



Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2026, 1:00 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 Commission meeting at 1:00 p.m., on May 6, 2026, at the offices of the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (“OEQA”), 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, 28th Floor, Conference Room 5, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Notice of Meeting and Agenda were posted in accordance with the Oklahoma the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Secretary of Education Daniel Hamlin, Ph.D. John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Jennifer Carlson, Ashlyn Fiegenger

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken Parker, Melissa Evon

OEQA STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Seybolt and Tatyana Blakemore

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kristin Bugg

Call to Order: Secretary of Education Daniel Hamlin, Ph.D. called the May 6, 2026, meeting of the Commission to order at 1:01 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; Ashlyn Fiegenger; Kathryn Szallar; and Jennifer Carlson

Welcome and Introduction of Others Present: Dr. Michelle Seybolt, OEQA Executive Director, welcomed the Commission and introduced others present at the meeting.

Discussion, and Possible Revision, and Action to: Approve Consent Agenda. The following items were presented under the Consent Agenda as these items included are considered routine in nature or had been previously discussed by the Commission and could be approved in one motion unless removed for separate consideration:

- A. Approval of Minutes of the March 11, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission; and
- B. Approve Rescheduling the June 10, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission to June 3, 2026

The Commission reviewed the Consent Agenda. Ms. Szallar made a motion to: Approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Daniel 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, Ashlyn Fiegenger and Jennifer Carlson.

Public Comment: None

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Ratify the Honeymoon (fka Candor) Statement of Work for communications support. Ms. Carlson made a motion to: Ratify the Honeymoon (fka Candor) Statement of Work for communications support. Dr. Fiegenger seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Ratify the TPI-US (the technical assistant provider) Statement of Work related to the TeachForwardOK Program/Cameron University. Dr. Fiegenger made a motion to: Ratify the TPI-US (the technical assistant provider) Statement of Work related to the TeachForwardOK Program/Cameron University. Ms. Carlson 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, Mellissa Evon, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Ratify the TPI-US (the technical assistant provider) Statement of Work related to the TeachForwardOK Program/SWOSU. Ms. Szallar made a motion to: Ratify the TPI-US (the technical assistant provider) Statement of Work related to the TeachForwardOK Program/SWOSU. Mr. Daniel seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Approve the creation of an OEQA position for Director of Learning Initiatives, including setting a rate of compensation for said position. Dr. Fiegenger made a motion to: Approve the creation of an OEQA position for Director of Learning Initiatives as a Division Director 1 with a pay rate of compensation in the corresponding pay band being, N or O. Mr. Daniel seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by roll call

vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Approve the creation of an OEQA Senior Education and Policy Researcher position, including setting a rate of compensation for said position. Dr. Fiegenger made a motion to: Approve the creation of an OEQA Senior Education and Policy Researcher position and authorize OEQA to set the job category and corresponding pay band. Mr. Daniel seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Review and approve for CEQA accreditation the Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Bachelor of Science in STEM Studies - Mathematics Teaching Option program. Secretary Dr. Hamlin made a motion to: Review and approve for CEQA accreditation the Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Bachelor of Science in STEM Studies - Mathematics Teaching Option program. Mr. Daniel seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Approve guidelines for Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) recommending candidates in the state certification portal who have completed the alternative coursework requirements established by the State Department of Education (SDE). Mr. Daniel made a motion to: Approve guidelines for Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) recommending candidates in the state certification portal who have completed the alternative coursework requirements established by the State Department of Education (SDE). Ms. Carlson seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Ratify the FY27 Education Leadership Oklahoma (ELO) Scholarship Awardees for the 2026–2027 National Board certification cycle. Dr. Fiegenger made a motion to: Ratify the FY27 Education Leadership Oklahoma (ELO) Scholarship Awardees for the 2026–2027 National Board certification cycle. Ms. Carlson seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Dr. Hamlin, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Adjournment: Ms. Szallar made a motion to adjourn at 2:37 P.M. Mr. Daniel 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, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.