

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

March 11, 2024

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on March 11, 2024, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 1:00 p.m. on March 7, 2024.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

Robert Franklin
William Pearson
Brian Shellem

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Amy Gibson, Secretary to the Board
Skyler Lusnia, Financial Compliance Auditor
Lecrecia Schmidt, Operations Officer
Jaycie Smith, Academic Compliance Officer
Diane Walker, ThrivePoint
Aaron Ritter, ThrivePoint
Jason Elliott, ThrivePoint
Abidin Erez, Dove
Audra Plummer, OVCA
Jennifer Wilkinson, ISOK
Nuria Martinez-Keel, Oklahoma Voice
Emre Ozturk, Dove
Will Milaw, Governor's Office
Melissa Gregory, OKCA
Sara Walters, OKCA
Jennifer Dewey, OKCA
Brandy Shepherd, OKCA
Lyn Poinsett

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Franklin called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Roll was called and ascertained there was a quorum.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT

Ms. Gibson 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 October 9, 2023, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Pearson moved to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes as presented. Mr. Shellem seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Dr. Franklin	Yes
Mr. Pearson	Yes
Mr. Shellem	Yes

5. OPENING COMMENTS

Dr. Franklin welcomed those in attendance and virtually. He encouraged all to stay focused during this spring season and not do too many things at one time.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. Presentation and possible discussion regarding Charter Contract Financial Compliance Reviews, Results, and Recommendations.

Mr. Skyler Lusnia, Financial Compliance Officer, presented findings of the financial reviews of the Charter Contracts of all seven schools' authority by the SVCSB.

b. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the ThrivePoint Oklahoma, Inc. Application for Initial Authorization

Mr. Lusnia, Financial Compliance Officer, and Dr. Smith, Academic Compliance Officer presented review findings on the ThrivePoint Oklahoma, Inc. Application for Initial Authorization. A recommendation to the Board to reject the Application was made. Mr. Shellem made a motion to not approve the Application for Initial Authorization and Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mr. Shellem	Yes
Dr. Franklin	Yes
Mr. Pearson	Yes

c. (Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the Gateway for Success, Oklahoma Application for Initial Authorization

Mr. Lusnia, Financial Compliance Officer, and Dr. Smith, Academic Compliance Officer presented review findings on the Gateway for Success, Oklahoma Application for Initial Authorization. A recommendation to the Board to reject the Application was made. Mr. Pearson made a motion to not approve the Application for Initial Authorization and Mr. Shellem seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mr. Shellem	Yes
Dr. Franklin	Yes
Mr. Pearson	Yes

- d. **(Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Oklahoma Connections Academy Governing Board's request to add Pre-Kindergarten and possible action to approve their Charter Contract Amendment.**

Ms. Gregory presented the request to add pre-kindergarten to Oklahoma Connections Academy. OKCA believes they can provide a robust pre-kindergarten program to prepare children for kindergarten. Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve pre-kindergarten to Oklahoma Connections Academy and approve the amendment to their current Charter Contract. Mr. Shellem seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Dr. Franklin	Yes
Mr. Pearson	Yes
Mr. Shellem	Yes

- e. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Dove Virtual Academy Charter Contract slowing for the addition of grades Pre-Kindergarten through five beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.**

Counsel Dan Carsey presented the amendment to the contract to the Board. Mr. Shellem made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mr. Pearson	Yes
Dr. Franklin	Yes
Mr. Pearson	Yes

- f. **Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding an amendment to the Dove Virtual Academy Charter Contract for the term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030**

Counsel Dan Carsey presented the DVA renewal contract. Mr. Shellem made a motion to approve the Charter Contract. Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mr. Pearson	Yes
Dr. Franklin	Yes
Mr. Pearson	Yes

8. **New Business**
No new business

9. Adjournment

Mr. Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shellem seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Mr. Shellem	Yes
Mr. Pearson	Yes
Dr. Franklin	Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m. on March 11, 2024.



Robert Franklin, Chairman of the Board



Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board