



Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**February 12, 2026, 5:00 P.M.
The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons
123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
28th Floor, Conference Room 1**

The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability (the “Commission” or “CEQA”) met for a Special Meeting of the Commission at 5:00 p.m., on February 12, 2026, at the offices of the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (“OEQA”), 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, 28th Floor, Conference Room 1, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Notice of Special Meeting and Agenda were posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary of Education Daniel Hamlin, Ph.D. John Daniel; Kathryn Szallar; Melissa Evon; and Ashlyn Fiegner, Ph.D.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Parker

OEQA STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Seybolt. Ed.D.; Tatyana Blakemore

GUESTS PRESENT: Kristin Bugg

Call to Order: Secretary of Education Daniel Hamlin, Ph.D. called the February 12, 2026, Special Meeting of the Commission to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with five (5) Commission Members present as follows: Secretary of Education Dr. Hamlin; John Daniel; Kathryn Szallar; Melissa Evon; and Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener.

Welcome and Introduction of Others Present: Secretary Dr. Hamlin welcomed the Commission and introduced others present at the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action to: Enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), to discuss the resignation of Connie Reilly as the OEQA Executive Director, to include ratification of Severance Agreement.

The Commission declined to enter Executive Session on this Agenda item. Secretary Dr. Hamlin made a motion to: Ratify the Severance Agreement of Connie Reilly as OEQA Executive Director. 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 Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Melissa Evon, and Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener.

Discussion and Possible Action to: Enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), to discuss the “employment, hiring, appointment, [and/or] promotion” of Michelle Seybolt, Ed.D., as the OEQA Executive Director, to include compensation.

- A. Vote to Enter into Executive Session; Mr. Daniel made a motion to: Enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), to discuss the “employment, hiring, appointment, [and/or] promotion” of Michelle Seybolt, Ed.D., as the OEQA Executive Director, to include compensation. Dr. Fiegener seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Melissa Evon, and Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener. Executive Session started at 5:06 p.m.
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1);
- C. Vote to Exit Executive Session and Re-Enter Open Session; Mr. Daniel made a motion to Exit Executive Session and Re-Enter Open Session. Ms. Evon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Melissa Evon, and Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener. Executive Session ended/Open Session was Re-Entered at 5:29 p.m.
- D. Action regarding item discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Szallar made a motion to: Appoint Dr. Michelle Seybolt as the Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA) effective immediately. Dr. Fiegener seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Melissa Evon, and Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener.

Ms. Evon made a motion to: Set the position of Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA) at Executive Director Level III with an annual salary of \$160,000. Secretary Dr. Hamlin seconded the motion and the motion

passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Melissa Evon, and Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener.

Adjournment: Secretary Dr. Hamlin made a motion to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. 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 Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Melissa Evon, and Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener.

