



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

January 14, 2020

#### Board Members Present

Sean Burrage  
Sidney Ellington  
Amy Emerson  
Stephen Grissom  
Mautra Jones (arrived at 9:02 a.m.)  
Timothy Tardibono  
Karen Youngblood  
Jenna Worthen

#### Absent

Janet Foss

#### Guests

Brandy Krohn, Representative John Talley, Tyler Talley, and Darla Slipke

#### Present from the Office of Juvenile Affairs

Janelle Bretten, Laura Broyles, Steven Buck, Paula Christiansen, Kevin Clagg, Melissa Deralchshon, Donna Glandon, Rachel Holt, Michael McNutt, Carol Miller, Len Morris, Nicole Prieto Johns, Audrey Rockwell, Paul Shawler, Matt Stangl, Shelley Waller, and Melissa White

#### Call to Order

Vice Chair Youngblood called the January 14, 2020, meeting of the Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School to order at 9:01 a.m. and requested roll be called.

#### Public Comment

No public comments.

#### Presentation on Youth Services for Choctaw, Pushmataha, and McCurtain Counties

Ms. Brandy Krohn, Director of Youth Services for Choctaw, Pushmataha, and McCurtain counties presented the attached.

Mr. Tardibono: What do you find with regards to a common thread with truancy?

Ms. Krohn: Elementary it is parenting. Junior high and high school it is rebellion to the idea of parenting. We have found in this area that mentoring and tutoring help with the junior high and

high school. They respond to the consistency of an adult figure in their life. I am not sure how to track the success stories or give data.

Dr. Emerson: Thank you for your presentation. You have shown that how a resource in the community is effective and I wish that more could see your presentation and how effective this resource is for the local community.

Ms. Krohn: Thank you. We have a lot of talent in our area. Our team works hard to break the generational cycles in our communities.

Dr. Ellington: You talk about Push county and the truancy issue. How is the school resource officer able to make that big of a difference? He covers their discipline but I do not know his success and how he gets there. His coverage area are the Clayton, Moyers, Antlers and one more school district I cannot remember. I do not know what resources he is using and his success. Our agency only assists him with filing legal documents. The 2 referrals we received came from Clayton school district because they felt the children needed specific resources from our agency.

Dr. Grissom: I have a comment regarding your statement regarding data. You have us several stories about lives changed. That is data. It matches your work. You work through engagement and that is your outcome a change in that life. Qualitative data rather than quantitative data.

Ms. Krohn: I appreciate that. I believe in cross training. There isn't a staff member on my staff that cannot step into another role. I am the agency administration. I, also step in to provide services as needed.

Mr. Tardibono: You mentioned TSET funded the Glo-Run. Do they provide other funding for other programs? Yes, they are not a direct funding however, they will help fund or provide funding for health based programs or events.

#### Director's Report

Director Buck ran through his report.

#### Election of the 2020 Board of Juvenile Affairs Chair

Dr. Grissom nominated Ms. Karen Youngblood with a second by Mr. Tardibono and Ms. Jones. No other nominations received.

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Foss

Ms. Karen Youngblood elected the 2020 Board of Juvenile Affairs Chair.

#### Election of the 2020 Board of Juvenile Affairs Vice Chair

Mr. Tardibono nominated Mr. Sean Burrage with a second by Dr. Grissom and Ms. Jones. No other nominations received.

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood  
Absent: Foss

Mr. Sean elected the 2020 Board of Juvenile Affairs Vice Chair.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve a Chairman for the Rates and Standards Committee  
Ms. Worthen nominated Chair Karen Youngblood to serve as Chair for the Rates and Standards Committee with a second by Ms. Jones.

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood  
Absent: Foss

Chair Karen Youngblood elected chairman for the Rates and Standards Committee.

Approval of Minutes for the December 18, 2019, Board Meeting  
Dr. Emerson moved to approve with a second by Mr. Burrage.

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, and Youngblood  
Abstain: Worthen  
Absent: Foss

December 18, 2019, board minutes approved.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project  
Video presented to the Board.

Mr. Clagg presented on all the change orders.

Mr. Tardibono: With regards to the new meter box for the fire system, why is the city making this a requirement?

Mr. Clagg: I am not sure the current box can handle the new system.

Mr. Tardibono: Due to the new build we are losing the grandfather and being required to come into compliance, correct?

Mr. Clagg: Correct.

Mr. Tardibono: With regards to the new access road, at one point you thought the original bid, why did we not include it?

Mr. Clagg: We felt at the time there were too many unknowns. We wanted to continue looking at our options until we could complete the unknowns and negotiate the price down.

Mr. Tardibono: I know we have a variance included in the project, are we still ok?

Mr. Clagg: Yes, the first change order was a deduction and we have had another deduction, so we are just under \$600,000 net change orders.

Chair Youngblood: With regards to the reconfiguration on the drains, why did we not catch this issue during the design phase?

Mr. Clagg: The issues with the kids climbing on the roof become more common since the design phase. We used the McClaren design from Oregon, and this is on their buildings. With the recent issues we relooked at the issue and decided to make the change.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you that is an acceptable answer.

Dr. Grissom: I missed it.

Director Buck: I just want to remind the Board that occasionally we may use cash on hand to pay for issues as needed.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve change order NGF-007 to Flintco contract - Fire Line Changes to meet City of Tecumseh Requirements for upgrade of meter and box for Fire Suppression System, FCO#4 – \$53,576 increase

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

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood  
Absent: Foss

Change order NGF-007 to Flintco contract - Fire Line Changes to meet City of Tecumseh Requirements for upgrade of meter and box for Fire Suppression System, FCO#4 – \$53,576 increase approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve change order NGF-008 to Flintco contract - Reconfigure Roof Drains for added security – eliminate climbing hazard, FCO#6 - \$89,065 increase

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

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood  
Absent: Foss

Change order NGF-008 to Flintco contract - Reconfigure Roof Drains for added security – eliminate climbing hazard, FCO#6 - \$89,065 increase approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve change order NGF-009 to Flintco contract - Construction of North Parking Lot, FCO#7 – \$29,957 increase

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

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood  
Absent: Foss

Change order NGF-009 to Flintco contract - Construction of North Parking Lot, FCO#7 – \$29,957 increase approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve change order NGF-010 to Flintco contract - Build West Access Road , FCO#8 (alternate #4 from original bid) - \$336,511 increase  
Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Ms. Jones.

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood  
Absent: Foss

Change order NGF-010 to Flintco contract - Build West Access Road , FCO#8 (alternate #4 from original bid) - \$336,511 increase approved.

Presentation on the 2020 OJA Legislative Agenda  
Ms. Rachel Holt presented on the 2020 OJA legislative agenda.

Ms. Worthen: I just wanted to pass on the comments about your budget hearing. You were the best prepared and nobody did it better.

Director Buck: At the February board meeting you will have the opportunity to endorse the OJA legislative agenda. Rachel has an extraordinary role, she does her day-to-day work and then during session she takes on the role of legislative liaison as well.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the year-to-date OJA Finance Report  
Mr. Burrage moved to approve with a second by Mr. Tardibono.

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood  
Absent: Foss

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

Year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve 2019-2020 year-to-date Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report  
Ms. Jones moved to approve with a second by Mr. Burrage.

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Foss

2018-2019 year-to-date Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School (OYACS) Finance Report approved.

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

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

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Foss

Modifications to the FY2020 encumbrance for OYACS approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve amendments to the 2020 – 2021 Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Calendar for COJC

Dr. Emerson moved to approve with a second by Mr. Burrage

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Foss

The 2020-2021 OYACS calendar for COJC approved.

Mr. Tardibono: Can you clarify the blue days.

Ms. White: Blue days are ACA required training days so that staff can be behind the fence. There are 5 days of that training.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve amendments to the 2020 – 2021 Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Calendar for SWOJC

Ms. Jones moved to approve with a second by Ms. Worthen

Ayes: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Foss

The 2020-2021 OYACS calendar for SWOJC approved.

School Administration Report

Ms. White ran through her report, see attached.

Dr. Grissom: What categories on the IEP?

Ms. White: I do not have each specific categories. Most of them are IE.

Mr. Tardibono: What does that mean?

Ms. White: Different categories: Other Health Impaired, is a child with a diagnosis, does this diagnosis impact/impede their education? If yes, this is the category assigned. Specific Learning Disability, which is a discrepancy between IQ and achievement scores and these individuals qualify for services. Other categories can be Emotionally Disturb or Intellectually Disabled.

Mr. Tardibono: Can you provide us with a breakdown.

Ms. White: Yes.

Dr. Grissom: Why does DOC allow a child to dropout?

Ms. White: I shouldn't say that. The individual during their entry to DOC complete paperwork with the local school district and have the opportunity to continue education or sign a waiver to discontinue education.

Mr. Tardibono: Are the drop outs all over 18?

Ms. White: Not necessarily, those under the age of 18 we attempt to work with the youth and their local worker to get back into an education program. Our ICAP team is specifically working on this issue.

Mr. Tardibono: What is ICAP?

Ms. White: This is the team that presented on their ICAP plans we discussed that is their goals for completing school and moving into the future.

Mr. Tardibono: Do we know where these kids are?

Ms. White: Educated guess Tulsa and Oklahoma City area.

Mr. Tardibono: Can we use youth service agencies for this?

Ms. White: We do. Some of these kids may be on GED pathways but we have to count them as drop outs.

Mr. Tardibono: Are these kids a high risk of reengaging the system?

Ms. White: In my opinion yes but some of them are on a plan, usually a GED course and we have to count those as dropouts.

Dr. Grissom: Are any of these refused reentry to their local district/ school.

Ms. White: They cannot be denied an education but can be denied access to a classroom and set up on an online program.

Dr. Grissom: This is cross ways with the intent of the juvenile system.

Ms. White: I agree but currently it allows the local districts to determine risk.

Director Buck: I think this is an area we are going to have to work on as a board on what path we would like to take to move forward on this issue.

Chair Youngblood: I think this is something we need to start discussing through the committees.

Announcements/comments

Chair Youngblood thanked the Board for their confidence in her. She is looking forward to working with the Board and creating committees.

Dr. Grissom invited people invited others to go with him to visit COJC.

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

No new business.

Adjournment

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

Aye: Burrage, Ellington, Emerson, Grissom, Jones, Tardibono, Worthen, and Youngblood

Absent: Foss

Chair Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 11th day of February, 2020.

Prepared by:

  
Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Signed by:

  
Karen Youngblood, Chair