

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

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

December 8, 2020

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 2:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

Barry Beauchamp
Robert Franklin
Mathew Hamrick
Phyllis Shepherd
Brandon Tatum

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Lynn Stickney, Secretary to the Board
Lisa Daniels, OSOCP Director
Skyler Lusnia, Compliance Auditor
Marie Schuble, Assistant Attorney General
Jenny Dickson, Assistant Attorney General
Bart Banfield, Epic Charter School (EPIC)
Lealon Taylor, Epic Charter School (EPIC)
Bill Hickman, Hickman Law Group
Jennifer Wilkinson, Insight School of Oklahoma (ISOK)
Michelle Scionti, Insight School of Oklahoma (ISOK), and Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (OVCA)
Melissa Gregory, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Rebecca James, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Konuni David Yilmaz, Oklahoma Information and Technology School
Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA
Tom Pickens, Public School Finance
J. P. Jordan, Jordan Law Firm
Kelly Hughes, Pliris Strategies
Nuria Martinez-Keel, The Oklahoman
Other general public

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Franklin called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 12:01 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

Dr. Franklin 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 October 13, 2020 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Special Board Meeting

Mr. Beauchamp moved to accept the October 13, 2020 minutes. Ms. Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Abstain
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

5. OPENING COMMENTS

Dr. Franklin shared his thoughts regarding the opportunity for every student to have an Individualized Education Plan and the ability of digital learning to support this concept. Dr. Franklin introduced and welcomed new board member Dr. Brandon Tatum to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board heard comments from J. P. Jordan regarding Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Members Mathew Hamrick and Phyllis Shepherd.

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. Presentation and report regarding monthly operations of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB) office and possible discussion

1. Dr. Wilkinson provided the Board with an update regarding Application for Initial Authorization timeline and answered Board questions.

2. Dr. Wilkinson shared the story of a twenty-two (22) year-old young woman, a single mom raising her daughter without the benefit of family support. The young woman recognizes the importance education and is now attending Insight School of Oklahoma in order to complete her education and receive her high-school diploma.

b. Presentation possible discussion of an update on Intent to Terminate proceedings with Epic One-on-One Charter School

Ms. Marie Schuble provided the board with an update on the Intent to Terminate proceedings with Epic One-on-One Charter School and answered board questions. She noted the hearing date has been changed to March 8-11, 2021.

c. 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

Dr. Franklin addressed concerns regarding Board Member Mathew Hamrick. Mr. Hamrick responded to those concerns. Dr. Franklin moved recuse Board Member Mathew Hamrick from all discussions, debates, and voting on any matter related to Epic One-on-One Charter School. Dr. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	No
Phyllis Shepherd	No
Brandon Tatum	Yes

d. Presentation, discussion and possible action to recuse Board Member Phyllis Shepherd from all discussions, debates, and voting on any matter related to Epic One-on-One Charter School

Dr. Franklin addressed concerns regarding Board Member Phyllis Shepherd. Ms. Shepherd responded to those concerns. Mr. Beauchamp moved recuse Board Member Phyllis Shepherd from all discussions, debates, and voting on any matter related to Epic One-on-One Charter School. Dr. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	No
Phyllis Shepherd	No
Brandon Tatum	Yes

e. Presentation and possible discussion regarding Request for Proposal Virtual Charter School Funding Research

Mr. Lusnia provided the board with an update on the Request for Proposal process and award for the Virtual Charter School Funding Research.

f. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Administrative Rules

Dr. Wilkinson, Ms. Schuble and Dr. Daniels reviewed the proposed Administrative Rule changes with the board and answered board questions. Mr. Beauchamp moved for the Board to enter the Permanent Rulemaking Process to consider these rule changes. Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

g. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Oklahoma Information and Technology School grade level configuration

Dr. Wilkinson provided the board with information regarding the request of Oklahoma Information and Technology School to approve 6th – 9th grade level configuration for the 2021-2022 school year and answered board questions. Mr. Hamrick moved to allow Oklahoma Information and Technology School to add grades 8 and 9 for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

h. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the election of SVCSB officers

1. Board Chairperson

Mr. Beauchamp nominated Dr. Franklin. Dr. Franklin accepted the nomination. Mr. Hamrick nominated Dr. Tatum. Dr. Tatum declined the nomination.

Board Chairperson votes to approve Dr. Franklin as Board Chairman as follows:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

2. Board Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Beauchamp nominated Dr. Tatum. Dr. Tatum accepted the nomination.

Board Vice-Chairperson votes to approve Dr. Tatum as Board Vice-Chairperson as follows:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

3. Board Clerk

Dr. Franklin nominated Mr. Beauchamp. Mr. Beauchamp accepted the nomination.

Board Clerk votes to approve Mr. Beauchamp as Board Clerk as follows:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

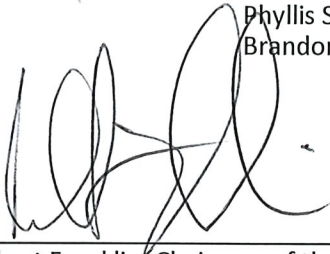
8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Hamrick moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes



Robert Franklin, Chairman of the Board



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board