

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
September 9, 2024**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in special session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2024, 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
Kathleen White
Becky Gooch
Damon Gardenhire
Jared Buswell
Ben Lepak
Dr. Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
John Taufest, designee for State 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
Shelly Hickman, Communications Officer

Other general public:

Blake Gideon, First Baptist Edmond
Melissa White, OYACS
Leticia Sanchez, OYACS
Doug Hoke, Oklahoma
Jennifer Wilkinson, ISOK
Jennifer Rosenbloom, TAO
Kevin Clagg, OYACS
Jason Meek, OKCPS
David Oakley, LegisOK
Lance Seewright, Le Monde
Melissa Gregory, OKCA
Alicia Ethington, TAOS
Daniel Ethington, TAOS
Bennett Brinkman, NonDoc
Kendra Cope, OYACS
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

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

3. Message from Senator Adam Pugh, Senate Education Chairman and Author of Senate Bill 516
4. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the August 12, 2024, Statewide Charter School Board Special Board Meeting.

Kitty Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024, Statewide Charter School Board Special Meeting. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

5. Chairman’s Opening Comments – Chairman Shellem spoke of the Board’s work to make a difference.
6. Presentation and possible discussion regarding Statewide Charter School Board Advisory Group Reports: Budget, Communications, Governance, and Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus.

The chair of each group briefly presented on their respective advisory group. Jared Buswell presented on Budget. Damon Gardenhire presented on Communications. Ben Lepak presented on Governance. Becky Gooch presented on Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus.

7. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Vision, Mission, and Core Values statements.

Dr. Wilkinson advised the Board to amend the Vision and Mission statements to reflect both authorization of schools and Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus. In the vision statement, she suggested the Board add words to include high-quality educational programs, and in the mission to

add five words to include and implementing supplementary learning opportunities. Mr. Shellem requested to add to the Core Values that results matter.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to add the words in the Vision and Mission statement suggested by Dr. Wilkinson and, where appropriate, add results matter to the Core Values statement. Angie Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Kathy White – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes
Damon Gardnehire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Ben Lepak – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes

8. Administration

a. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance and approval of the charter school contracts for the following schools:

- (i) Academy of Seminole
- (ii) Le Monde International School
- (iii) Oklahoma Youth Academy

Ben Lepak made a motion to accept and execute contracts for the Academy of Seminole, Le Monde International School, and Oklahoma Youth Academy. John Tautfest seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

b. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding an amendment to the Academy of Seminole charter contract including a request for school name change to become the Academies of Oklahoma and a request to add a third school site in Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Wren Hawthorne, Superintendent of The Academy of Seminole presented on the success of The Academy of Seminole and their newest school in Muskogee, OK. He requested a name change from The Academies of Seminole to The Academies of Oklahoma. He also requested to open a new site in Blanchard Oklahoma.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to accept the name change from the Academy of Seminole to the Academies of Oklahoma. Ben Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Ben Lepak made a motion to allow the Academies of Oklahoma to open a site in Blanchard, Oklahoma. Kitty Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

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

Item 8. C. was tabled.

d. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a spring 2025 Oklahoma Charter School Conference.

Shelly Hickman presented the plan for the 1st Annual Oklahoma Charter School Conference. Ms. Hickman asked for approval to move forward with the conference.

Ben Lepak made a motion to authorize the staff of the Statewide Charter School Board to start planning the 1st Annual Charter School Conference in March of 2025. Angie Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

e. (Action) Presentation, discussion and possible action on Administrative Rules: 1) to affirm the finding of an emergency requiring the adoption of the proposed rule changes, 2) adopt the proposed

rule changes, and 3) enter the Emergency Rulemaking Process for the proposed rule changes set forth below:

TITLE 777. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD [AMENDED]

Chapter 1. ADMINSTRATIVE OPERATIONS

777:1-1-1. Purpose [AMENDED]

777:1-1-4. Organization [AMENDED]

777:1-1-5. Time computation [AMENDED]

777:1-1-6. Records requests [AMENDED]

777:1-1-7. Procedures for declaratory rulings [AMENDED]

777:1-1-8. Petitions for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule [AMENDED]

777:1-1-9. Individual proceedings [AMENDED]

Chapter 10. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS [AMENDED]

777:10-1-2. Definitions [AMENDED]

777:10-1-3. School establishment requirements [AMENDED]

777:10-1-4. Educational Management Organizations [AMENDED]

SUBCHAPTER 3. STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL AND VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP [AMENDED]

777:10-3-1. Purpose [AMENDED]

777:10-3-3. Applications to sponsor statewide for virtual charter schools renewal and termination of contracts for sponsorship of statewide virtual charter schools [AMENDED]

777:10-3-4. Oversight and evaluation of virtual charter schools by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board [AMENDED]

777:10-3-5. Full-time virtual charter schools – succession of contractual rights and reversion of property to Statewide Virtual Charter School Board [AMENDED]

777:10-5-3. Statewide virtual charter school sites [AMENDED]

Chapter 15. HORIZON: DIGITALLY ENHANCED CAMPUS

777:15-1-1 Purpose [AMENDED]

777:15-1-2. Definitions [AMENDED]

777:15-1-5. Course review requirements [AMENDED]

777:15-1-6. Course review certification process [AMENDED]

777:15-1-7. Certified courses remaining in good standing [AMENDED]

777:15-1-8. Process for course certification renewal [AMENDED]

777:15-1-9. SVCSB responsibilities [AMENDED]

777:15-3-1. Purpose [AMENDED]

777:15-3-2 Online courses [AMENDED]

Dr. Wilkinson presented what she thought were the more important amendments to the Statewide Charter Schools Administrative Rules.

Ben Lepak made a motion to affirm the finding of an emergency requiring the adoption of the proposed rule changes. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Ben Lepak – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – Yes

Becky Gooch – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes

Becky Gooch made a motion to adopt the proposed rule changes. John Tautfest seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Becky Gooch made a motion to enter into the Emergency Rulemaking process for the proposed rule changes. Angie Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

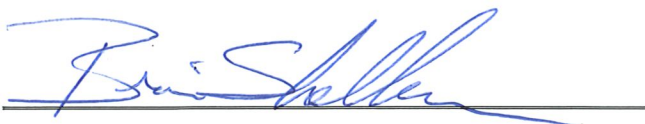
9. ADJOURNMENT

Angie Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

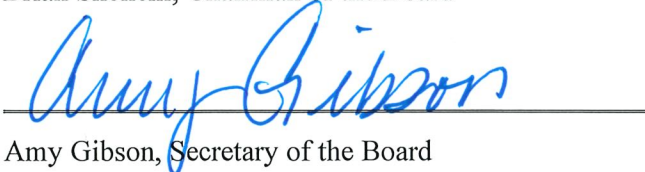
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Ben Lepak – Yes

Approved Minutes - Statewide Charter School Board Special Meeting
September 9, 2024

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

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Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Gibson", is written over a horizontal black line.

Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board