

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
April 8, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

John Harrington called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

John 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.

**March 11, 2014 Statewide Virtual Charter School
Board Regular Meeting Minutes Approved**

Denise Floyd and Debbie Long made corrections to the minutes of the March 11, 2014, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting.

Denise Floyd motioned to approve. Debbie Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

ADMINISTRATION

**Update and review existing Charter School and
Virtual Charter School applications and contracts**

Sam Duell, Executive Director of School Choice, presented updates and reviewed the Statewide Virtual Charter School application process and how an applicant becomes a school; contract negotiation and contracting; pending or rejecting applications, and State Board of Education (SBE) appeal process.

Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel clarified the SBE options includes reversing or upholding the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB) decision or remand with further instructions per the *Oklahoma Charter School Act*. The Notice of Hearing will be submitted with a date set most likely at a SBE regular meeting. At that point they will advise if additional information is needed or may decide on the record. Applicants will be provided signed copies of the Notice of Hearing and the Memorandum of Decision.

John Harrington advised that at his request he is to be kept informed by Counsel. He is privy to the contract negotiation status and process in order to represent and comment directly to SVSC Board members prior to any approvals.

Presentation from Epic 1 on 1 Charter School

Sam Duell said the SVCSB will assume sponsorship of Epic Charter Schools and Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy on July 1, 2014. Both are present today to get acquainted and to answer any questions Board members may have.

David Chaney, Superintendent/Founder, Epic 1 on 1 Charter Schools, introduced Michael Flory, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Terry Spencer, Teacher. An overview was presented of the school's history, mission, curriculum and challenges; parental choice options, family partnerships, and scheduling flexibility to serve pre K-12 students.

Presentation from Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy

Sheryl Tatum, Head of School for Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (OVCA) introduced staff members Nicole Ellison, Title I Coordinator; Audrey Plummer, Elementary Principal; Darla Cooper, Special Populations Manager; Chris Pitts and Aaron Starkey High School lead teachers. An overview was presented of the 2011 charter by Choctaw-Nicomma Park that included curriculum rigor, parent partnerships, student enrollment statistics, team approach teaching/support; state testing focus and report card; priority goals, student achievement strategies, parent university forums; Tier level instruction/progressions, remediation; assessments, instruction, monitoring; graduation needs/requirements; and ongoing virtual and in person support.

Board Members discussed concerns on the SVCSB responsibility to the existing charter schools. Ms. Goins advised the statute directs the Board to assume existing contracts. The school assets procured with public funds would be inventoried and all other property and contractual obligations would be drafted into an Assumption Agreement.

Amend the Statewide Virtual Charter School Application Review Process Approved

Sam Duell presented the requested recommended changes to the Statewide Virtual Charter School application review process that included an additional review process and recommendation by the State Department of Education (SDE), and the option to conduct applicant interviews.

Pamela Vreeland made a motion to approve the request to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Application review process. Jaared Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

**Permanent Rule Adoption of Title 777
Track B Virtual Charter School Rules Tabled**

Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel, said the legislature has made new developments on the rule in House Bill 2999. There are amendments to the underlying APA pertaining to individual proceedings. Particularly sections regarding board deliberation and certain communications with Hearing Officers. The rule is one of the required APA rules, however, it is not a rule used a lot because the majority of what the SVCSB will deal with procedurally will be the applications. These are addressed in the previous set of rules the SVCSB adopted last year.

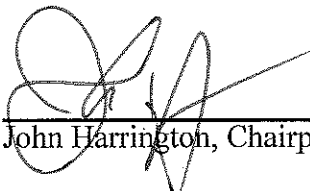
Ms. Goins recommended tabling the adoption consideration of the Title 777 **Track B** rules until after the legislative session. If House Bill 2999 should pass any significant changes can be addressed in an emergency rule; or if it remains as is it can be re-presented for adoption.

Debbie Long made a motion to table the request for permanent rule adoption of Title 777 **Track B** rules. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Jaared Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m. Pamela Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

The next meeting of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



John Harrington, Chairperson of the Board



Terrie Cheadle, State Board of Education