

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD  
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER  
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK  
August 11, 2025**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2025, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Members of the Statewide Charter School Board Present:**

Brian Shellem  
Britni Tomcho  
Kathy White  
Bill Pearson  
Damon Gardenhire  
Jared Buswell  
Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd  
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  
Shelly Hickman, Communications Director  
Ellie Rivas, Financial Compliance Officer  
Merin Gracey, Organizational Compliance Officer and Special Projects

**Other general public:**

Jennifer Pace, Insight School of Oklahoma  
Katrina Mohamed, Insight School of Oklahoma  
Carole Kelley, ISOK  
Audra Plummer, OVCA  
Kendra Cope, OYACS  
Melissa White, OYACS  
Jason Mack, OKCPS  
Andrew Calvin, Capitol Culture,  
Jennifer Palmer, OKWatch  
Sasha Ndisabiye, NonDoc  
Kevin Clagg, OYACS  
Amber Miller, OYACS  
Chris Brewster, Santa Fe South  
Melissa Gregory, OKCA

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Rebecca James, OKCA  
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy  
Ashley Deskin, ISOK  
Cindy Friedemann, ISOK

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

Brian Shellem – Present  
Britni Tomcho – Present  
Kathy White – Present  
Bill Pearson – Present  
Damon Gardenhire – Present  
Jared Buswell – Present  
Kitty Campbell - Present, designee for State Auditor and Inspector Cindy Byrd  
Courtney Anderson – Absent, designee for Superintendent Ryan Walters  
David Rutkauskas – Present

**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 July 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

There was no discussion on the minutes of the July 14, 2025, regular board meeting.

Bill Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025, regular board meeting.  
Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Britni Tomcho – Abstain  
Kathy White – Yes  
Bill Pearson – Yes  
Damon Gardenhire – Yes  
Jared Buswell – Yes  
Kitty Campbell – Yes  
David Rutkauskas – Abstain  
Brian Shellem – Yes

**4. Chairman's Opening Comments**

Chairman Shellem welcomed those attending and commented on the work of the Board. He encouraged the members to continue pushing one another to be better, to do what is best for Oklahoma students.

**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.*

Carole Kelley from Insight School of Oklahoma (ISOK) gave a brief introduction of herself and informed the board of her commitment to ISOK as the school's former Board Chair. Cindy Friedemann introduced herself and shared her commitment to Insight School of Oklahoma as well. Ms. Friedemann read a letter provided to SCSB members outlining some of the goals and accomplishments of ISOK.

**6. Board Spotlight – Charter school expansion, Brent Bushey, Fuel OKC and Chris Brewster, Santa Fe South Charter School Superintendent.**

Dr. Wilkinson introduced Brent Bushey from Fuel OKC and Chris Brewster, Superintendent of Santa Fe South Charter Schools. Mr. Bushey and Mr. Brewster presented to the board information on the growth of charter schools, the growth of Oklahoma City, and the growth of the charter school community in our state.

**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 preparation for the FY2027 is underway. Damon Gardenhire, chair of the Communications Working Group, updated the board on the launch of the interactive dashboard, the promotion of Lunch and Learns provided by the SCSB, and policy-making discussions. There was no update on the Horizon Digital Enhanced Campus Working Group. The Governance Working Group will meet on August 20, 2025, to discuss the needs of the charter schools in the state.

**8. Administration**

- a. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the School Year 2023-2024 Performance Frameworks for the following charter school and virtual charter schools:

1. Epic Charter Schools
2. Insight School of Oklahoma
3. Oklahoma Youth Academy

Skyler Lusnia and Dr. Jaycie Smith presented the School Year 2023 – 2024 Performance Frameworks and answered questions regarding the academic, financial, and organizational components of the Frameworks. It was noted that each school was different in multiple ways and unique in size and mission.

- b. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to initiate the administrative rulemaking in accordance with 75 O.S. §§ , regarding proposed amendments and reorganization to title 777, chapters 1 and 10 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code as follows:

Title 777. STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

CHAPTER 1. Administrative Operations

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

777:1-1-4. Organization (Amended)

777:1-1-7. Procedures for declaratory rulings (Amended)

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777:1-1-9. Individual proceedings (Amended)

CHAPTER 10: Statewide Charter Schools (Amended)

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)

Dr. Wilkinson and Skyler Lusnia presented the proposed changes to Title 777, Chapters 1 and 10 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code and asked the board to approve entering into the rulemaking process. Primary revisions are related to charter school authorization and oversight processes.

Jared Buswell made a motion to allow the SCSB to initiate the administrative rulemaking process in accordance with 75 O.S., regarding proposed amendments and reorganization to Title 777, Chapters 1 and 10 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code. Kitty Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Kathy White – Yes

Bill Pearson – Yes

Damon Gardenhire – Yes

Jared Buswell – Yes

Kitty Campbell – Yes

David Rutkauskas – Yes

Brian Shellem – Yes

Britni Tomcho – Yes

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to add the following addendum to the current draft of 777:10-3-4 subsection c.

*“In addition to the required state accountability indicators, the board may approve up to three mission-specific performance measures for a charter school. These must be evidence-based, valid, reliable, and aligned with the school’s mission. School-specific measures may account for up to ten percent of the academic weighting and the performance framework index. Schools must propose such measures during the initial application process or renewal process, and performance against the measures will be reviewed annually.”*

David Rutkauskas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Bill Pearson – Yes

Damon Gardenhire – Yes

Jared Buswell – Yes

Kitty Campbell – Yes

David Rutkauskas – Yes

Brian Shellem – Yes

Britni Tomcho – Yes

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Kathy White – Yes

**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)).*

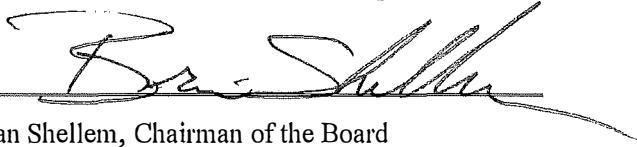

There was no new business.

**10. Adjournment**

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

Damon Gardenhire – Yes  
Jared Buswell – Yes  
Kitty Campbell – Yes  
David Rutkauskas – Yes  
Brian Shellem – Yes  
Britni Tomcho – Yes  
Kathy White – Yes  
Bill Pearson – Yes

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.**

  
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Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board  
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Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board