

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

**STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

August 7, 2018

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 2:03 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 in the State Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

Mathew Hamrick
John Harrington
Ethan Lindsey
Debbie Long

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Absent:

Pamela Vreeland

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Lynn Stickney, Secretary to the Board
Marc Pate, Assistant Attorney General
Marie Schuble, Assistant Attorney General
David Chaney, Superintendent, Epic Charter School
Tammy Shepherd, Principal, Oklahoma Connections Academy (OKCA)
Seth Robbins, eSchool Virtual Charter Academy
Eddie Lynn, eSchool Virtual Charter Academy
Phil Nichols, eSchool Virtual Charter Academy
Dave Evans, eSchool Virtual Charter Academy
Richard Caron, Consultant
Brett Robinson, McSpadden Milner Robinson
Other general public

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Hamrick called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 2:03 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. Hamrick 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 May 8, 2018 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Harrington moved to approve the May 8, 2018 minutes as drafted. Ms. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mathew Hamrick	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Ethan Lindsey	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes

5. OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Hamrick noted that Ms. Vreeland will not be seeking reappointment to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board. He thanked Ms. Vreeland for her service to the Board.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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 an update on board membership. She noted Labor Commissioner Melissa McLawhorn Houston has been appointed as Secretary of Education and Workforce Development and now an Ex-officio member of the Board.
2. Dr. Wilkinson provided the Board an update on August 1 Virtual Charter School Enrollment as follows:

✓ Epic Charter School	10,521
✓ Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy	2,509
✓ Oklahoma Connections Academy	869
✓ Insight School of Oklahoma	600
3. Dr. Wilkinson provided the Board with an update regarding the new electronic meeting program, BoardBook. She noted Ms. Stickney is working in BoardBook and will provide training to the Board during the September and October meetings. BoardBook information is available to Board members wishing to preview.
4. Dr. Wilkinson updated the Board on 2018 Legislative Bills and Administrative Rules. The Administrative Rules were approved by Governor Fallin. 2018 legislation was reviewed and interim studies relating to virtual charter schools announced.

5. Dr. Wilkinson provided the Board with an update regarding school compliance. Recent compliance focus has been the review of academic student records.
6. Dr. Wilkinson recently attended a Public School Options event where she was able to visit with virtual charter school students and families.
 - Dr. Wilkinson visited with a military family. There is a significant group of mobile families at Tinker Air Force Base who are enrolled in K-12 because it is nationwide, and are able to keep their children's education consistent. The families have developed a cohort to support each other and their children's education.
 - She also visited with parents who have homeschooled their children, but now take advantage of the option a virtual charter school to provide a more stable curriculum for their children.
 - Lastly, Dr. Wilkinson visited with three (3) high-school students and discussed the benefits and challenges of virtual charter school education. Their answers mirrored the recent research study performed in that the benefit is flexibility and time. The challenge is work ethic, knowing you have to stay focused and not procrastinating.

b. Presentation and possible discussion regarding eSchool Virtual Charter Academy Application for Initial Authorization

Mr. Seth Robbins, Compliance and Finance Officer for eSchool Virtual Charter Academy and Mr. Eddie Lynn, President of eSchool Virtual Charter Academy Board, presented a summary report of eSchool Virtual Charter Application for Initial Authorization to the Board in support of authorization. There was no discussion.

c. Presentation and possible action regarding the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Authorization and Oversight Process Manual

Dr. Wilkinson highlighted changes to the Authorization and Oversight Process Manual to align with recently approved Administrative Rules, clarify meaning of certain items, and to make necessary grammar and punctuation corrections.

Mr. Harrington moved to approve the Authorization and Oversight Manual as presented and with the change to the Website Compliance document to align with HB 2860 "Link on the homepage to the OSDE transparency website."

Ms. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mathew Hamrick	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Ethan Lindsey	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes

- d. **Discussion and possible action regarding correction of statutory citation in Section 8.6 Students with disabilities of Charter Contracts with Epic Charter School, Insight School of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Connections Academy, and Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy**

This agenda item was tabled.

- e. **Discussion and possible action on the nomination and election of the SVCSB Chairman**

Ms. Long nominated Mr. Hamrick to continue as SVCSB Chairman. There were no other nominations. Mr. Harrington seconded the nomination motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mathew Hamrick	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Ethan Lindsey	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes

- f. **Discussion and possible action on the nomination and election of the SVCSB Vice-Chairman**

Mr. Harrington nominated Ms. Long. There were no other nominations. Dr. Lindsey seconded the nomination motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mathew Hamrick	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Ethan Lindsey	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes

- g. **Discussion and possible action on the nomination and election of the SVCSB Clerk**

Ms. Long nominated Mr. Harrington. There were no other nominations. Dr. Lindsey seconded the nomination motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mathew Hamrick	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Ethan Lindsey	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes


8. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

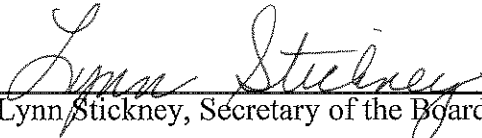
9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. Dr. Lindsey seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mathew Hamrick	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Ethan Lindsey	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes



Matthew Hamrick, Chairman of the Board



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board