

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

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

August 9, 2016

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:06 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 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 4:20 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2016.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

John Harrington
Denise Floyd
Debbie Long – joined meeting at 1:09 p.m.
Pamela Vreeland

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Lynn Stickney, Secretary to the Board
Dr. Lisa Daniels, OSOCP Specialist
Marie Schuble, Assistant Attorney General
Tammy Shepherd, Principal, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Sheryl Tatum, Head of School, OVCA and Insight School of Oklahoma
Ben Harris, EPIC Charter School
Dr. Ken Kuczynski, Superintendent, ABLE Charter School
Tanya Chiariello, ABLE Charter School
Nick Singer, Oklahoma Education Association (OEA)
Kathryn Stehno, Oklahoma Education Quality Accountability (OEQA)
Robert Buswell, Oklahoma Education Quality Accountability (OEQA)
Terri Thomas, Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC)
Andy Evans, Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC)
Brent Bushey, Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC)
Emily Wendler, KOSU Radio
Other general public

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

John Harrington called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Roll was called and ascertained there was a quorum.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT

Lynn 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

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.

4. MAY 10, 2016 STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Denise Floyd made a motion to approve the June 14, 2016 minutes as presented. Pam Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Pam Vreeland	Yes
Denise Floyd	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes

5. OPENING COMMENTS

There were no opening comments.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. Presentation and possible discussion of public relations planning from Jones Public Relations

Jones Public Relations has been awarded the contract for PR services for the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board. Josh Harlow, Jones Public Relations, introduced the Jones PR Team assigned to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board account. Mr. Harlow outlined the plans for the development of communications and public relations services over the next year.

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

1. Dr. Wilkinson, Executive Director, provided the Board with FY16 ADM enrollment data as well as enrollment numbers as of August 1, 2016.
2. Dr. Wilkinson updated the Board on the current status of the SVCSB Administrative Rules.
3. The National Charter Schools Conference was held in June 2016. Dr. Wilkinson provided the board with highlights from the conference.
4. Dr. Wilkinson outlined a research opportunity regarding online education. The project has received approval from Secretary Natalie Shirley and the Statement of Work for the Request for Proposal will be submitted.
5. Dr. Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director, shared a story of virtual charter school student who graduated in May. The senior student graduated with honors, valedictorian of her class and graduating just three (3) credits short of an Associate’s Degree.

c. Presentation and possible discussion of annual review for Epic Charter School

Dr. Wilkinson provided members of the Board with an update on the operations of Epic Charter School. She reviewed the areas of Organizational Capacity, Financial Management, and Academic Program and Performance.

d. Discussion and possible action on contract amendment between the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and Community Strategies, Inc. (Epic Charter School)

Marie Schuble, Assistant Attorney General, explained it was necessary to amend the current contract with Epic Charter School in order to be in compliance with the revised Charter School Act reauthorization timeline.

Debbie Long moved to approve the contract amendment between the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and Community Strategies, Inc. as presented. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Debbie Long	Yes
Pam Vreeland	Yes
Denise Floyd	Yes
John Harrington	Yes

e. Presentation and possible discussion regarding Intercompany Agreement between Community Strategies and Community Strategies–CA.

Marie Schuble, Assistant Attorney General, explained and answered board questions regarding the Intercompany Agreement between Community Strategies and Community Strategies–CA.

f. Presentation and possible discussion of review of 2016 Legislative Session

Terri Thomas, OPSRC, updated the board on the Every Student Succeeds Act and state legislation update.

g. Presentation and possible discussion of Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA) Performance Review Process and Schedules

Robert Buswell, OEQA, provided information regarding the School Performance Review schedule for 2016-2017 and presented the Epic Charter School Preliminary Issues and survey results.

h. Presentation and possible discussion of the Oklahoma Supplemental Online Course Program – Dr. Lisa Daniels, OSOCP Specialist

Lisa Daniels, OSOCP Specialist, updated the board on the current status of the Oklahoma Supplemental Online Course Program.

i. Discussion of the Authorization Process Manual August 2016 Draft

Dr. Wilkinson provided the board with an update of the Authorization Process Manual Draft.

j. Discussion and possible action to ratify contract with Angel, Johnston & Blasingame, PC for FY16 audit services of ABLE Charter School

This agenda item was tabled.

k. Discussion and possible action to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. 307 (B) (1) to discuss compensation for Executive Director

Denise Floyd moved to enter into Executive Session. Debbie Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

John Harrington	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes
Pam Vreeland	Yes
Denise Floyd	Yes

l. Discussion and possible action to enter into Open Session.

Debbie Long moved to enter into Open Session. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Denise Floyd	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes
Pam Vreeland	Yes

m. Discussion and possible action on items arising from Executive Session.

Debbie Long made a motion to adopt a new job description for the Executive Director position to reflect new Agency responsibilities and to set the salary range at \$100,000-\$115,000 and in doing so to set the Executive Director's annual salary at \$108,000 effective July 1, 2016. Pam Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Pam Vreeland	Yes
Denise Floyd	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Debbie Long moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Pam Vreeland	Yes
Denise Floyd	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes



John Harrington, Chairman of the Board



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board