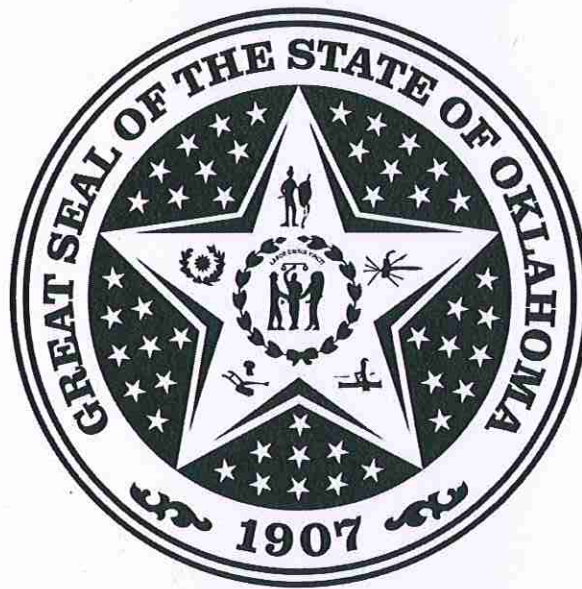


**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the  
State Board of Education**

**April 24, 2025**



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPT. OF EDUCATION  
OLIVER HODGE BUILDING  
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD  
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 24, 2025**

The State Board of Education met in a regular meeting session at 9:40 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2025, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

The following were present:

Mr. Michael Beason, General Counsel to the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)

Ms. Hanna Roberts, General Counsel to the State Board of Education

Mr. Chad Kutmas, General Counsel to the State Board of Education

Ms. Amy London, Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent, Ryan Walters, Chairman of the Board

Ms. Sarah Lepak, Claremore

Mr. Ryan Deatherage, Kingfisher

Mr. Mike Tinney, Norman

Mr. Chris Van Denhende, Tulsa

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:**

State Superintendent Ryan Walters called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order and roll call at 9:40 a.m. Executive Secretary Amy London called roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA FLAG SALUTE, PRAYER:**

Superintendent Walters welcomed everyone to the meeting and let Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and Prayer.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

- Passing of Terrie Cheadle, former Executive Secretary to the State Board of Education
- Passing of teacher Sean Callaway, McAllister Public Schools

**4. STATE SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS**

- Requested waiver from the Federal Department of Education to empower Oklahoma to have more autonomy and flexibility over education in Oklahoma
- Signing Bonus for teachers who want to teach Special Education
- Merit Pay and the Teacher Empowerment Program
- Clarification on Social Studies Standards

**5. BOARD – ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Board member Deatherage moved to table the January 28, 2025 board meeting minutes. Board member Van Dehende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Dehende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, no.

Board member Deatherage moved to table the February 27, 2025 minutes item 5b should be corrected to reflect board member Lepak made the motion to approve the Standards, more details in the minutes. Board member Van Denhede seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhede, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, no.

**6. CONSENT DOCKET:**

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2024-2025 school year - 70 O.S. § 3-104; **Oklahoma Administrative Code 210:35-1-4:**

**6a & 6c – Emergency Certifications for March & April**



Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit of emergency (provisional) certificates - **70 O.S. § 6-187**. Board member Le Pak moved to approve the Emergency (provisional) certificates for March and April. Board member Van Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Deatherage, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**6b – Mobile Panic Alert System Services**

Discussion and possible action recommendation on proposed qualified suppliers of **Mobile Panic Alert System services** - 70 O.S. § 5-149.4

Board member Deatherage moved to table this item.

Board member Tinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Deatherage, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**7. ACCREDITATION STANDARDS**

**7a & 7e – 165 Day Waiver**

Request approval of a statutory waiver of OAC 210:10-1-4b; authorization for districts(s) to implement a school year calendar that includes fewer than 165 days when school is in session and classroom instruction offered.

- (1) Bennington Public School, Bryan County - **APPROVED**
- (2) Glencoe Public School, Payne County - **APPROVED**
- (3) Harmony Public School, Atoka County - **APPROVED**
- (4) Jennings Public School, Pawnee County - **APPROVED**
- (5) Morrison Public School, Noble County - **APPROVED**
- (6) Antlers Public School, Pushmataha County - **APPROVED**
- (7) Stonewall Public School, Pontotoc County - **APPROVED**
- (8) Cottonwood Public School, Coal County - **APPROVED**
- (9) Roff Public Schools, Pontotoc & Murray Counties - **APPROVED**

Board member Van Denhende moved to approve the recommendation request. Board member Tinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**7b – 1080 Hours Waiver**

Request approval waiver for fewer than 1080 hours due to tornado damage.

70 OS § 1-109 (e).

- (1) Ada Public Schools, Pontotoc County - **APPROVED**

Board member Lepak moved to approve the waiver request Board member Van Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**7c – Library Media Services**

Request deregulation for the 2024-2025 school year for Library Media Services. OAC 210:35-5-71

- (1) Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Murray County - **APPROVED**

Board member Deatherage moved to approve the waiver request Board member Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**7d – Extend Substitute Teacher Days Cap**

Request approval waiver for substitute teachers to extend the cap on the number of days worked in a school year. **70 OS § 6-105b**

(1)Mid Del Public Schools, Oklahoma County - **APPROVED**

(2)Putnam City Schools, Oklahoma County - **APPROVED**

Board member Van Denhende moved to approve the waiver request Board member Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**7f – Library Media Services (April)**

Request deregulation for the 2024-2025 school year for Library Media Services. OAC 210:35-5-71

(1)Fairland Public Schools, Ottawa County - **APPROVED**

Board member Van Denhende moved to approve the waiver request Board member Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**8. LEGAL SERVICES –State Department of Education**

Discussion and possible action on the revocation of the following permanent rules, pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, **75 O.S. § 251** et seq. and Oklahoma Executive Order 2025-08

Title 210. Oklahoma State Department of Education

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

210:10-1-22-Guidelines for nontraditional public schools (REVOKED)

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Tinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes ; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9. LEGAL SERVICES –State Board of Education**

Vote to convene into Executive Session pursuant to **25 O.S. § 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8)** for the purpose of discussing possible action on the following issues:

Board member Van Denhende moved to convene into Executive Session. Board member Deatherage seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Dehende, yes; Ms Le Pak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

**9b - Application for an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificates and certificate numbers and application to revoke and refer to a Hearing Officer for revocation proceedings: 1)Patrick Cobb; 2) Jason Dowdy; 3) Tyler Frizzell; 4) Ashley Fairres**



Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Deatherage seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhede, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9b – Refer to a Hearing Officer for revocation proceedings and deny the Application for Suspension to 1) Patrick McKenzie; 2) Joshua Foos**

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Tinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhede, yes ; Ms. Le Pak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9c - Accept Voluntary Surrender teacher certificates and certificate numbers of 1) Ronnie Davis; 2) Terah Wright; (3) Kevin Eddings**

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Van Denhede seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhede, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9d - Summarily Suspend Teaching Certification and certificate of: 1)Anthony Deason**

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Van Denhede seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhede, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9e - Motion/Application to Withdraw the Application to Revoke the Teaching Certificate and Certificate Number: 1) Greg Werner**

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Van Denhede seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhede, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9g - Application for an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificates and certificate numbers and application to revoke and refer each to a Hearing Officer for revocation proceedings: 1) Wesley Parsons; 2) Donavan Goodno; 3)Kierra Smith**

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Van Denhede seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhede, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9g – Application for an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificate and Refer to a Hearing Officer for revocation proceedings: 1) Kaitlyn Fultz**

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Van Denhede seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhede, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, no; Mr. Deatherage, no; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9g – Application for an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificates and certificate numbers and application to revoke: 1) Roger Jesse**

Board member Lepak moved to continue matter at a later date. Board member Van

Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes.

**9g – Consent to accept the voluntary surrender of teaching certificate and certificate number of: 1) Jason Ward**

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Van Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes

**9h - Accept the voluntary surrender of teaching certificate and certificate numbers of: 1) Darious Thompson; 2) Clifton Harris; 3) Andrew Funderburk**

Board member Lepak moved to approve. Board member Van Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes

**9i - Final Board determination after Hearing Officer's proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation 1) Kimberly Coates; 2) Tyler Patrick McGrew; 3) Travis Sloat**

Board member Lepak moved to accept the Hearing Officer's proposed findings. Board member Van Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes

**9j - Motion for Leave to amend Application: 1) Phillip Koons**

Board member Lepak moved to continue this matter. Board member Van Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes

**9k - Joint Motion to Dismiss: 1) Timothy Van Etten**

Board member Lepak moved to grant the dismissal of this matter. Board member Van Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes

**9l - Discussion and possible action to set due process hearing with State Board of Education or Administrative Hearing Officer: 1) Lowell Price**

Board member Lepak moved to set due process hearing in this matter. Board member Van Denhende seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes

**9m - Vote to Acknowledge Return to Open Session**



Board member Van Denhende made motion to return to open session. Board member Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Mr. Deatherage, yes; Superintendent Walters, yes

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda) – **25 O.S. § 311 - NO NEW BUSINESS**

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Individuals signed up to give a one minute public comment included Mr. Howell, Keith Olsen, Sheen Martin, Bob Linn, Charles Deforia, Jessica Scott, Don Franklin, Greg Adams, Brent Larsen, Jill Larsen

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Board member Van Denhende moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Dehende, yes; Ms. LePak, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes, Mr. Deatherage, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 9:30a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Ryan Walters, Chairperson of the Board

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Amy London, Chief Executive Secretary