

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
August 10, 2026**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:05 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026, at the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members of the Statewide Charter School Board Present:

Brian Shellem
Bill Pearson
Amber Wise
Jared Buswell
Marshall Baker
Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
Courtney Anderson, designee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lindel Fields
Stephanie Savage

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Skyler H. Lusnia, Director of School Performance
Emily Witwer, Secretary to the Board
Lecrecia Schmidt, Operations Officer
Jaycie Smith, Academic Compliance Officer
Merin Gracey, Organizational Compliance Officer
Ellie Rivas, Financial Compliance Officer
Shelly Hickman, Communications Director
Lisa Daniels, Director of Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus
John Hadden, Assistant Attorney General

Other general public in attendance are shown as an attachment.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Brian Shellem – Present
Bill Pearson – Present
Amber Wise - Present
Jared Buswell – Present
Marshall Baker – Present
Kitty Campbell – Present, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
Courtney Anderson – Present, designee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lindel Fields
Stephanie Savage – Present

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the Oklahoma State Flag, and Moment of Silence

3. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding minutes of the July 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

Bill Pearson moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026, regular board meeting as presented. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Kitty Campbell – Yes
Bill Pearson – Yes
Courtney Anderson – Yes
Amber Wise - Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Marshall Baker – Abstain
Jared Buswell – Yes
Stephanie Savage – Yes

4. Chairman's Opening Comments

Chairman Brian Shellem thanked the many attendees from Tulsa Honor Academy who came to show their support for the school. Mr. Shellem discussed a speech from Ben Carson he attended and the inspiration he took from it. Mr. Shellem noted he was very encouraged by the hope for a better Oklahoma and continuing to raise the standard.

5. Public Comment

The Statewide Charter School Board shall hear public comment on any action item listed on the current board meeting agenda. Public comments will be limited to only those subject matters covered in the current meeting agenda. Public comment will not be taken on issues relating to: (1) pending litigation against SCSB or agency employees; (2) a pending grievance; (3) an employee complaint; (4) complaints against SCSB employees; (5) disciplinary action, suspension, or termination of an SCSB employee; or (6) any administrative proceeding initiated by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act. A sign-up sheet will be posted at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the Board Meeting. Sign up must be completed prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting. Only individuals who have signed up to speak will be recognized during the Public Comment period and will be recognized in the order in which they have signed in. Each speaker will be allocated three (3) minutes for presentation. The Board Chairperson may interrupt and/or terminate any presentation during public comment which does not conform to the procedures outlined under this Section. The Board Chairperson reserves and retains the right to interrupt, terminate, or postpone public comment as necessary to effectuate the management of the public meeting.

Megan Cox, the elementary principal in training for Tulsa Honor Academy, spoke about her experience working in education in Tulsa for 15 years and her time at Tulsa Honor Academy, which has deepened her understanding of what it takes to prepare students for college. Ms. Cox noted her dedication to the Tulsa community and helping every student achieve a pathway to college. Ms. Cox then explained her plan for Tulsa Honor Academy's proposed dual-language elementary school expansion and thanked the Board for its consideration.

Evelin Duenas, a student at Tulsa Honor Academy, spoke about the school's opportunities for every student, which have helped her develop her language skills and provided her with the tools she needed to succeed. Ms. Duenas added that she has increased her math skills and her confidence and that she wanted Tulsa Honor Academy to continue so other students could have the same opportunities.

Jhogan Marrufo Curiel, a student at Tulsa Honor Academy, spoke about the school's support of him in preparing for college. Mr. Curiel highlighted the school's pre-ACT program, that helped him increase his ACT score substantially, and the school's college readiness program. Mr. Curiel noted Tulsa Honor Academy's great impact on East Tulsa and stated that East Tulsa would further benefit from a Tulsa Honor Academy elementary school with the same values and principles.

Elsie Urueta Pollock, the founder of Tulsa Honor Academy, spoke as a potential parent of future Tulsa Honor Academy scholars. Ms. Pollock noted how many students, parents, and staff members had traveled from Tulsa to allow the Board to hear directly from the community. Ms. Pollock stated that a big catalyst in her success was obtaining a college degree and that was important to her in choosing the school for her children. Ms. Pollock stated that the Board's approval of Tulsa Honor's application with an elementary expansion would approve a school for her kids, and that she wants Tulsa Honor to be the school that she dreamed of for her own children.

6. BOARD SPOTLIGHT – Turning Vision into Results: Dove Virtual Academy's Journey to Academic Success

Shelly Hickman reminded the Board of the Performance Framework for Dove Virtual Academy presented to the Board in June and invited Dove's staff to speak about their work to achieve high scores. Dove Virtual's Principal, Emre Ozturk, spoke briefly before introducing two of Dove's staff members, Mr. Kinsey and Ms. Mehrabi. Mr. Kinsey spoke about Dove's mission and vision and their growth since opening, then highlighted the many clubs and extended learning opportunities that engage students in academics, STEM, and leadership. Ms. Mehrabi discussed a community engineering club and the Go Baby Go project, in which Dove students modified a pedal car for a local young hospital patient. Ms. Mehrabi also highlighted Dove's parent orientation, home visits, and other opportunities for parents to get involved. Principal Ozturk closed by noting some of Dove Virtual's achievements, including 100% high school graduation, FAFSA completion, 4-year college acceptance, and exam participation rates.

7. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the Statewide Charter School Board Working Groups: Budget, Performance Framework Task Force, and Facilities Funding Steering Committee

Jared Buswell, Chair of the Budget Working Group, had no update. Executive Director Dr. Rebecca Wilkinson explained the benefit of having more specific working groups moving forward and highlighted the work of the Performance Framework Task Force. Dr. Wilkinson thanked Board member Courtney Anderson for her work on that team and expressed the need for Board members to serve on the Facilities Funding Steering Committee. Dr. Marshall Baker inquired about the protocol for serving on working groups and Mr. Shellem advised. Mr. Shellem also announced the resignation of Damon Gardenhire, the former Chair of the Communications Working Group, and thanked him for his service to the Board.

8. Administration

a. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the renewal decision for Le Monde International School

Skyler Lusnia, Director of School Performance for the Statewide Charter School Board, introduced the renewal application for Le Monde International School. Mr. Lusnia noted that Le Monde submitted a timely application requesting a ten-year renewal term and expansion to high school. Mr. Lusnia discussed the Board staff's review of the application and the perceived strengths and weaknesses, stating that staff recommended both the renewal and expansion. Le

Monde's superintendent, Lance Seeright, addressed the Board to present notable features and achievements of the school, including its designation as an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme candidate school. Mr. Seeright then discussed Le Monde's plan to expand to grades nine through twelve and add a second campus, requesting a ten-year renewal to help with these plans.

Board members then discussed multiple options related to Le Monde's renewal and asked questions related to Le Monde's planned expansion, timeline, facilities, and governing board. Mr. Seeright explained Le Monde's strategic plan to blend in students, potential locations for the campus expansion, and recent updates to the governing board. Stephanie Savage moved to approve Le Monde International School's expansion to grades nine through twelve. Kitty Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Amber Wise – Yes
Marshall Baker – Yes
Bill Pearson – Yes
Courtney Anderson – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Stephanie Savage – Yes

Board members further discussed the term of Le Monde's contract and discussed the strengths of the school's model, options for five-, seven-, or ten-year terms, and the need for expanded accountability with longer charter terms. Members discussed the vote of confidence that a longer term gives school investors and the possibility of amending a contract to extend the term based on good performance. Marshall Baker then moved to approve Le Monde International School for a seven-year contract term. Courtney Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Amber Wise – Yes
Marshall Baker – Yes
Bill Pearson – Yes
Courtney Anderson – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Stephanie Savage – Yes

- b. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the renewal decision for Tulsa Honor Academy

Mr. Lusnia introduced the renewal application for Tulsa Honor Academy, a school currently authorized by Tulsa Public Schools. Mr. Lusnia noted the application was submitted timely and included requests for a ten-year term and expansion to elementary school. Mr. Lusnia discussed the Board staff's review of the application and highlights of the school's model, stating that staff recommended both the renewal and expansion. Jared Buswell moved to approve Tulsa Honor Academy for a ten-year contract term. Courtney Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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Bill Pearson – Yes
Courtney Anderson – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Stephanie Savage – Yes

Courtney Anderson then moved to approve Tulsa Honor Academy's expansion to include Pre-Kindergarten through fourth grade. Kitty Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Amber Wise – Yes
Marshall Baker – Yes
Bill Pearson – Yes
Courtney Anderson – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Stephanie Savage – Yes

- c. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the closure status of Proud to Partner Leadership Academy

Mr. Lusnia introduced the interim closing officer for Proud to Partner Leadership Academy, Ellie Rivas. Mr. Lusnia provided a summary of relevant dates related to the school closure, including funding holds and releases, the formation of a transition team, the liquidation of assets, and payment of outstanding debts. Mr. Lusnia noted remaining items needing resolution, including the completion of accurate student transcripts and receipt of all other school records. Ms. Rivas answered Board members' questions regarding the student records. Dr. Wilkinson thanked Ms. Rivas and staff for their work during the closure process.

- d. Presentation and possible discussion regarding proposed amendments to title 777, Chapter 15 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code as set forth below:

Title 777. STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
CHAPTER 15: Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus
Subchapter 1. Oklahoma Supplemental Online Course Certification
777:15-1-6. Course review and certification process (Amended)
777:15-1-7. Certified courses remaining in good standing (Amended)
Subchapter 3. Horizon Online Learning Platform and Courses
777:15-3-3. Receiver district roles and responsibilities (Amended)
777:15-3-4. Online instructor responsibilities (Amended)
Subchapter 5. Horizon Consortium
777:15-5-1. Purpose (Amended)
777:15-5-2. Horizon responsibilities (Amended)
777:15-5-3. District responsibilities (Amended)

Dr. Wilkinson explained the plan to bring proposed rule amendments to the Board early to allow discussion prior to any action. Dr. Lisa Daniels, Director of Horizon: Digitally Enhanced

Campus, presented the proposed amendments to Chapter 15, noting that the changes were minimal. The proposed changes included updates to match new standards approved by the Board, more appropriate timelines for submission of data, and corrections to enrollment protocols based on experience.

- e. Presentation and possible discussion regarding proposed amendments to title 777, Chapter 10 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code as set forth below:

Title 777. STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

CHAPTER 10: Charter Schools and Statewide Virtual Charter Schools

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

777:10-1-2. Definitions (Amended)

777:10-1-3. School establishment requirements (Amended)

777:10-1-4. Educational Management Organizations (Amended)

Subchapter 3. Charter School and Virtual Charter School Sponsorship

777:10-3-3. Applications to sponsor charter schools and virtual charter schools; renewal and termination of contracts for sponsorship of charter schools and virtual charter schools (Amended)

777:10-3-4. Oversight and evaluation of charter schools and virtual charter schools by the Statewide Charter School Board (Amended)

Mr. Lusnia presented the proposed amendments to Chapter 10 to the Board. The proposed changes included the addition of defined terms, a change to the application cycle for brick-and-mortar charter schools, and the removal of some information required for a renewal application. Mr. Lusnia noted the largest change, the removal of the Performance Framework language, which was submitted as a recent emergency rulemaking measure and must also be included in the permanent rulemaking process. Dr. Baker asked questions regarding school oversight and noted his wish for more objective measures and levers prompting action. Mr. Shellem noted that additional language could be added before action was taken. Mr. Lusnia presented the final proposed changes, including a modification to the submission of required data, school website compliance, and the addition of a requirement for parents or legal guardians to attend school orientation.

- f. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the 2026 Annual Oklahoma Charter Schools Conference

Shelly Hickman provided a brief update on the upcoming Annual Charter Schools Conference. Ms. Hickman stated that the number of exhibitors had doubled from the previous year, fifty-five breakout proposals had been submitted, and \$41,000 had been raised of the \$90,000 goal. Ms. Hickman introduced the inaugural Charter School Hall of Fame and explained the nomination and selection process. Ms. Hickman announced the confirmed keynote speaker, Jed Wallace, and provided Mr. Wallace's background.

9. New Business

Discussion and possible action of any item that could not have been known or reasonably foreseen prior to time of posting agenda (As defined in Oklahoma Statutes Title 25, Section 311 (A)(9)).

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

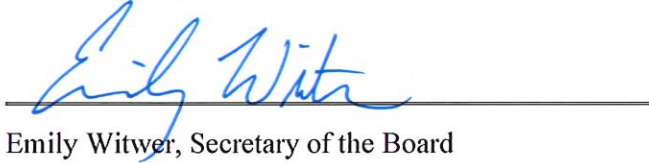
Jared Buswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Courtney Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Amber Wise – Yes
Marshall Baker – Yes
Bill Pearson – Yes
Courtney Anderson – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Stephanie Savage – Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Emily Witwer, Secretary of the Board

ATTACHMENT:

OTHER GENERAL PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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Meeting Sign-In

Please PRINT Name	Business - School - Agency	Address
Erin G. Hark	Dove Virtual Academy	Warr Acres, OK
Leanne Spright	Le Monde Int	Norman, OK
MALC BERMAN	Le Monde Int'l School	NORMAN, OK
PARRY < Citrus Grove	OPCSA	OK
Trish Rios	Le Monde International	Norman OK
Nino Perez	Le monde International	Norman OK
Jeremy Kinney	Dove Virtual Academy	Warr Acres, OK
Sara Mehreshi	Dove virtual Academy	Warr Acres, OK
Kendra Cope	OPACS	
Stephen & Yelisebel Scott + 2 kids	Le Monde (Lmis)	Norman, OK
Jennifer Wilkinson	ISAC	MWC
Elle Shropper + 4 kids	Lmis	Norman OK
Missy Gregory	ISAC	Broken Arrow, OK
Adam Plummer	OPCSA	MWC

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Please PRINT Name	Business - School - Agency	Address
Kate Freudenheim	Tulsa Planer Academy	421 S. Sheridan Rd. Tulsa, OK 74112
Alison Moeke		
Justine McGovern		
Madison Bonilla-Guez		
Esle Wileta Palfalk		
Esli Flores Walkorlat		
Alexander Nolas		
Eddye Mercado		
Jose Pajes		
Shogun Curriel		
Evilina Olenas		
Morgan Cox		
Steven Ramos		
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