

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

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

September 11, 2023

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 11:05 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

Brian Bobek
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
Jaycie Smith, Academic Compliance Officer
Lecrecia Schmidt, Operations Officer
Carole Kelley, Secretary to the Board
Michelle Seibolt, Epic Charter Schools
Elizabeth Suddath, Epic Charter Schools
Brandon Webb, Epic Charter Schools
Aaron Ritter, LMEG Thrivpoint Academy
Brad Talley, Virtual Prep Academy of Oklahoma
Blair Harrison, Virtual Prep Academy of Oklahoma
Erin Starkey, Virtual Prep Academy of Oklahoma
Tom Newell, Virtual Prep Academy of Oklahoma
David Oakley, Legislative
Mark McBride, Oklahoma House
Arden Nerius, Assistant Attorney General
Niki Batt, Deputy Attorney General
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy
Mahmuit Dogan, Dove Virtual Academy
Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA
Other general public

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Franklin called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 1:03 PM. 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 July 24, 2023, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Bobeck moved to approve the July 24, 2023 minutes as presented. Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

5. OPENING COMMENTS

Dr. Franklin welcomed those in attendance and noted September is National Awareness Month for the Prevention of Suicide.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Dr. Wilkinson introduced staff. These include:

Skyler Lusnia	Financial Compliance Officer
Jaycie Smith	Academic Compliance Officer
Lecrecia Schmidt	Operations Officer
Carole Kelley	Secretary to the SCVCB

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

8. ADMINISTRATION

a. Presentation and possible discussion regarding Virtual Preparatory Academy of Oklahoma school opening.

Erin Starkey, Virtual Preparatory Academy of Oklahoma (VPA) Head of School, introduced the school serving grades K-8th grade. Ms. Starkey stated the school will be known as the "Voyagers." She introduced the school's staff who were present along with the Board Chair, Tom Newell.

b. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Epic Charter School site request.

Michelle Seibolt and Brandon Webb, Epic Charter Schools administrators, presented the request for Epic Charter Schools to seek a site code from the Oklahoma State Department of Education for an alternative education school, Rise Academy. This Site Code, if approved, would be effective for the 2024-25 school year. This request would be for an Alternative Education Site Code.

Ms. Sanders moved to approve the request from Epic Charter schools to seek a site code for an Alternative Education school from the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

c. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Virtual Charter Authorization and Oversight Process Manual.

Mr. Bobek moved to approve revisions to Appendix C of the Virtual Charter School Authorization and Oversight Process Manual. Dr. Strawn seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes.

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

d. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding SVCSB surplus inventory.

Dr. Strawn moved to allow SVCSB to list stated s inventory as Surplus. Mr. Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote.

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

e. Presentation and possible discussion regarding Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus.

Dr. Lisa Daniels updated the Board on the Horizon program.

f. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the election of Statewide Virtual Charter School Board officers.

1. Board Chairperson:

Ms. Sanders nominated Mr. Bobek. Mr. Bobek seconded.
Mr. Pearson nominated Robert Franklin. Dr. Strawn seconded.
After consultation with attorneys, it was decided there would be one vote for the two nominees. Robert Franklin was named Chairperson with the following vote.

Brian Bobek	voted for Bobek
Robert Franklin	voted for Franklin
William Pearson	voted for Franklin
Nellie Tayloe Sanders	voted for Bobek
Scott Strawn	voted for Franklin

2. Board Vice-Chairperson:

Dr. Strawn nominated Mr. Bobek. Ms. Sanders seconded.
Mr. Franklin nominated Mr. Pearson. Dr. Strawn seconded.
Mr. Bobek was named Vice-Chairperson with the following vote.

Brian Bobek	voted for Bobek
Robert Franklin	voted for Pearson
William Pearson	voted for Pearson
Nellie Tayloe Sanders	voted for Bobek
Scott Strawn	voted for Bobek

3. Board Clerk

Dr. Strawn nominated the only nominee, Mr. Pearson for this office. Mr. Bobek seconded. Mr. Pearson was named Board Clerk with the following vote.

Brian Bobek	voted for Mr. Pearson
Robert Franklin	voted for Mr. Pearson
William Pearson	abstained
Nellie Tayloe Sanders	voted for Mr. Pearson
Scott Strawn	voted for Mr. Pearson

9 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Strawn made the motion to enter to Executive Session. Mr. Pearson seconded. The motion carried with the following vote.

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

Dr. Strawn made the motion to re-enter Open Session. Mr. Bobek seconded. The motion carried with the following vote.

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

No action was taken from the Executive Session.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

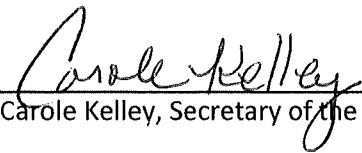
Dr. Strawn moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pearson seconded. The motion carried with the following vote.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM



Robert Franklin, Chairman of the Board



Carole Kelley, Secretary of the Board