

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the

**STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

March 29, 2023

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in special session at 2:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2023, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 4:14 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

Barry Beauchamp
Robert Franklin
William Pearson
Nellie Tayloe Sanders
Scott Strawn

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Lynn Stickney, Secretary to the Board
Lisa Daniels, Horizon Director
Skyler Lusnia, Compliance Auditor
Jon Breedlove, Horizon Liaison
Arden Nerijs, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel
Niki Batt, Deputy Attorney General
Abidin Erez, Dove Virtual Academy
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy
Lealon Taylor, Epic Charter Schools
Bart Banfield, Epic Charter Schools
Brandon Webb, Epic Charter Schools
Brandon Beard, Epic Charter Schools
Robbie Rainwater, E-School Virtual Charter Academy
Jennifer Wilkinson, Insight School of Oklahoma
Cindy Frieckmann, Insight School of Oklahoma
Sarah Land, Insight School of Oklahoma
Melissa Gregory, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Audra Plummer, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy
Katrina Mohamed, Insight School of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy
Katherine Young, Insight School of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy
Brett Farley, St. Isidore of Seville Charter Virtual School
Rebekah Farley
Bennett Brinkman, NonDoc
Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA
Andrea Eger, Tulsa World
Other general public

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Franklin 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

Dr. Franklin 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. OPENING COMMENTS

Dr. Franklin expressed appreciation to all who reached out to him after the loss of his mother. He thanked the Oklahoma History Center for accommodations for the SVCSB meetings. Dr. Franklin introduced SVCSB members, Mr. William Pearson and Dr. Scott Strawn.

Mr. Pearson shared that he has 30 years of experience in business and management. He is active in the State and in his communities of Oologah and Talala serving on the Oolahah Town Board and Treasurer of the Northwest Fire Protection District.

Dr. Strawn serves as Vice President for Business and Finance at Southern Nazarene University. He is currently a Team Chair and Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. Dr. Strawn has 29 years of experience in education as an administrator in Student Affairs, Auxiliary Services and Business and Finance roles.

5. COMMENTS FROM BOARD COUNSEL – Discussion and explanation of board member appointments as set out in 70 O.S. § 3-145.1.

Ms. Batt, Deputy Attorney General and Ms. Nerijs, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel, provided a review of 70 O.S. § 3-145.1 as it pertains to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board membership. She answered board questions and recommended Ms. Sanders and Mr. Pearson not vote at this meeting.

6. ADMINISTRATION

a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the Charter Contract Template

Ms. Nerijs reviewed the Charter Contract Template with the Board and answered questions. The primary proposed change is in Section 7.17.

Dr. Strawn moved to approve the Charter Contract Template as presented. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Oklahoma Connections Academy renewal request and charter contract between the Oklahoma Connections Academy governing board (Oklahoma Connections Academy) and the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board

Ms. Melissa Gregory, Oklahoma Connections Academy School Leader, provided information to the Board related to the Oklahoma Connections Academy renewal request and answered questions. Dr. Wilkinson provided additional information and recommended the Oklahoma Connections Academy renewal request.

Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve the Oklahoma Connections Academy Charter Contract. Dr. Strawn seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

c. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Epic Charter Schools renewal application and charter contract between the Epic Charter Schools governing board (Community Strategies) and the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board

Mr. Bart Banfield, Epic Charter Schools Superintendent, presented the Epic Charter Schools renewal application and answered questions. Dr. Wilkinson provided additional information to the Board.

Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve the Epic Charter Schools Charter Contract approved for a three (3) year term. Dr. Strawn seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

d. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Insight School of Oklahoma renewal application and charter contract between the Insight School for Oklahoma governing board (Insight School of Oklahoma, Inc.) and the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board

Ms. Jennifer Wilkinson, Insight School of Oklahoma Head of School, presented the Insight School of Oklahoma renewal application and answered questions. Mr. Lusnia provided additional information to the Board.

Dr. Strawn moved to approve the Insight School of Oklahoma Charter Contract. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

- e. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding E-School Virtual Charter Academy renewal request and charter contract between the E-School Virtual charter Academy governing board (Virtual Education Services Association) and the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board**

Mr. Robbie Rainwater, Sooner State Charter Management LLC Head of Operations, provided information to the Board related to the E-School Virtual Charter Academy renewal request and answered questions. Dr. Wilkinson provided additional information to the Board.

Dr. Strawn moved to approve the E-School Virtual Charter Academy Contract be approved. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

- f. **Consideration of public comments, discussion, and possible vote to adopt proposed amendments to Title 777 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code as presented or as may be revised after discussion and ratification of Board vote on February 14, 2023**

Dr. Wilkinson provided an update regarding Title 777 Oklahoma Administrative Code revisions and answered board questions.

Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve Title 777 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code proposed revisions as presented. Mr. Strawn seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

- g. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus (Horizon) Consortium subsidy and to certify supplemental online courses and ratification of the Board vote on February 14, 2023**

Dr. Daniels provided an update regarding Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus (Horizon) Consortium subsidy and supplemental online courses with the Board.

Dr. Strawn moved to approve the Horizon Consortium subsidy as presented and supplemental online courses recommended for certification. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Beauchamp moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m.
Dr. Strawn seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |



Robert Franklin, Chairman of the Board



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board