

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD  
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER  
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK  
June 9, 2025**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, 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  
Kathy White  
Becky Gooch  
Damon Gardenhire  
Jared Buswell  
Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd  
John Tautfest, designee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ryan Walters  
David Rutkauskas

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director  
Skyler Lusnia, Director of School Performance  
Amy Gibson, Secretary to the Board  
Jaycie Smith, Academic Compliance Officer  
Lecrecia Schmidt, Operations Officer  
Lisa Daniels, Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus, Director  
Shelly Hickman, Communications Officer

Other general public:

Alexia Aston, The Oklahoman  
Jason Meek, OKCPS  
Cole Nelson, John Rex Charter School  
Patrick Duffy, John Rex Charter School  
Sasha Ndisabiye, NonDoc  
Kendra Cope, OYACS  
Chad Christiansen, In the Gap  
Melissa Gregory, OKCA  
Rebecca James, OKCA  
Jennifer Wilkinson, ISOK  
Audra Plummer, OVCA  
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Brian Shellem – Present  
Angie Thomas – Present  
Kathy White – Present  
Becky Gooch – Present  
Damon Gardenhire – Present  
Jared Buswell – Present  
David Rutkauskas – Present  
John Tautfest/Courtney Anderson – Present, designee for Superintendent Ryan Walters  
Kitty Campbell – Present, designee for State Auditor and Inspector Cindy Byrd

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

**3. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

There was no discussion on the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

**4. Chairman's Opening Comments**

Chairman Shellem welcomed those attending and briefly commented he is proud of the board's work as they continue to move the needle in a positive direction.

**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.*

There was no public comment

**6. Board Spotlight – John Rex Charter School - Expansion**

Shelly Hickman provided background information on John Rex Charter School and introduced Superintendent Patrick Duffy. Mr. Duffy presented what the school's mission and vision are and how they have changed. He also presented on the expansion of the charter school, launching an intermediate, junior high, and high school for the 2025-2026 school year.

**7. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the Statewide Charter School Board Working Group reports: Budget, Communications, Governance, and Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus**

Jared Buswell, chair of the Budget Working Group, informed the board that the legislature accepted the budget request of the agency but denied the budget for Horizon: Digitally enhanced Campus. Horizon will continue to operate through cash reserves and they will submit another budget request for the next legislative session. There were no updates for the Communications, Governance, or Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus Working Groups.

**8. Administration**

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

Dr. Lisa Daniels presented an update on the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus to the board. She introduced the Assistant Executive Director for Horizons: Digitally Enhanced Campus, Jill Bowman to the board. Chuck Pack and Jill Taylor from the Prisms Program presented updates and feedback from the Oklahoma schools participating in the Prisms Program.

- b. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding consideration to submit an Expanding Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Programs-State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grant Program (SFIG) competitive federal grant

Dr. Rebecca Wilkinson presented grant information and the application to the board. She asked permission to apply for the grant.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion giving the Statewide Charter School staff permission to apply for the Expanding Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Programs-State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grant Program competitive federal grant. David Rutkauskas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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



- c. (Action) Presentation and possible discussion regarding the School Year 2023-2024 Performance Frameworks for the following virtual charter schools:
- I. Dove Virtual Academy
  - II. Oklahoma Connections Academy
  - III. Virtual Preparatory Academy of Oklahoma
  - IV. The Academies of Oklahoma
  - V. Le Monde International School

Skyler Lusnia and Jaycie Smith presented the School Year 2023-2024 Performance Frameworks to the board and answered questions from board members regarding the academic, financial and organizational components of the frameworks.

- d. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the 2025 Legislative Session and planning for the 2026 Legislative Session

Dr. Rebecca Wilkinson gave a brief overview of the 2025 Legislative Session, as well as the passing of SB 674. She also informed the board that the Governance Working Group will start working on legislative requests for next years legislative session

## 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

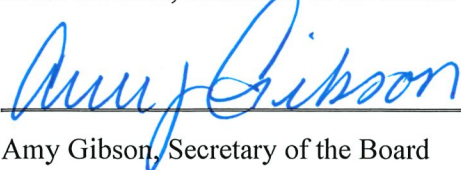
Jared Buswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kitty Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.**



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board