



State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2019

Board Members Present

Tony Caldwell

Amy Emerson – arrived at 9:31 a.m.

Janet Foss

Stephen Grissom – arrived at 9:07 a.m.

Mautra Jones

Timothy Tardibono

Jenna Worthen

Karen Youngblood

Absent

Sean Burrage

Guests

Pamela Dodson, Richard Mann, Lisa Williams, and Jackie Zamarripa

Present from the Office of Juvenile Affairs

Janelle Bretten, Laura Broyles, Steven Buck, Paula Christiansen, Kevin Clagg, Donna Glandon, Rachel Holt, Travis Kirkpatrick, Michael McNutt, Carol Miller, Len Morris, Nicole Prieto Johns, Audrey Rockwell, Leticia Sanchez, Terry Smith, Amy Stuart, Paula Tillison, Linda Thomas, Elda Walker, Shelley Waller, and Melissa White

Call to Order

Chair Tony Caldwell, called the April 17, 2019, meeting of the Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School to order at 9:00 a.m. requested the Secretary to call the roll.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Director's Report

Director Buck recognized our newest board member Timothy Tardibono. Announced that it is a homecoming as Mr. Tardibono worked at OJA under Director Regier. Tim works as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma County Justice Project.

Director Buck ran through his monthly report.

Director Buck reminded the Board at their direction the State Plan for Detention is open and being amended. He requested permission from the Chair to direct that information into the Finance committee for review.

Ms. Jones asked for follow-up on the Inasmuch meeting. Director Buck explained that he has been invited to present at the Advisory board and Governing board on the impact/ imprint of juvenile justice in Oklahoma. He explained that he didn't want to get ahead of the process but there is research on gender specific programming. Pointed out the evidence coming from Women in Recover and ReMerge programming and the potentially effect of similar programing for OJA.

Chair Caldwell asked for youth presentations at the Board meeting. He also asked that we work to have Mr. Nelson come into a later meeting to recognize him for his service to the Board.

Presentation on Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF) Grant

Janelle Bretten and Linda Thomas went through the PAF presentation.

Mr. Tardibono asked if the 75 OJA youth currently receiving services are in an OJA facility or in the community. That data will be sent to Mr. Tardibono at a later date.

Chairman Caldwell asked about using resources from the Family Expectations at OKDHS, as they services similar to these, did we use any of these resources when creating our programming? No, because this is a Department of Health grant but we have received referrals from OKDHS.

Will we continue these services at the end of the grant? There has been discussion about working towards that. We want to prepare to have continuity of services. The biggest issue in Oklahoma is the fracturing of services for the youth in Oklahoma. Which results in finger pointing and youth not receiving proper services.

Mr. Tardibono asked if the program expired in June 2020. Janelle stated that was correct. He then asked if this was a renewable grant. Janelle stated it is renewable. Linda explained that the Department of Adolescent Health, within HHS, funded the grant. It is highly likely there would be renewed funds. Janelle further explained that this could possibly be funded through CARS services.

Director Buck informed the Board that Governor Stitt's Cabinet team is looking at a more efficient way to properly organize grant funding at the front end rather than the back end.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

Mr. Clagg notified the Board that OMES has notified FLINTCO with the notice of award. The bonds will go on sale in May.

Mr. Smith is continuing conversations with FLINTCO to fund the needed/ required beds without jeopardizing safety or therapeutic value.

Approval of Minutes for the March 29, 2019, Special Board Meeting

Ms. Jones moved to approve with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Burrage

March 29, 2019, board minutes approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve date for SAG/ OJA Board Retreat

Tabled

Chair Caldwell had a point of information on continuing with the tradition of annual meeting for the SAG Board and OJA Board.

Public Comments on Rates and Standards

No public comments on rates and standards.

Presentation on Rates and Standards

Chief Financial Officer Kevin Clagg went through the attached presentation.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve rates and standards for Specialized Resource Center/ Group Home Care, RS19-005-001 - \$60.00 per bed per day as utilized

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Mr. Tardibono.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Burrage

Rates and standards for Specialized Resource Center/ Group Home Care, RS19-005-001 - \$60.00 per bed per day as utilized, approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve rates and standards for On-line Driver's Education Course, RS19-005-011 - not to exceed \$110.00 per course

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Ms. Jones and Judge Foss.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Burrage

Rates and standards for On-line Driver's Education Course, RS19-005-011 - not to exceed \$110.00 per course, approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve rates and standards for Truancy Intervention Program Service, RS19-005-002 - Bachelor's degree - \$10.92 per 15 minutes, Master's degree - \$11.56 per 15 minutes, Ph.D. or Licensed or under supervision of license - \$14.56 per 15 minutes
Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Ms. Jones.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Rates and standards for Truancy Intervention Program Service, RS19-005-002 - Bachelor's degree - \$10.92 per 15 minutes, Master's degree - \$11.56 per 15 minutes, Ph.D. or Licensed or under supervision of license - \$14.56 per 15 minutes, approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve rates and standards for Independent Living/ Re-entry Coordinator Program Services, RS19-005-005 - Bachelor's degree - \$10.92 per 15 minutes, Master's degree, \$11.56 per 15 minutes, Ph.D. or Licensed or under supervision of license - \$14.56 per 15 minutes

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Rates and standards for Independent Living/ Re-entry Coordinator Program Services, RS19-005-005 - Bachelor's degree - \$10.92 per 15 minutes, Master's degree, \$11.56 per 15 minutes, Ph.D. or Licensed or under supervision of license - \$14.56 per 15 minutes, approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve rates and standards for Alternative to Detention Placement (Shelters), RS19-005-008 - \$20.00 per bed per day, in addition to normal shelter rates
Ms. Jones moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Rates and standards for Alternative to Detention Placement (Shelters), RS19-005-008 - \$20.00 per bed per day, in addition to normal shelter rates approved

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve rates and standards for Parenting Intervention Program Services, RS19-005-009 - Bachelor's degree - \$11.60 per 15 minutes, Master's degree - \$12.60 per 15 minutes, Ph.D. or Licensed or under supervision of license - \$14.60 per 15 minutes
Ms. Jones moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Rates and standards for Parenting Intervention Program Services, RS19-005-009 - Bachelor's degree - \$11.60 per 15 minutes, Master's degree - \$12.60 per 15 minutes, Ph.D. or Licensed or under supervision of license - \$14.60 per 15 minutes, approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve rates and standards for Community Accountability Board Program Services - RS19-005-010 - Low Level - \$14.52 per 15 minutes and High Level - \$20.00 per 15 minutes

Judge Foss moved to approve with a second by Ms. Jones.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Burrage

Rates and standards for Community Accountability Board Program Services - RS19-005-010 - Low Level - \$14.52 per 15 minutes and High Level - \$20.00 per 15 minutes, approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the year-to-date OJA Finance Report

Ms. Jones moved to approve with a second by Dr. Grissom.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Burrage

Year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the FY2018 Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School audit

Chief Financial Officer Clagg recognized Ms. Pamela Dodson to present the audit. Ms. Dodson seconded Chairman Caldwell's statement regarding youth presenting at board meetings. Ms. Dodson explained the attached audit.

Ms. Dodson took a moment to acknowledge the fact that our minutes reflect that the Board and agency focus is on the kids.

Chairman Caldwell thanked her for the compliment.

Chairman Caldwell asked for clarification on the letter regarding missing information. She stated that no corrective action was needed but to appropriately address for next year.

Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Ms. Jones.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Burrage

The FY2018 Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School audit approved.

School Administration Report

Superintendent White and Principal Sanchez worked through their presentation. Superintendent White took a moment to read a graduation speech from one of our COJC youth.

Director Buck took a moment to explain how important education is for the youth in OJA care. He spoke about the work in 2015, with the assistance of the Oklahoma Legislature, to create the charter school. He invited board members to attend any and all graduations. He took a moment to explain that occasionally due to the nature of the youth exiting our care, graduations occasionally occur at the spur of the moment.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the February 2018-2019 year-to-date Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report

Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Ms. Jones.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Burrage

The February 2018-2019 year-to-date Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report approved.

Chief Financial Officer Clagg took a moment to recognize his Chief Comptroller Elda Walker and explain that he could not perform his job without her assistance.

Chairman Caldwell thanked her for attending the meeting.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the March 2018-2019 year-to-date Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report

Judge Foss moved to approve with a second by Ms. Jones.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Burrage

The March 2018-2019 year-to-date Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve modifications to the FY2019 encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Mr. Tardibono asked if we worked with local libraries to obtain books. Superintendent White explained that these books were new books and that typically libraries are giving away/ selling old books. Principal Sanchez explained that it was important for our ACA audit it was important to show that the library was growing.

Ms. Jones moved to approve with a second by Mr. Tardibono.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Modifications to the FY2019 encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School approved.

Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2019-2020, this resolution authorizes filing of the form 471 applications for funding year 2019-2020 and the payment of the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services

Ms. Jones moved to approve with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2019-2020, this resolution authorizes filing of the form 471 applications for funding year 2019-2020 and the payment of the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to enter Executive Session

Assistant Attorney General Amy Stuart recommended entering executive session.

Dr. Grissom moved to enter executive session with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Board exited Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

Discussion and/or possible vote to return to Regular Session

Dr. Grissom moved to return to regular session with a second by Judge Foss.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Board reentered regular session at 12:32 p.m.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve item arising from Executive Session

Mr. Tardibono moved to approve attorney general staff move forward as discussed in executive session in the matter of *Underwood v. State* with a second by Judge Foss.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood
Absent: Burrage

Attorney general staff approved to move forward as discussed in executive session in the matter of *Underwood v. State*.

Announcements/comments

Director Buck announced that photos would be taken of new board members directly after the meeting.

Mr. Tardibono asked if he could make comments. Assistant Attorney General Stuart stated this was a public item. Board discussed if they could make comments and Mr. Tardibono asked for clarification. Chair Caldwell asked for clarification from Assistant Attorney General Stuart.

New business; as authorized by 25 O.S. § 311(A) (9)

No new business

Adjournment

Ms. Jones moved to adjourn with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood.

Aye: Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Jones, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay: Tardibono – who noted he was having too much fun.

Absent: Burrage

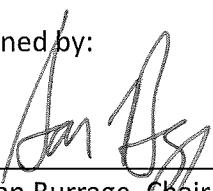
Chairman Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 19th day of June, 2019.

Prepared by:


Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Signed by:


Sean Burrage, Chair Pro Tempore