



Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2025, 1:30 P.M.
5400 N. Grand Blvd.
1st floor conference room
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, and Geoff Kingsley

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Parker, and Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders

OTHER REGULAR ATTENDEES: Office of Educational Quality and Accountability Staff: Dr. Megan Oftedal, Rusty Faircloth, Michael Clark, Caroline Misner, and Eric Jones

VISITORS: Dr. Jerry Mihelic, OACTE; Jen Oswald, OACTE; Jeanene Barnett, CCOSA

Call to Order: Mr. Daniel called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Introduction of Commission Members and Roll Call: Mr. Daniel asked for the roll call to be taken. Four Commission members were present, and it was established that a quorum existed.

Welcome from Dr. Megan Oftedal: Dr. Megan Oftedal, Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Szallar seconded the motion. The motion passed per the following vote:

Dr. Fiegener: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve

Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt the Permanent Rule Changes Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303 of Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act: Dr. Fiegenger made a motion to *Adopt the Permanent Rule Changes Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303 of Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act*. Mr. Daniel seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Dr. Fiegenger: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve

Discussion and Possible Action to Ratify the following Proposed Legislative Changes for the 2025 Legislative Session and Authorize OEQA to Proceed with Any Future Modifications to the legislation, including amending or revoking the proposed legislative changes, for the 2025 Legislative Session as Needed: Ms. Szallar made a motion to Ratify the following Proposed Legislative Changes for the 2025 Legislative Session and Authorize OEQA to Proceed with Any Future Modifications to the legislation, including amending or revoking the proposed legislative changes, for the 2025 Legislative Session as Needed. Dr. Fiegenger seconded the motion. The motion passed per the following vote.

Dr. Fiegenger: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve

Discussion and Possible Action to Submit Proposed Legislative Changes to 70 O.S. § 6-204.2 and Authorize OEQA to Proceed with any Future Modifications to the legislation, including amending or revoking the proposed legislative changes, for the 2025 Legislative Session as Needed: Mr. Daniel made a motion to Submit Proposed Legislative Changes to 70 O.S. § 6-204.2 and Authorize OEQA to Proceed with any Future Modifications to the legislation, including amending or revoking the proposed legislative changes, for the 2025 Legislative Session as Needed. Dr. Fiegenger seconded the motion. The motion passed per the following vote.

Dr. Fiegenger: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve

Discussion and Possible Action to Ratify OEQA's December 5, 2024, Request to the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office for Representation in the District Court of Oklahoma County, Case No. CJ-2024-7651, styled as: Jennifer Gambrell, Plaintiff, v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, Defendant: Mr. Daniel made a motion to Ratify OEQA's December 5, 2024, Request to the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office for Representation in the District Court of Oklahoma County, Case No. CJ-2024-7651, styled as: Jennifer Gambrell, Plaintiff, v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, Defendant. Ms. Szallar seconded the motion. The motion passed per the following vote.

Dr. Fiegenger: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve

Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) to hold Confidential Communications with Legal Counsel Regarding the Pending Lawsuit in the District Court of Oklahoma County; Case No. CJ-2024-7651, styled as: *Jennifer Gambrell, Plaintiff, v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, Defendant, Where Disclosure Will Seriously Impair the Ability of OEQA to Conduct the Litigation in the Public Interest:* Mr. Parker made a motion to move to Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) to hold Confidential Communications with Legal Counsel Regarding the Pending Lawsuit in the District Court of Oklahoma County; Case No. CJ-2024-7651, styled as: Jennifer Gambrell, Plaintiff, v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, Defendant, Where Disclosure Will Seriously Impair the Ability of OEQA to Conduct the Litigation in the Public. Mr. Daniel seconded the motion. The motion passed per the following vote.

Dr. Fiegenger: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve

Vote to Return to Open Session: Dr. Fiegenger made a motion to enter into open session. Mr. Daniel seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Dr. Fiegenger: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve

Discussion and Possible Action to *Approve Salary for Director of Data and Analytics:* Mr. Daniel made a motion to *Approve Salary for Director of Data and Analytics.* Mr. Kingsley seconded the motion. The motion passed per the following vote.

Dr. Fiegenger: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve

Discussion and Possible Action to *Authorize OEQA to Submit Exception to Executive Order 2024-29 Return to Office:* Ms. Szallar made a motion Authorize OEQA to Submit Exception to Executive Order 2024-29 Return to Office. Mr. Daniel seconded the motion. The motion passed per the following vote.

Dr. Fiegenger: approve Ms. Szallar: approve
Mr. Daniel: approve Mr. Kingsley: approve


The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m. The minutes of the January 13th, 2025, regular meeting of the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability were approved (circle one)

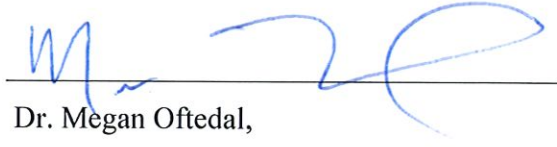
as submitted

with corrections

on March 12th, 2025.

Signed:


Commissioner


Dr. Megan Oftedal,
OEQA Executive Director