

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

May 10, 2016

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:04 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 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 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

John Harrington
Mathew Hamrick
Debbie Long
Pamela Vreeland

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Absent:

Denise Floyd

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Lynn Stickney, Secretary to the Board
Dr. Lisa Daniels, OSOCP Specialist
Jan Preslar, Assistant Attorney General
Marie Scheble, Assistant Attorney General
Tammy Shepherd, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Sheryl Tatum, Head of School, OVCA and Insight School of Oklahoma
David Chaney, Superintendent, EPIC Charter School
Dr. Ken Kuczynski, ABLE Charter School
Kim Kelly, Insight School of Oklahoma
Melissa Nelson, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Bryce Adams, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Chris Gering, ABLE Charter School
Tina Barker, ABLE Charter School
Daniel Craig, Oklahoma State Department of Education
Tanya Chiariello, ABLE Charter School
Michael Furlong, Resolution Legal Group
Bill Hickman, Hickman Law Group
DeAnna Gwatney, Insight School of Oklahoma
John Tidwell, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Other general public

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

John Harrington called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Lynn Stickney called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT

John Harrington 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. MARCH 8, 2016 STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mathew Hamrick made a motion to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes as written. John Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Pam Vreeland	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes

5. OPENING COMMENTS

John Harrington acknowledged the recent reform of the FCC's Lifeline Program. The Lifeline Program is one of four universal service programs which is now designed to provide low-cost/high speed internet access to low income families as a program the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board could consider supporting in the future.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ken Kuczynski provided comments regarding ABLE Charter School to the board.

7. ADMINISTRATION

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

Dr. Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director, shared a student story of a child recently dismissed from a mental health facility and was able to enroll in one of the schools in March. The parent wanted to keep the child engaged in school and was able to do so with the option of virtual charter school.

b. Presentation and discussion regarding Oklahoma Connections Academy's Renewal Application

Tammy Shepherd, Principal, presented a summary report of the current status of Oklahoma Connection Academy to the Board, for reauthorization and in support of their application.

c. Discussion and possible action on current contract between Oklahoma Connections Academy and Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, including but not limited to extension of current contract

Jan Preslar explained that the current contract with Oklahoma Connections Academy is for three (3) years. According to statute, an initial contract is for a five (5) year term. With the three (3) year contract there is limited data available to make a well informed decision on contract renewal.

Debbie Long moved to extend the contract with Oklahoma Connections Academy to June 30, 2019. Pam Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Debbie Long	Yes
Pam Vreeland	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes

d. Presentation and discussion regarding Insight School of Oklahoma's Renewal Application

Sheryl Tatum, Head of School, DeAnna Gwatney, Board President, Kim Kelly, Principal, and an Insight School of Oklahoma parent presented a summary report of the current status of Insight School of Oklahoma for reauthorization and in support of their application.

e. Discussion and possible action on current contract between Insight School of Oklahoma and Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, including but not limited to extension of current contract –

Jan Preslar explained that the current contract with Insight School of Oklahoma is for three (3) years. According to statute, an initial contract is for a five (5) year term. With the three (3) year contract there is limited data available to make a well informed decision on contract renewal.

Debbie Long moved to extend the contract with Insight School of Oklahoma to June 30, 2019. Mathew Hamrick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Debbie Long	Yes
Pam Vreeland	Yes
John Harrington	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes

f. Discussion and possible action on current contract between ABLE Charter School and Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, including but not limited to proceeding with termination of current contract

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

Board members discussed and asked questions of Dr. Wilkinson and Jan Preslar, Counsel for Statewide Virtual Charter School Board.

Pam Vreeland moved to terminate the contract with ABLE Charter School. Mathew Hamrick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

John Harrington	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes
Pam Vreeland	Yes

g. Discussion of the Authorization Process Manual 2016 Draft

Dr. Wilkinson reviewed the draft 2016 Authorization Process Manual. Board members discussed and asked questions of Dr. Wilkinson.

h. Discussion of the FY17 funding and proposed FY17 Budget

Dr. Wilkinson reviewed FY17 funding and the proposed FY17 Budget. Board members discussed and asked questions of Dr. Wilkinson.

9. 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 Board meeting at 3:18 p.m. Pam Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

John Harrington	Yes
Mathew Hamrick	Yes
Debbie Long	Yes
Pam Vreeland	Yes



John Harrington, Chairman of the Board



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board