STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OLIVER HODGE BUILDING 2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, SUITE 1-20 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105

December 2025 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA December 18, 2025, 1:00p.m.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 1. Call to order and roll call—1:00p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the Oklahoma State Flag, and Moment of Silence

(I salute the flag of the State of Oklahoma. Its symbols of peace unite all people.)

3. Minutes

Discussion and possible action on the minutes of the November 20, 2025, Regular Meeting of the State Board of Education.

4. Superintendent's Remarks (No Action)

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

5. Departmental Updates from the Deputy Superintendents (No Action)

Dr. Romel Muex-Pullen, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Ms. Kristen Stephens, Deputy Superintendent of Operations

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2025-2026 school year pursuant to 70 O.S. § 3-104; Oklahoma Administrative Code ("OAC") 210:35-1-4:

6. Emergency (Provisional) Teacher Certification

Discussion and possible action on requests for exceptions to the State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit emergency (provisional) certificates. 70 O.S. § 6-187(G):

Under 70 O.S. § 6-187(G), "nothing in the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act shall restrict the right of the State Board of Education to issue an emergency or provisional certificate." However, prior to requesting an emergency or provisional certificate, the schools district is required to "document substantial efforts to employ a teacher who holds a provisional or standard certificate." *Id.* If the district is unable to do so, the district must then "document efforts to employ an individual with a provisional or standard certificate in another area" that also has "academic preparation in the field of need." *Id.* In other words, only after exhausting both of these options is a district permitted to request an emergency or provisional certification.

(List of school districts requesting emergency certification is provided to the Board members and is available on the OSDE website under State Board of Education>Handouts)

7. Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) Penalty Waivers

Discussion and possible action on requests for OCAS penalty waivers pursuant to **70** O.S. § 5-135.2(B) and OAC 210:25-5-4:

Every school district must submit a copy of its actual income and expenditure date to the State Department of Education no later than September 1 each year. These submissions must be certified by the district superintendent or head of the charter school no later than November 1 each year. However, the State Board of Education may waive the penalty if the district can demonstrate that failure to do so was due to circumstances beyond the district's control and that the district is making every effort to comply as quickly as possible.

- (1) Proud to Partner Leadership Academy
- (2) Krebs Public School
- (3) Pittsburg Public School
- (4) Glover Public School

LEGAL SERVICES

8. Discussion and possible action 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:

Note: The Board will vote separately to return to Open Session taken (See Agenda Item 14).

- 9. Applications to Revoke Teacher Certificates and Certificate Numbers
 Applications for emergency orders pursuant to OAC 210:1-5-6(d)(1) summarily suspending the teaching certificates and certificate numbers and setting the matters before a hearing officer of:
 - (1) Chance Juby
 - (2) Jeffrey Standridge
- 10. Motion to Dismiss (Unopposed)

Upon reaching an agreed settlement, OSDE requests dismissal of the previous Application to Revoke the teaching certificate and certificate number of:

- (1) Rick Dillinger
- (2) Tony West
- 11. Motion to Dismiss (Opposed)

Respondent requests dismissal of the Application to Revoke and requests reinstatement of her teaching credentials.

(1) Kaytlin Fultz

12. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Motion to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law issued by the Administrative Law Judge based on evidence and testimony presented at revocation hearing:

- (1) Melissa Smith
- 13. Litigation Update
- 14. Vote to Acknowledge Return to Open Session
- 15. Discussion and action on matters discussed during Executive Session
- 16. New Business
- 17. ADJOURNMENT

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