

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD  
OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING  
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 2-17  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**October 13, 2015**

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 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 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Secretary to the Board

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board present:

Chairman, Mr. John Harrington, Edmond  
Vice-Chairman, Ms. Pamela Vreeland, Tulsa  
Ms. Denise Floyd, Lawton

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board not present:

Ms. Debbie Long, Claremore

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**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.

**September 8, 2015 Statewide Virtual Charter School  
Board Regular Meeting Minutes Approved**

Pamela Vreeland moved to approve the September 8, 2015, minutes of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Denise Floyd, yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brent Bushey, Executive Director and Sam Duell, Oklahoma Public School Resource Center; Sheryl Tatum, Kristi Gifford, Board President, and Bill Hickman, Legal Counsel Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy signed up to address sponsorship of charter school and charter school contract renewals.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Presentation and report regarding monthly operations of the  
Oklahoma Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB)**

Dr. Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director, SVCSB, presented the monthly operations report of the SVCSB that included implementation and capabilities of the Epi Center System.

Dr. Wilkinson reported how virtual education benefited a middle school student whose parents worked in the television and news media. The student was enrolled in a virtual school for two years which allowed time to travel with the parents, as well as providing education flexibility and a plethora of experiences and benefits.

**Oklahoma Public Report Summarizing the Evidence of Decision for  
Continued Sponsorship of Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy Approved**

Dr. Wilkinson said the revised Charter School Act requires virtual charter school authorizers to make a public report summarizing the evidence of decision for continued sponsorship but at this time there is little guidance on what is expected in the report.

Dr. Wilkinson presented a public summary report outlining the SVCSB decision to extend sponsorship of the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy for two (2) years through June 30, 2018. The summary addressed the operational/fiscal management and academic performance concerns; and acknowledged the corrective actions and improvements.

Denise Floyd moved to approve the public summary report for continued sponsorship. Pamela Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

**Proposed Contract for Statewide Virtual Charter School  
sponsorship with the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (OVCA)  
virtual charter school Approved**

Steven Barker, Assistant Attorney General, addressed public comments regarding the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy student teacher ratio, testing requirements, and SVCSB contract negotiations/language changes. Mr. Barker said the school's charter and application for charter are separate. The OVCA virtual charter school renewal application has been granted, and as the sponsor the Board can negotiate the contract.

Board members asked questions and discussed renewal application; and contract template, flexibility, and terms; amending two-year sponsorship contract language and address corrections.

Pamela Vreeland moved to approve the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy contract pending the change to 1.4 from Nicoma Park to Choctaw; and pending changes to 8.9.4 with 45 to 1 for elementary and 180 to 1 for secondary. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

**Request for Proposal (RFP) for communications/public  
relations services Approved**

Dr. Wilkinson presented a request for assistance with communication and media. Included in the request for proposal (RFP) applicants will submit a 'portfolio work sample' and their abilities to respond to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board.

Denise Floyd moved to approve the communications/public relations services RFP request. Pamela Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

**Potential Charter School Closure Procedures**

Dr. Wilkinson presented the school closing procedures in the SVCSB Policy Procedures and a rubric to discuss the protocol steps needed for implementation.

Board members asked questions and discussed closure policy terms and timelines.

**Additional Staffing in the Statewide Virtual  
Charter School Board Office**

Dr. Wilkinson presented an update on the program specialists additions to the SVCSB staff. The additional program specialist was needed due to the additional

Oklahoma Supplemental Online Course Program which came out of the 2015 Legislative session. The RFP for vendors to submit courses for consideration has been set up with OMES.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sheryl Tatum, Head of Schools, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy signed up to address the feedback/clarity/process on the contract negotiations, timelines and guidance.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The next regular meeting of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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John Harrington, Chairperson of the Board

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Terrie Cheadle, Secretary to the Board