

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
October 13, 2025**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:06 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2025, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members of the Statewide Charter School Board Present:

Brian Shellem
Bill Pearson
Damon Gardenhire
Jared Buswell
Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
Lindel Fields, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
David Rutkauskas
Amber Hidy

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Skyler Lusnia, Director of School Performance
Merin Gracey, Interim Secretary to the Board
Lecrecia Schmidt, Operations Officer
Shelly Hickman, Communications Director
Ellie Rivas, Financial Compliance Officer
Lisa Daniels, Director of Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus

Other general public:

Kylie Sanders, E-School Virtual Charter Academy
Stacy Doyle, E-School Virtual Charter Academy
Melissa Reed, SOS
Kendra Cope, OYACS
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy
Asad Mammadov, Dove Virtual Academy
Audra Plummer, OVCA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Brian Shellem – Present
Bill Pearson – Present
Amber Hidy - Present
Jared Buswell – Present
Britni Tomcho – Absent
David Rutkauskas – Present
Damon Gardenhire – Present
Kitty Campbell - Present, designee for State Auditor and Inspector Cindy Byrd
Lindel Fields – 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 September 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Clarification was provided regarding the minutes of the August 11, 2025, board meeting to correct a recording error related to board member attendance. No discussion was held concerning the minutes of the September 8, 2025, regular board meeting.

Bill Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, and September 8, 2025, regular board meetings. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

4. Chairman's Opening Comments

Chairman Shellem spoke about the interim study conducted the previous Wednesday, commending Executive Director Dr. Wilkinson for her outstanding presentation to legislators addressing charter school facility funding challenges and proposed revisions to the administrative rules. He also extended his appreciation to Dr. Wilkinson for her meaningful contributions to the work of the Interim Study Committee.

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.

There was no public comment.

6. Board Spotlight – Tulsa Classical Academy

Dr. Wilkinson spoke about Tulsa Classical Academy, noting that it was a privilege to visit the school in September. She shared her observations of an elementary science and secondary English class, highlighting the strong instructional quality and high level of student engagement.

Following her remarks, Shelly Hickman gave a brief introduction of Mr. Ronald Garcia, Headmaster of the Tulsa Classical Academy. Mr. Garcia provided an in-depth presentation on the Academy's rigorous classical curriculum and academic approach.

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, yielded his time to SCSB staff for the presentation of the FY 2027 budget request. The Communications and Governance Committees reported no new updates. Chairman Shellem appointed Brittney Tomcho to serve as Chair of the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus Working Group.

8. Administration

a. Presentation and discussion regarding the Dove Virtual Academy Academic Program Review

Dr. Jaycie Smith presented highlights from the academic review of Dove Virtual Academy, which included a desktop review of documents and an on-site interview. The review examined governing board roles, analyzed student achievement data, and evaluated the written curriculum.

b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 Statewide Charter School Board Budget Request and Fiscal Year 2026 Supplemental Request

Dr. Wilkinson provided a summary of the Statewide Charter School Board's budget, organizational framework, and core responsibilities. She outlined the agency's two primary divisions: the Charter School Authorization Division and the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus Division. Dr. Wilkinson then introduced Operations Officer, Lecrecia Schmidt, to explain the budget development process and present both the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget and the supplemental funding request for Fiscal Year 2026.

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request. David Rutkauskas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Kitty Campbell – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Bill Pearson – Yes
Lindel Fields – Yes

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Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Amber Hidy – Yes
Britni Tomcho – Absent
David Rutkauskas – Yes

- c. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding 2026 Statewide Charter School Board regular board meeting dates, times, and locations

Dr. Wilkinson stated that, in accordance with statutory requirements, the Board's meeting schedule must be submitted to the Secretary of State by the end of each calendar year. She recommended that the Board retain its existing schedule, convening on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to approve the 2026 board meeting dates, times, and location. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Bill Pearson – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
Lindel Fields – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Britni Tomcho – Absent
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Amber Hidy – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – 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

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

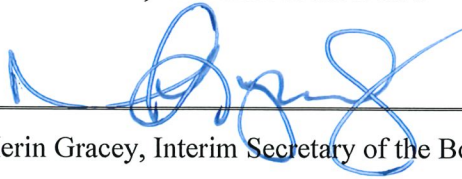
Amber Hidy - Yes
Britni Tomcho – Absent
Bill Pearson – Yes
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The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Merin Gracey, Interim Secretary of the Board