

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the**

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

**July 24, 2023**

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in special session at 1:03 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 12:40 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

**Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:**

Brian Bobek  
Robert Franklin  
Nellie Tayloe Sanders  
Scott Strawn

**Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Absent:**

William Pearson

**Others in Attendance:**

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director  
Lynn Stickney, Secretary to the Board  
Lisa Daniels, Horizon Director  
Arden Nerijs, Assistant Attorney General  
Audra Plummer, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy  
Jennifer Wilkinson, Insight School of Oklahoma  
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy  
Mohmut Dogon, Dove Virtual Academy  
Timothy Smith, Learning Matters Educational Group and ThrivePoint Academy  
Aaron Ritter, Learning Matters Educational Group and ThrivePoint Academy  
Jason Elliott, ThrivePoint Academy  
Sean Cummings, Citizen  
Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA  
Charles Lindsey-Outlaw, Legis OK  
Hiram Sasser, First Liberty Institute  
A.J. Ferate, Spencer Fane, LLP  
Bennett Brinkman, NonDoc  
Nuria Martinez-Keel, The Oklahoman  
Other general public

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Dr. Franklin called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board special meeting to order at 1:03 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. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on minutes of the June 19, 2023, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Special Board Meeting**

Mr. Bobek moved to approve the June 19, 2023, minutes as presented. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Brian Bobek	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Nellie Tayloe Sanders	Yes
Scott Strawn	Yes

**5. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – Chairman Robert Franklin**

Dr. Franklin extended condolences to Mr. Pearson and his family on behalf of the Board. As summer break is coming to an end, Dr. Franklin offered ten (10) tips to manage stress as educators begin a new school year.

**6. ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding legal counsel through the 74 O.S. § 20i**

Dr. Wilkinson provided the board with an update of the 20i process and developments thus far. Board members discussed the 20i general and litigation counsel options and the process for approval by the Attorney General.

Dr. Franklin moved to have the Board select an ad hoc committee to assist in the process of choosing general counsel. The motion failed due to a lack of a second to the motion.

Ms. Sanders moved to retain Daniel Carsey, Hall Estill, as local board general counsel to represent the Board in matters related to the St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School application approval. Mr. Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Brian Bobek	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Nellie Tayloe Sanders	Yes
Scott Strawn	Yes

Ms. Sanders moved to retain Alliance Defending Freedom and Cheryl Plaxico to represent the Board and its members related to actions pertaining to St. Isidore. Mr. Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Brian Bobek	Yes
Robert Franklin	No
Nellie Tayloe Sanders	Yes
Scott Strawn	Yes

**b. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Virtual Charter School Authorization and Oversight Process Manual**

Dr. Wilkinson reviewed the edits to the Virtual Charter School Authorization and Oversight Process Manual with the board and answered questions.

Dr. Strawn moved to approve the Virtual Charter School Authorization and Oversight Process Manual as presented. Mr. Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Brian Bobek	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Nellie Tayloe Sanders	Yes
Scott Strawn	Yes

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

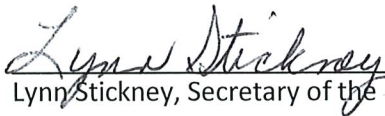
There being no further business, Dr. Strawn moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m. Mr. Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Brian Bobek	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Nellie Tayloe Sanders	Yes
Scott Strawn	Yes



Robert Franklin, Chairman of the Board

9-11-2023



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board