

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the**

**STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD  
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER  
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**October 13, 2020**

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020.

**Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:**

Barry Beauchamp  
Robert Franklin  
John Harrington  
Phyllis Shepherd  
Ryan Walters, Secretary of Education

**Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Absent:**

Mathew Hamrick

**Others in Attendance:**

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director  
Lynn Stickney, Secretary to the Board  
Skyler Lusnia, Compliance Auditor  
Marie Schuble, Assistant Attorney General  
Jenny Dickson, Assistant Attorney General  
Bart Banfield, Epic Charter School (EPIC)  
Robert M. Ruiz, Epic Charter School parent  
Bill Hickman, Hickman Law Group  
Drew Reese, Epic Charter School  
Denise Barnett, Epic Charter School parent  
Marshall Wade, Epic Charter School  
Konuni David Yilmaz, Oklahoma Information and Technology School  
Mark McBride, Oklahoma House of Representatives  
Donelle Harder, Pliris Strategies  
Kelly Hughes, Pliris Strategies  
Shawn Paxton, Fox 25  
Angelica Brown, Fox 25  
Barry Mangold, News 9 KWTW  
Andrea Eger, Tulsa World  
Nuria Martinez-Keel, The Oklahoman  
Trina Hager, KOCO 5  
Brian Dickson, KOCO 5  
Other general public

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Harrington called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll was called and ascertained there was a quorum.

**2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT**

Ms. Stickney read the Statement of Compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

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

Mr. Harrington led board members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, a salute to the Oklahoma flag, and a moment of silence.

**4. Discussion and possible action on minutes of the September 1, 2020 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Special Board Meeting**

Mr. Beauchamp moved to accept the September 1, 2020 minutes. Ms. Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes

**5. OPENING COMMENTS**

Mr. Harrington reviewed the purpose of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and addressed the State Auditor and Inspector's Special Investigative Audit of Epic Charter Schools.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board heard comments from the following individuals regarding Epic Charter Schools:  
Robert Ruiz, Epic Charter Schools parent  
Bart Banfield, Epic Charter Schools Superintendent  
Drew Reese, Epic Charter Schools teacher  
Denise Barnett, Epic Charter Schools parent

**7. ADMINISTRATION**

- a. **Presentation, discussion and possible action to recuse Board Member Mathew Hamrick from all discussions, debates, and voting on any matter related to Epic One-on-One Charter School**

This item was tabled.

- b. **Presentation and discussion of the State Auditor and Inspector's Special Investigative Audit of Epic Charter Schools**

Ms. Brenda Holt reviewed the State Auditor and Inspector's Special Investigative Audit of Epic Charter Schools with the board and answered board questions.

Break 1:30 p.m. – 1:41 p.m.

- c. **Presentation, discussion and possible action on the charter contract between the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and Community Strategies, Inc., the governing board for Epic One-on-One Charter School, including but not limited to proceeding with termination of the charter contract**

Ms. Schuble reviewed the Notice of Intent to Terminate Charter Contract and answered board questions. Dr. Franklin moved to enter the termination process. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	No

- d. **Possible discussion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 25 § 307(B)(8) for the Board to engage in deliberations in the administrative process to terminate the charter contract with Community Strategies, Inc., the governing board for Epic One-on-One Charter School**

No action

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Beauchamp moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Ms. Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes



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John Harrington, Chairman of the Board



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board