Program, Susan Pinson and Dr. John Jones, and Dr, Brent Skyes. Susan Pinson addressed the Commission regarding program approval for Education Preparation Providers (EPP) and then on behalf of Randall University, Dr. John Jones, and Dr, Brent Skyes addressed the Commission regarding Randall University's Masters of Education in Educational Leadership Program. Ms. Szallar made a motion to *Approve Randall University's Masters of Education in Educational Leadership Program*. Mr. Daniel seconded, and the motion passed by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; John Daniel; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley.

Discussion and Possible Action: Teaching Certification Scholarship Program – Funding Model and Eligibility Requirements Pursuant to 70 O.S. § 6-187B, Pearson and OEQA Staff. A representative of Pearson and OEQA staff addressed the Commission regarding candidate criteria and the logistics of providing the scholarship to candidates. No Action Taken.

Presentation and Discussion: Standards Setting Process Training and Overview, Study Update and Q&A, ACS/WestEd Team. Chad Buckendahl presented to the Commission.

Executive Status updates, financial update, and Legislative Session Bills, Dr. Oftedal. Dr. Oftedal provided executive status updates to the Commission regarding financials and pending legislation.

Discussion: Operations Status Updates – Status updates on Lease, Reporting, Upcoming Quarter Forecast, Rusty Faircloth. Mr. Faircloth provided operation status updates on OEQA lease, reporting, and Upcoming Quater forecast.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: Kim Pennington (OACTE) provided public comment regarding Agenda Item 6.

Adjournment: Mr. Kingsley made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Fiegenger seconded, and the motion passed by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion:

Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; John Daniel; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley.