

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
July 8, 2024**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in special session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members of the Statewide Charter School Board Present:

Brian Shellem
Kathleen White
Becky Gooch
Damon Gardenhire
Jared Buswell
Dr. Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
John Taufest, designee for 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

Other general public:

Murray Evans, The Oklahoman
Payton May, Fox 25
Brian Allen, Fox 25
Tulsa World
Nuria Martinez-Keel, Oklahoma Voice
Taelyr Jackson, OETA
Andrew H, OETA
Jennifer Palmer, Oklahoma Watch
Jake Ramsey, Oklahoma Watch
Charles Lindsey-Outlaw, LegisOK
Brent Rowland, Self
Haley Weger, News9
Dylan Rouse, News 9
Ray Maytubby, News9
Beth Wallis, StateImpac OK
Hunter Elyse, KFOR
Kyle E, KFOR
Andy Weber, KOCO

Walter Guthrie, KOCO
Brett Robinson
Bennett Birnkman, Non-Doc
Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

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

3. OPENING COMMENTS – Dr. Wilkinson asked the Board to introduce themselves. Dr. Wilkinson then introduced the Statewide Charter School Board staff.

4. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the election of officers.

a. Chairperson – Damon Gardenhire nominated Brian Shellem for Chairperson. Jared Buswell seconded the motion, and the motion carried with the following votes:

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

b. Jared Buswell volunteered to be Vice-Chairperson. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion, and the motion carried with the following votes:

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

5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the 2024 Statewide Charter School Board meeting dates.

Mr. Shellem informed the Board these meeting dates have been proposed. Mr. Gardenhire made a motion to approve the 2024 meeting dates. Mr. Tautfest seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

- b. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 Statewide Charter School Board meeting dates.

Mr. Shellem asked Board members to review proposed 2025 Statewide Charter School Board meeting dates and informed the members these meetings would be held at the Oklahoma History Center at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Wilkinson confirmed these dates on the second Monday of every month; the Oklahoma History Center is available.

Mr. Gardenhire made a motion to approve the 2025 meeting dates. Mr. Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

- c. Presentation and discussion regarding Senate Bill 516 passed in the 2023 Oklahoma Legislative Session.

Dr. Wilkinson provided board members with a handout highlighting the points of SB 516 and shared specific sections of the bill.

- d. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the Statewide Charter School Board Mission Statement.

The Board discussed creation of a three-person working group to develop a potential mission statement for the Statewide Charter School Board.

Mr. Gardenhire made a motion to create a committee composed of Mr. Shellem, Mr. Gardenhire, and Dr. Campbell. Ms. Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

6. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) and consistent with 2005 OK AG 29 ¶ 13, for the purpose of confidential communication between the Board and legal counsel concerning pending litigation related to St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School where counsel has determined that disclosure of information related to the matter will seriously impair the ability of the Board process, defend, or otherwise conduct pending litigation.

1. Vote to enter Executive Session.
2. Exit Executive Session and vote to re-enter Open Session.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s June 25, 2024, ruling.

1. (Action) Ms. Gooch made a motion to enter executive session. Mr. Tautfest seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

2. (Action) Ms. Gooch made a motion to re-enter Open Session. Mr. Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

3. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s June 25, 2024, ruling.

Mr. Shellem briefly commented on legal proceedings. No action taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. Jared Buswell made a motion to adjourn. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion, and the motion carried with the following votes:

Jared Buswell – Yes

Dr. Kitty Campbell – Yes, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd

John Tautfest – Yes, designee for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ryan Walters

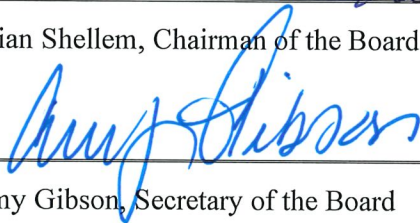
Brian Shellem – Yes

Kathleen White – Yes

Damon Gardenhire – Yes



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board