



State of Oklahoma

## OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

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

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### Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2019

#### Board Members Present

Tony Caldwell  
Sean Burrage  
Amy Emerson  
Janet Foss  
Mautra Jones  
Timothy Tardibono  
Jenna Worthen  
Karen Youngblood

#### Absent

Stephen Grissom

#### Guests

Wayland Cubit, Dr. Paul Shawler, Derrick Sier, Taylor Dole, Jason Johnson, Darla Slipke, Tyler Talley, and Lisa Williams

#### Present from the Office of Juvenile Affairs

Janelle Bretten, Steven Buck, Paula Christiansen, Kevin Clagg, Darryl Fields, Donna Glandon, Ron Hill, Rachel Holt, Travis Kirkpatrick, Kayshel Longley, Michael McNutt, Carol Miller, Len Morris, Nicole Prieto Johns, Audrey Rockwell, Matt Stangl, Amy Stuart, Paula Tillison, Shelley Waller, and Melissa White

#### Call to Order

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

#### Presentation on Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center's (COJC) Man Up Weekend

Director Buck reminded our Board of the introduction of Man Up who allowed two young men to participate in their weekend program over the last two years. Director Buck then introduced Darryl Fields, Systems Review Coordinator. Mr. Fields did a brief overview of the of the weekend event. Mr. Fields recognized Lieutenant Wayland Cubit. Lt. Cubit recognized the members of his team: Taylor Dole, Dr. Jason Johnson, and Derrick Siers. Lt. Cubit recognized the two young men from COJC and their work during the weekend. Explained that they were wearing suits that they earned due to their hard work. Both young men spoke about their experience during the weekend.

Public Comment

Chair Caldwell recognized Lisa Williams for public comment. Ms. Williams thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. Thanked the Man Up team and spoke about what an incredible experience witnessing the young men speak. She wanted to thank the Board and OJA staff for the continuing work on Rates and Standards and the openness and willingness to work together to accomplish the goal. Chair Caldwell stated no thanks are necessary but spoke about the value of the partnership.

Director's Report

Director Buck ran through his report.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

Mr. Kevin Clagg gave a brief status of the where the project currently stands.

Approval of Minutes for the June 19, 2019, Board Meeting

Mr. Burrage moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss.

Aye: Burrage, Emerson, Foss, Jones, Tardibono, and Worthen

Abstain: Caldwell and Youngblood

Absent: Grissom

June 19, 2019, board minutes approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to appoint Carol Miller, Deputy Director of the Division of Institutional Services, pursuant to 10A O.S. § 2-7-202(A)(4)

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

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

Absent: Grissom

Carol Miller appointed Deputy Director of the Division of Institutional Services.

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

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

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

Absent: Grissom

Year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

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

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

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

Absent: Grissom

The year-to-date Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School (OYACS) Finance Report approved.

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

No encumbrances to discuss.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the FY2020 encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Administration Report

Superintendent Melissa White apologized for Principal Sanchez's absence but it was the start of the school year for SWOJC. The focus of this administration report would relate to summer break and the status of education programming in both level E homes and detention centers. Two of our young women passed their GEDs and one of the ladies is continuing her work to also complete her high school diploma. Education staff reported to work on July 8<sup>th</sup> and attended required training. COJC began school on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent White discussed her site visits with detention centers.

Chair Caldwell asked about the law requiring summer school. Superintendent White explained that there are no laws requiring summer school. However, the law does state that if the school district offers it to the general student population then it must be offered to all students.

Chair Caldwell if there is a required a number of days. Superintendent White explained the alt ed model must either meet a specified number of days or a specified number of instructional hours. Chair Caldwell asked if you knew the average number of classroom hours for K through 12 students. Superintendent White did not know that number. OYACS students receive approximately 7 to 8 hours of instructional hours per day. This is because we are allowed to count their recreational hours and other programming as instructional hours.

Chair Caldwell asked Superintendent White give the detention center education system a Report Card grade. Superintendent White explained that education programming in detention centers is extremely difficult due to the nomadic nature of the population, the difficulty reaching a student's records, etc. It is her belief that there is room for improvement and gave them a C. Judge Foss reiterated that time in detention is meant to be short term and that it must be difficult on the teachers.

Chair Caldwell asked that while the work continues with Rates and the State Plan for Detention that the education needs of the youth in our care is addressed to the best of the agency and board's ability.

Superintendent White discussed her site visits with Level E group homes.

All thirteen sites use a blended education model, which includes a classroom teacher and online education programming. One of the biggest issues is when the program cannot locate a substitute teacher when needed. Welch group home contracted with their classroom teacher in a unique way that allows for the teacher to provide year round education.

Judge Foss asked if summer school was up to the individual districts, and if so, can they charge. Superintendent White answered yes to both questions. The cost of summer school can create a barrier for many families.

Discussion and possible action to approve adjunct teacher status for Mr. Mikeal Goff, Auto Mechanics, as authorized by 10A O.S. § 2-7-616, 70 O.S. § 6-122.3(F), and the State Department of Education Administrative Rules

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

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

Mr. Mikeal Goff, Auto Mechanics, adjunct teacher status approved.

Discussion and possible action to approve adjunct teacher status for Valerie "Joy" Yocum, Music, as authorized by 10A O.S. § 2-7-616, 70 O.S. § 6-122.3(F), and the State Department of Education Administrative Rules

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

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

Ms. Valerie "Joy" Yocum, Music, adjunct teacher status approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to enter Executive Session

Mr. Tardibono moved to enter executive session with a second by Judge Foss.

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

Board entered executive session at 10:42 a.m.

Board member Worthen exited the boardroom and meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Discussion and/or possible vote to return to Regular Session

Mr. Burrage moved to return with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood and Ms. Jones.

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

Board returned to regular session at 11:06 a.m.

Announcements/comments

Mr. Tardibono took a moment to recognize the OJA staff, Laura Broyles and David McCullouth, and their work on the OCCY Detaining Youth Task Force. He also took a moment to thank counsel for working on this agenda item.

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

No new business.

Adjournment

Ms. Jones moved to adjourn with a second by Mr. Burrage.

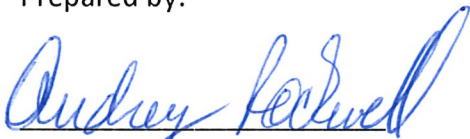
Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Emerson, Foss, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Grissom


Chair Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 21st day of August, 2019.

Prepared by:

  
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Signed by:

  
Tony Caldwell, Chair