

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the State Board of Education

June 8, 2026



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OLIVER HODGE BUILDING
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, SUITE 500 CR-2
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105**

Meeting Minutes Monday, June 8, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The State Board of Education met in a special meeting session at or about 2:30 p.m., Monday June 8, 2026, in the Oklahoma State Department of Education Oliver Hodge Building 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 500 CR-2 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The final agenda was posted at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026.

The following were present:

Ms. Jacki Phelps, General Counsel to the Oklahoma State Department of Education

Ms. Ashley Kemp, Counsel to the Oklahoma State Board of Education

Dr. Jennifer Hembree, Executive Secretary to the Oklahoma State Board of Education

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent, Lindel Fields, Chairman of the Board

Ms. Becky Carson, Edmond

Mr. Brian Bobek, Oklahoma City

Mr. Chris Van Denhende, Tulsa

Mr. Mike Tinney, Norman

Mr. Wes Nofire, Park Hill

Members of the State Board of Education absent:

Mr. Ryan Deatherage, Kingfisher

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

State Superintendent Lindel Fields called the State Board of Education special meeting to order on or about 2:30 p.m. Executive Secretary Jennifer Hembree called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA FLAG SALUTE, MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Superintendent Fields welcomed everyone to the meeting and led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

3. SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS: (No Action)

The Superintendent welcomed all board members, agency staff, and members of the public who were in attendance.

4. Flexibility of Allocated Textbook Funds Waiver: Discussion and possible action on statutory waiver request for Crooked Oak Public Schools under 70 O.S. § 16-114a for flexibility in the use of state-appropriated textbook funds, permitting districts that demonstrate current and appropriate instructional materials to use these funds, including carryover, for purposes supporting and maintaining the district.

Board Member Bokek moved to approve the statutory waiver request for Crooked Oak Public Schools. Board Member Carson seconded the motion. **The motion carried** with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Mr. Nofire, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Carson, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Superintendent Fields, yes. **APPROVED.**

5. Dahlongah Public Schools: Request to Transition from Dependent to Independent District: Discussion and possible action on the district's request to transition from a Dependent District to an Independent District pursuant to 70 O.S. § 7-101, which would authorize the district to operate grades K-12.

Board Member Nofire moved to **DENY** the transition from dependent to independent district. Board Member Bobek seconded the motion. **The motion carried** with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Mr. Nofire, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Carson, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Superintendent Fields, yes. **APPROVED.**

6. 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:

Board Member Bobek moved to convene into Executive Session. Board Member Van Denhende seconded the motion. **The motion carried** with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Mr. Nofire, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Carson, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Superintendent Fields, yes. **APPROVED.**

A. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law: Recommendation from the Administrative Law Judge Discussion and possible action on the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law issued by the Administrative Law Judge pursuant to OAC 210:1-5-6(g)(2) in the matter of:

1. Board Member Bobek moved to **ACCEPT** the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the Administrative Law Judge in the matter of OSDE vs. Patrick Cobb as listed under agenda item 6A1. Board Member Carson seconded the motion. **The motion carried** with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Mr. Nofire, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Carson, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Superintendent Fields, yes. **APPROVED.**

2. Board Member Bobek moved to **ACCEPT** the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the Administrative Law Judge in the matter OSDE vs Yolanda Dunbar as listed under agenda item 6A2. Board Member Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Mr. Nofire, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Carson, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Superintendent Fields, yes. **APPROVED.**
3. Board Member Bobek moved to **ACCEPT** the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the Administrative Law Judge in the matter OSDE vs Patrick Mckenzie as listed under agenda item 6A3. Board Member Tinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Mr. Nofire, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Carson, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Superintendent Fields, yes. **APPROVED.**
4. Board Member Bobek moved to **ACCEPT** the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the Administrative Law Judge in the matter OSDE vs **Wesley Parsons as listed** under agenda item 6A4. Board Member Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Mr. Nofire, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Carson, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Superintendent Fields, yes. **APPROVED.**
5. Board Member Bobek moved to **DENY** the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the Administrative Law Judge in the matter OSDE vs Kiera Smith listed under agenda item 6A5. Board Member Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Van Denhende, yes; Mr. Nofire, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Carson, yes; Mr. Tinney, yes; Superintendent Fields, yes. **APPROVED.**

7. **New Business (Any business not known about which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting of the Agenda pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 311.)**

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Board Member Bobek moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Nofire seconded the motion. **The motion was approved** with all members voting in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions. **APPROVED.**

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Lindel Fields, Chairperson of the Board

Jennifer Hembree, Executive Secretary