

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

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

April 11, 2023

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 10:55 a.m. on Friday, April 7, 2023.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

Barry Beauchamp
Robert Franklin
William Pearson
Nellie Tayloe Sanders
Scott Strawn
Ryan Walters

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 Nerius, Assistant Attorney General
Niki Batt, Deputy Attorney General
Audra Plummer, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy
Brett Farley, St. Isidore
Lara Schuler, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy
Mike Lapolla, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA
Erika Wright, Oklahoma Rural Schools Coalition
Lori Walke, Mayflower Congregational UCC / Americans United
Sean Cummings, Citizen
Clark Frailey, Pastors for Oklahoma Kids
Shannon Fleck, Oklahoma Faith Network
Bennett Brinkman, NonDoc Media
Sherri Brown, OKPLAC
Beth Wallis, StateImpact Oklahoma
Jennifer Palmer, Oklahoma Watch
Rick Maranon, Fox 23 Tulsa
Austin Phillips, Fox 23 Tulsa
Carmen Forman, Tulsa World
Beverly Woodrome, OKPLAC
Nuria Martinez-Keel, The Oklahoman
Dale Forbis, Radio Oklahoma Network
Alexandria Williams, KOCO 5
Aaron, KOCO 5 (no last name provided)
Doug Hoke, The Oklahoman
Reese Gorman, The Frontier
Leesa Bamford, American United
Other general public

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Franklin called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 2:00 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. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on minutes of the November 8, 2022, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Regular Board Meeting

Dr. Strawn moved to approve the November 8, 2022, minutes as presented. Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| William Pearson | Yes |
| Nellie Tayloe Sanders | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

5. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on minutes of the February 14, 2023, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Pearson moved to approve the February 14, 2023, minutes as presented. Dr. Strawn seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| William Pearson | Yes |
| Nellie Tayloe Sanders | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

6. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on minutes of the March 29, 2023, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Special Board Meeting

Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve the March 29, 2023, minutes as presented. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| William Pearson | Yes |
| Nellie Tayloe Sanders | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

7. OPENING COMMENTS

Dr. Franklin welcomed State Superintendent Ryan Walters and thanked him for his support of the Horizon program. Dr. Franklin acknowledged that all viewpoints are important, as we all strive to achieve the same goal of supporting students in Oklahoma.

8. 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, provided an explanation of Title 51 O.S. § 8 as it pertains to vacancies on the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board membership. She advised that the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board has a five (5) member voting board in accordance with Oklahoma Statute.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

The SVCSB heard comments from the following individuals regarding agenda item 10. Administration a.:

Erika Wright, Oklahoma Rural Schools Coalition
Lori Walke, Mayflower Congregational UCC / Americans United
Sean Cummings, Citizen
Bruce Prescott, Citizen
Clark Frailey, Pastors for Oklahoma Kids
Shannon Fleck, Oklahoma Faith Network

10. ADMINISTRATION

a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the acceptance or rejection of the St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School Application for Initial Authorization

Dr. Franklin informed the Board that he requested the Attorney General office answer two questions:

1. Should the Board even take a vote on the approval of the St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School (SISCVS) application?
2. Do Board members have qualified immunity and assurance from the AG's office that Board members will have legal protection as a board and as individuals if legal proceedings emanate from votes on approving or disapproving the SISCVS?

Ms. Batt provided the Board with a letter in response to Dr. Franklin's request. Board members discussed the letter with Ms. Batt.

Dr. Strawn moved take a ten (10) minute recess at 2:45 pm. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| William Pearson | Yes |
| Nellie Tayloe Sanders | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

Dr. Strawn moved to reenter session at 2:55 pm. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| William Pearson | Yes |
| Nellie Tayloe Sanders | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

Following discussion of Deputy Attorney General Niki Batt's letter, Dr. Wilkinson reviewed the St. Isidore of Seville Charter Virtual School Application for Initial Authorization including both strengths and concerns. The application process timeline was also reviewed.

Dr. Strawn moved to disapprove the St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School Application for Initial Authorization for reasons related to the following:

1. Special Education
2. Pedagogy approach
3. Governance and management
4. Connectivity, access, and technology
5. Funding structure
6. School and student outcomes
7. Legal issues
8. Consistency issues through the application

Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| William Pearson | Yes |
| Nellie Tayloe Sanders | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Strawn moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m.
Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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| Barry Beauchamp | Yes |
| Robert Franklin | Yes |
| William Pearson | Yes |
| Nellie Tayloe Sanders | Yes |
| Scott Strawn | Yes |



Robert Franklin, Chairman of the Board



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board