

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
September 8, 2025**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:06 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 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
Bill Pearson
Damon Gardenhire
Jared Buswell
Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
Courtney Anderson, 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
Lecrecia Schmidt, Operations Officer
Shelly Hickman, Communications Director
Ellie Rivas, Financial Compliance Officer
Merin Gracey, Organizational Compliance Officer and Special Projects
Lisa Daniels, Director of Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus

Other general public:

Nuria Martinez-Keel, Oklahoma Voice
Melissa Reed, SOS
Joel Harder, Oklahoma Capitol Culture
Kendra Cope, OYACS
Steven Stefanick, HCP
Audra Plummer, OVCA
Sasha Ndisabiye, NonDoc
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy

6. Board Spotlight – Top Performing Oklahoma Charter Schools.

Shelly Hickman presented the U.S. News and World Report 2025 High School Rankings. The 2025 list includes 24,000 public high schools, and two charter schools made the Top 10 on the Oklahoma list, Dove Science Academy High School and Harding Charter Prep High School. Ms. Hickman congratulated Superintendents Abidin Erez of Dove and Steven Stefanick of Harding for their success.

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 agency has received its initial budget documents for FY27 and is preparing reports for the upcoming year. Up for consideration is the possible filing for a supplemental budget request for Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus. There was no update for the Communications Working Group. David Rutkauskas, chair of the Governance Working Group, informed the board that their primary objective for this year is to restore the budget allocation for the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus program and to ensure strong communication for approval of the proposed Administrative Rules. There was no update for the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus Working Group. Dr. Wilkinson informed the board that a chair for this working group is needed and after the Horizon presentation by Dr. Daniels, a conversation may be had.

8. Administration

- a. Presentation and discussion regarding P3 Urban Montessori Play, Process, Progress charter contract conditions and school opening progress

Skyler Lusnia gave an update on P3 Urban Montessori Play, Process, Progress charter school. P3 has met the four conditions outlined in the charter contract. Skyler and the compliance officers will be meeting with P3 in October to obtain an update on the progress in completing the items required on the pre-opening requirements checklist and discuss their next steps.

- b. Presentation and discussion regarding the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus program and participation

Dr. Daniels gave an update on the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus program. Dr. Daniels highlighted the growth of the consortium and the progress the program is making in Oklahoma schools.

- c. Presentation and discussion regarding the definition and parameters related to what may be considered an application of merit

Skyler Lusnia presented the proposed language for the School Application Standards for discussion regarding reviewing new applications for merit. Mr. Lusnia discussed with the board possible standards to be embedded into a rubric to present to the board at a later time.

- d. Presentation and discussion regarding continuing education and communication opportunities, including the 2026 Oklahoma Charter School Conference

Shelly Hickman gave an update on the agency's Lunch and Learn training sessions and the opportunity for school board members to earn 12 credits through the course of the year by attending these sessions. She also informed the board of the 2026 Charter School Conference hosted by the SCSB. Ms. Hickman would like to continue to build a subscriber

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list for the Charter Connect newsletter. She informed the board about the SCSB and Horizon social media presence and mentioned the possibility of creating a podcast for the agency that was inspired by the National Charter Institutes weekly Bold by Choice podcast.

- e. Presentation and discussion regarding the selection of an auditor and investigation process of Epic Charter School

Skyler Lusnia gave an update on the selection of the auditor and investigation of Epic Charter Schools. A selection has been made, and the contract will be executed as quickly as legally possible. Once a contract has been executed, the agency will release additional information.

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

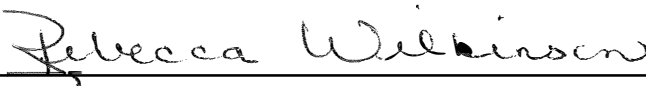
Damon Gardenhire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board