

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
August 12, 2024**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in special session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members of the Statewide Charter School Board Present:

Brian Shellem
Angie Thomas
Kathleen White
Becky Gooch
Damon Gardenhire
Jared Buswell
Dr. Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
John Tautfest, designee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ryan Walters

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Amy Gibson, Secretary to the Board
Jaycie Smith, Academic Compliance Officer
Skyler Lusnia, Financial Compliance Officer
Lecrecia Schmidt, Operations Officer
Shelly Hickman, Communications Officer

Other general public:

Jason Meek, OKCPS
Charles Lindsey Outlaw, LegisOK
Heather Zacarias, WGES
Hailey Weger, KWTW
Nuria Martinez-Keel, Oklahoma Voice
Jennifer Palmer, Oklahoma Watch
Jake Ramsey, Oklahoma Watch
Vicky Montes, WGES
Rachna May, WGES
Tara Hall, WGES
Amelia Hall, WGES
Amaya Ward, KFOR
Reverend Stephen Hamilton, St. Monica Church
Ashley Terry, WGES
April Haulman, UCO
Dr. Regina Lopez, UCO

Sam Montes, WGES
Valeria Montes, WGES
Vivian Montes, WGES
Blair Humphreys, WGES
Lauren Barshols Hanna, WGES
David Hoke, Oklahoman
Juliana Giles, WGES
Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA
Alecia Waltey, WGES
Rebecca James, OKCA
Melissa Gregory, OKCA
Bennett Brinkman, Non-Doc
Andy Webe, KOCO

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Brian Shellem – Present
Angie Thomas – Present
Kathleen White – Present
Becky Gooch – Present
Damon Gardenhire – Present
Jared Buswell – Present
Ben Lepak – Absent
Dr. Kitty Campbell – Present
John Tautfest – Present

2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, SALUTE TO THE OKLAHOMA STATE FLAG, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s June 25, 2024, ruling in regard to rescission of the St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual Charter School Charter Contract.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion as directed by the Oklahoma Supreme Court in it’s Writ of Mandamus and Declaratory Relief issued on June, 25, 2024, the Statewide Charter School Board hereby rescinds the Charter Contract entered on October 16, 2023, with St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School with such rescission being effective June 25, 2024, provided that such St. Isidore charter contract will be automatically reinstated and immediate and full effect as of any date on which the Oklahoma Supreme Court or the United States Supreme Court reserves, vacates, or otherwise nullifies the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s June 25, 2024, writ directing rescission. Kitty Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes:

Brian Shellem – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes

4. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action on the minutes of the July 8, 2024 and July 30, 2024, Statewide Charter School Board Special Board Meeting

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024, and July 30, 2024, Statewide Charter School Board Special Board Meetings. Kathy White seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Jared Buswell – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes

5. OPENING COMMENTS – Chairman Brian Shellem

Chairman played the JFK’s Moonshot Speech clip to be inspirational as the new Board is established. Mr. Shellem commented, “We can inspire, we can make the changes, and we will raise the standard. We will press on even when it is difficult”.

6. ADMINISTRATION

a. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the Western Gateway Elementary School Application for Renewal – Western Gateway Elementary School Governing Board, and Leadership.

Dr. Wilkinson introduced Heather Zacarias, Head of School for Western Gateway Elementary. She gave a presentation about the school and introduced board members, teachers, and students of Western Gateway Elementary School.

b. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the establishment of Statewide Charter School Board advisory committees:

- Communication
- Budget
- Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus
- Governance

Damon Gardenhire will chair Communication. Jared Buswell will chair Budget. Becky Gooch will chair Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus, and Ben Lepak will chair Governance.

Mr. Gardenhire made a motion to develop the appropriate term for the groups and label those groups in that fashion. Mr. Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes

Jared Buswell – Yes

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to expand Advisory Teams to include, Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus and Governance. The motion carried with the following votes:

Angie Thomas – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes

c. Presentation and possible discussion regarding an overview of the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus program.

Presentation moved to the September meeting.

d. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the charter contract amendment allowing Proud to Partner Leadership Academy (PTPLA) to add grades nine and ten beginning with the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Jared Buswell made a motion to amend the charter contract for PTPLA to add grades nine and ten beginning with the 2024 – 2025 school year. John Tautfest seconded the motion. The motion carries with the following votes:

Angie Thomas – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes

7. ADJOURNMENT

Becky Gooch made a motion to adjourn. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

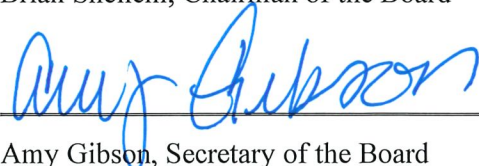
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m., on August 12, 2024

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Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Gibson", written over a horizontal line.

Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board