



Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**May 21, 2025, 9:30 A.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 9:30 a.m., on May 21, 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; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Parker; John Daniel

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Kristin Bugg; Jen Oswald; Wendy Pratt; Murray Evans; Ashley Boren; and Ian McEntire

Call to Order: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call and Introduction of Commission Members and Announcement of Proof of Notice of Meeting and Agenda Filed in Accordance with the Open Meeting Act: Secretary Sanders asked for the roll call to be taken. Tatyanna Blakemore conducted roll call. Roll call established

the presence of a quorum with five (4) Commission Members present; Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley. Ken Parker and John Daniel were absent. Ms. Blakemore declared quorum and announcement proof of notice of meeting and agenda filed in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

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

Discussion, and Possible Revision, and Action to: Approve Minutes of the May 14th, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Commission. The Commission reviewed the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular meeting. Ms. Szallar made a motion to *Approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Commission*. Mr. Kingsley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to: Adopt performance levels and set cut scores for the Oklahoma School Testing Program Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Math pursuant to 70 O.S. §§ 1210.508, 1210.541, and 3-116.2. Secretary Sanders made a motion to: adjust cut scores for the Oklahoma School Testing Program Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments administered in Spring 2025 by rejecting the 2024 cut scores and restoring the cut scores utilized in 2023 and prior, which 1) align to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2) close the honesty gap, and 3) ensure that students achieving proficiency are on track for college and career readiness; and direct OEQA to immediately notify all appropriate parties, including but not limited to, SDE, of this cut score adjustment; and further direct OEQA to take all other action necessary and aligned with its role under Oklahoma law to implement this cut score adjustment pursuant to Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 1210.508, 1210.541, and 3-116.2. Dr. Fiegenger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to: Approve Teaching Certification Scholarship Program funding model and Eligibility requirements for the Foundations of Reading educator competency assessment pursuant to 70 O.S. § 6-187B. Dr. Fiegenger made a motion to table the discussion. Ms. Szallar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley. The Commission then amended the aforementioned motion by making a subsequent motion made by Dr. Fiegenger to authorize OEQA to take all necessary action to approve and implement the Teaching Certification Scholarship Program funding model and Eligibility requirements for the Foundations of Reading educator competency assessment pursuant to 70 O.S. § 6-187B. Ms. Szallar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley.

Discussion and Possible Action to: Adopt Oklahoma Reading Test as an approved educator

competency assessment pursuant to the requirements of the Strong Readers Act, 70 O.S. § 1210.508F, for teacher candidates taking the Oklahoma Reading Test by June 30, 2026, and authorize OEQA to take all necessary action to implement the Oklahoma Reading Test as an approved educator competency assessment. Mr. Kingsley made a motion to adopt Oklahoma Reading Test as an approved educator competency assessment pursuant to the requirements of the Strong Readers Act, 70 O.S. § 1210.508F, for teacher candidates taking the Oklahoma Reading Test by June 30, 2026, and authorize OEQA to take all necessary action to implement the Oklahoma Reading Test as an approved educator competency assessment. Dr. Fiegenger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley.

Adjournment: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders made a motion to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. Dr. Fiegenger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders; Ashlyn Fiegenger; Kathryn Szallar; and Geoff Kingsley.