

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 2-17
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

May 12, 2015

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in State Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Secretary to the Board

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board present:

Mr. John Harrington, Edmond
Ms. Denise Floyd, Lawton
Ms. Pamela Vreeland, Tulsa
Ms. Debbie Long, Claremore

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board not present:

Mr. Jaared Scott, Stillwater

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

John Harrington called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA
FLAG SALUTE, 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.

**April 14, 2015 Statewide Virtual Charter School
Board Regular Meeting Minutes Approved**

Pamela Vreeland moved to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting. Debbie Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

ADMINISTRATION

**Presentation and report regarding monthly operations of the
Oklahoma Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB)**

Dr. Wilkinson reported a system is currently being reviewed that will assist in the operations of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB) office. The system will allow for 21st Century communications and connections with the existing and future virtual charter schools.

A meeting with all virtual charter schools is scheduled May 18, 2015.

The Oklahoma State School Board Association (OSSBA) has offered partnership and joint training initiatives for the members of the SVCSB and develop training for charter school boards.

Dr. Wilkinson reported how virtual charter schooling benefited a military family who utilized online schools with national curriculum for their children. The family moved to Oklahoma and in their transition was able to access a virtual charter school with the same curriculum and resources.

Accessing Legal Services with the Office of the Attorney General Approved

Janis Preslar, Chief General Counsel, Office of the Attorney General reported there were approximately 28 attorneys in the General Counsel office. The office is dependent on contracts with state agencies and represents 100 state agencies, boards and

commissions. Ms. Preslar presented a contract for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2015 that proposes an hourly contract rate for legal services to supplement resources currently being received from the State Department of Education (SDE). A contract for Fiscal Year 2016, July 1 through June 30, 2016, proposes a ten percent approximately one-half day per week of an attorney's time.

Steven Barker, Assistant Attorney General, will be assigned to provide services to the SVCSB.

Board members asked questions and discussed the proposed legal services contracts and functions.

Debbie Long moved to approve the contract for legal services with the Office Attorney General for the fiscal year ending 2015 as presented. Denise Floyd seconded the motion to... The carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

Debbie Long moved to approve the contract for legal services with Office of the Attorney General as presented for fiscal year 2016. Denise Floyd seconded the motion to. The carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

Consider the Standardization of Sponsored Virtual Charter Contracts Approved

Dr. Wilkinson reported state aid percentages differ for the virtual charter schools by contracts and dependent upon when the initial authorization was in place or at the creation of the SVCSB and the two (2) existing virtual charter schools were assumed.

Board members asked questions and discussed the advantages and processes of standardization.

Debbie Long moved to authorize the renegotiation of contracts with Insight Schools, Oklahoma Connections Academy and Able Charter Schools to a standardized rate of three percent in their current contracts. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Authorization Approved

Dr. Wilkinson presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2016 for the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and reviewed estimated revenues and expenditures.

Board members discussed and asked questions on the proposed 2016 fiscal year budget items.

Pamela Vreeland moved to approve the budget for fiscal year 2016. Debbie Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

Amendments to the Board Authorization and Sponsorship Guidelines Approved

Dr. Wilkinson presented correction and change recommendations to amend the approved authorization and sponsorship guidelines/process documents for virtual charter schools.

Board members asked questions and discussed the amendment recommendations to the authorization and sponsorship guidelines/process documents.

Denise Floyd moved to approve the amendment recommendations. Pamela Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

Legislative Update

Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Affairs presented the current legislation that affects the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and statewide charter schools. Ms. Thompson reviewed House Bills 1034, 1691, 1696; and Senate Bills 136, 505 and 782.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding current Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and statewide charter school legislation.

Oklahoma Open Meetings Act

Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel, presented meetings to conduct business information and potential violations per the *Oklahoma Open Meetings Act*, 25 O.S. § 304.

Board members discussed and asked questions on statutory requirements when attending events for their respective institutions and SVCSB events.

Accreditation Responsibilities for the State Department of Education (SDE)

Dr. Daniel Craig, Regional Accreditation Officer (RAO)-Charter Schools, presented and reviewed the compliance report checklist for all charter schools.

Board members discussed and asked accreditation compliance questions and findings.

Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB) Website

Charlene Blohm, CEO, C. Blohm and Associates, Inc. presented updated information on the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board website template and process. Statewide virtual charter schools are providing assistance to complete the website, and Oklahoma Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) controls the timeline for state website publications. The target date to test the website is tentatively scheduled for June 5.

Board members asked questions and discussed the website template and processes.

Consider the Resignation of Jaared Scott effective May 31, 2015

John Harrington said Jaared Scott will be moving and therefore will no longer represent constituents in the district. His official resignation is in early June and notification will be forwarded to the Senate leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Debbie Long moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:55 p.m. Pamela Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

The next regular meeting of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

John Harrington, Chairperson of the Board

Terrie Cheadle, Secretary to the Board