

Minutes of the Special Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
2501 N. LINCOLN BLVD, STE.201
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
January 30, 2026

The Statewide Charter School Board met in special session at 9:01a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026, at the Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board, 2501 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members of the Statewide Charter School Board Present:

Brian Shellem
Bill Pearson
Damon Gardenhire
Britni Tomcho
Courtney Anderson, designee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lindel Fields

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Skyler Lusnia, Director of School Performance
Merin Gracey, Interim Secretary to the Board

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Brian Shellem – Present
Bill Pearson – Present
Amber Hidy - Absent
Jared Buswell – Absent
Britni Tomcho – Present
David Rutkauskas – Absent
Damon Gardenhire – Present
Kitty Campbell - Absent, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
Courtney Anderson - Present, designee for State Dept of Education Superintendent, Lindel Fields

2. Administration

- a. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the adoption of proposed amendments and reorganization to title 777, chapters 1 and 10 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code as set forth below:

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)

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)

Chairman Shellem opened discussion on the re-adoption of the proposed amendments to the permanent rules. Skyler Lusnia thanked those in attendance and stated that review and readoption of the rules as previously presented and approved at the December 2025 regular board meeting was necessary to move forward in the rule making process. The deadline to submit the rules to the Office of Administrative Rules within 10 days of adoption had passed. The Board is required to readopt the rules as previously proposed to ensure timely submission.

To refresh the Board’s memory regarding the original adoption of the proposed amendments at the regular Board meeting held on December 8, 2025, Mr. Lusnia briefly recapped the proposed administrative rules. Mr. Lusnia further explained that, upon readoption at this meeting, the rules would be filed with the Office of Administrative Rules and subsequently submitted to the Legislature and the Governor for review and to become effective.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to readopt proposed rules. Bill Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Kitty Campbell – Absent
Bill Pearson – Yes
Courtney Anderson – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Amber Hidy - Absent
Brian Shellem – Yes
Britni Tomcho – Yes
Jared Buswell – Absent
David Rutkauskas – Absent

3. Adjournment

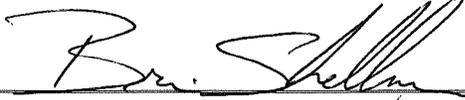
Damon Gardenhire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Amber Hidy - Absent
Britni Tomcho – Yes
Bill Pearson – Yes
Courtney Anderson – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Absent

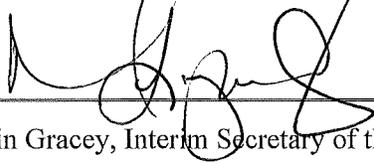
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Jared Buswell – Absent
David Rutkauskas – Absent

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Merin Gracey, Interim Secretary of the Board

