

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the**

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

**June 24, 2021**

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in special session at 2:02 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021 in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Present:

Barry Beauchamp  
Robert Franklin  
Phyllis Shepherd  
Brandon Tatum

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Absent:

Mathew Hamrick

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director  
Lynn Stickney, Secretary to the Board  
Lisa Daniels, OSOCP Director  
Skyler Lusnia, Compliance Auditor  
Marie Schuble, Assistant Attorney General  
Devan Pederson, Assistant Attorney General  
Melissa Gregory, Oklahoma Connections Academy (OKCA)  
Rebecca James, Oklahoma Connections Academy (OKCA)  
Cheryl Puryear, Oklahoma Connections Academy (OKCA)  
Katy Feaver, LegisOK  
Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA  
Other general public

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

Dr. Tatum called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 2:02 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. Tatum 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 May 11, 2021 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Regular Board Meeting**

Mr. Beauchamp moved to accept the May 11, 2021 minutes. Ms. Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

**5. Presentation, discussion and possible action on minutes of the May 24, 2021 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Special Board Meeting**

Mr. Beauchamp moved to accept the May 24, 2021 minutes. Ms. Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

**6. OPENING COMMENTS**

There were no opening comments.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**8. ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Presentation and report regarding monthly operations of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB) office and possible discussion**

1. Dr. Wilkinson reviewed the history of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB) and provided a legislative snapshot as it pertains to the SVCSB.
2. Dr. Wilkinson provided an update on the Virtual Charter School Funding Study and answered questions.

Dr. Franklin arrived at 2:13 p.m.

3. Dr. Wilkinson provided the Board with an update on the Internal Audit of the SVCSB.
4. Dr. Wilkinson shared artwork of Epic One-on-One students. She also shared the successes of Jay Nabar, an Oklahoma Connections Academy (OKCA) student who has numerous accomplishments including being named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. She also shared the story of a family who chose to enroll their children in OKCA last year due to the Pandemic. The family shared that they were very satisfied with the education their children received while enrolled at OKCA. Since both parents work, the children will be returning to their brick and mortar school this fall and are thankful for the education OKCA provided to their children.

**b. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding virtual charter school financial oversight**

Mr. Lusnia presented an update regarding financial oversight of Epic One-on-One Charter School and answered board questions.

**c. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Epic One-on-One Charter School (EPIC) Annual Report and Performance Framework**

Dr. Wilkinson provided information and answered board questions regarding the Annual Report and Performance Framework for Epic One-on-One Charter School.

Mr. Banfield, Superintendent, Epic One-on-One Charter School presented the Epic One-on-One Charter School virtual response.

Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve the Epic One-on-One Charter School Performance Framework with the stipulation that this is a statutory requirement. Dr. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

**d. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Epic One-on-One Charter School (EPIC) Agreed Settlement Implementation Plan Request**

Dr. Wilkinson and Ms. Schuble provided information and answered board questions regarding the Epic One-on-One Charter School (EPIC) Agreed Settlement Implementation Plan Request.

Linda Ladd, Epic Internal Auditor, presented the Epic One-on-One Charter School Implementation Plan Request and Mr. Bill Hickman, Epic One-on-One Charter School legal counsel answered Board questions.

Dr. Tatum moved allow Epic's governing board until July 15, 2021 to put the additional Board member in place. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

Dr. Tatum moved to extend the Agreed Settlement deadline until the next Statewide Virtual Charter School Board Meeting. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

**e. Presentation and possible discussion regarding Oklahoma Connections Academy (OKCA) Annual Report**

Dr. Wilkinson provided information and answered board questions regarding the Oklahoma Connections Academy (OKCA) Annual Report.

Ms. Gregory, School Leader, Oklahoma Connections Academy, presented the Oklahoma Connections Academy response.

- f. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action on Administrative Rules 1) to affirm the finding of an emergency requiring the adoption of the proposed rule changes, 2) adopt the proposed rule changes, and 3) enter the Emergency Rulemaking Process for the proposed rule changes set forth below:**

**TITLE 777. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD  
CHAPTER 15. OKLAHOMA SUPPLEMENTAL ONLINE COURSE CERTIFICATION  
777:15-1-1. Purpose [AMENDED]  
777:15-1-3. Application for course certification [AMENDED]  
777:15-1-5. Course review requirements [AMENDED]  
777:15-1-6. Course review and certification process [AMENDED]  
777:15-1-7. Certified courses remaining in good standing [AMENDED]  
777:15-1-9. SVCSB responsibilities [AMENDED]**

Dr. Tatum moved to affirm the finding of an emergency, adopt the proposed rule changes and enter into the Emergency Rulemaking Process. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

- g. **Presentation, discussion and possible action to enter Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307 (B)(1) to discuss the employment and compensation of the Executive Director**

**1. Vote to enter Executive Session**

Mr. Beauchamp moved to enter Executive Session. Dr. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

**2. Exit Executive Session and vote to re-enter Open Session**

Mr. Beauchamp moved to re-enter Open Session. Dr. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

**3. Vote on matters discussed in Executive Session**

Dr. Franklin moved advance and increase the salary of the Executive Director by 5% annually. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Phyllis Shepherd	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

- h. **Presentation, discussion and possible action to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307 (B)(4) to receive legal advice from board counsel and discuss pending litigation, *Hamrick v. Oklahoma Statewide Virtual Charter School Board*, in the District Court of Oklahoma County, CV-2021-835**

**1. Vote to enter Executive Session**

Mr. Beauchamp moved to enter Executive Session. Dr. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

Ms. Shepherd left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

**2. Exit Executive Session and vote to re-enter Open Session**

Dr. Tatum moved to re-enter Open Session. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

**3. Vote on matters discussed in Executive Session**

Dr. Tatum moved to approve the Settlement Agreement with Mr. Hamrick upon approval of vacation of recusal.

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes

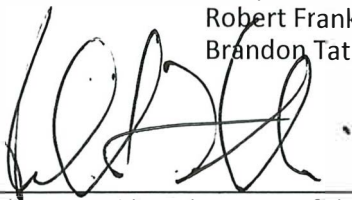
**9. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Beauchamp moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Dr. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Barry Beauchamp	Yes
Robert Franklin	Yes
Brandon Tatum	Yes



Robert Franklin, Chairman of the Board



Lynn Stickney, Secretary of the Board