



Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2026, 1:30 P.M.
The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons
123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
28th Floor, Conference Room 5

The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability (the “Commission” or “CEQA”) met for a Commission meeting at 1:30 p.m., on September 16, 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 Lindel Fields, Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegenger Ph.D., Jennifer Carlson, and Melissa Evon

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kathryn Szallar, John Daniel

OEQA STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Seybolt, Tatyana Blakemore, Eric Jones, Paige Karmun, Kubra Say, and Dana Oliver

GUESTS PRESENT:

Maria Maule, Jen Oswald, Nuria Martinez-Keel, Razann Ghazal, and John Thompson

Call to Order: Secretary Fields called the September 16, 2026, meeting of the Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with four (4) Commission Members present as follows: Secretary Fields, Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson. Ms. Evon arrived at 1:47 P.M.

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

Discussion and Possible Action to: Approve Minutes of the August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the Minutes of the August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission. Dr. Fiegenger made a motion to: Approve Minutes of the August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission. Mr. Parker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Fields, Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Public Comment: John Thompson on Agenda Item 8

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Review and Approve the Addition of a Superintendent Certification Option to Cameron University's Master of Education in Educational Leadership Program. Mr. Parker made a motion to: Review and Approve the Addition of a Superintendent Certification Option to Cameron University's Master of Education in Educational Leadership Program. 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 Fields, Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Ratify the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Ms. Evon made a motion to postpone consideration of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget until the October 14, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission. 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 Fields, Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegenger, Jennifer Carlson, and Melissa Evon.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Act to: Consider and Approve the Establishment of Commission Subcommittees as needed. Ms. Evon made a motion to: Approve the Establishment of Commission Subcommittees as needed. 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 Fields, Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegenger, and Jennifer Carlson.

Presentation and Discussion: Final Early Literacy Academy Presentation. The OEQA Team presented the final Early Literacy Academy report and provided an overview of the findings and related information.

Presentation and Discussion: Presentation on Data Infrastructure Security Systems. Dr. Kubra Say presented an overview of the Data Infrastructure and Security Systems initiative, including current development efforts and project updates.

Discussion: Executive Director Report, Including Updates on Various Projects, Operations, and Financials. The Executive Director provided updates on the statewide literacy screener procurement, including the status of proposal evaluations and the anticipated presentation of the top three screeners to CEQA in October. The report also included upcoming procurement activities, TeachForwardOK and alternative teacher preparation pathway implementation, and support for educator preparation providers.

Adjournment: Ms. Evon made a motion to adjourn at 3:25 P.M. Mr. Parker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Secretary Fields, Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegner, Jennifer Carlson, and Melissa Evon.