Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2026, 1:30 P.M.
The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons
123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
28th Floor, Conference Room 5

The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability (the "Commission" or "CEQA") met for a Commission meeting at 1:30 p.m., on August 12, 2026, at the offices of the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability ("OEQA"), 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, 28th Floor, Conference Room 5, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Notice of Meeting and Agenda were posted in accordance with the Oklahoma the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegener Ph.D., Melissa Evon, John Daniel

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Secretary of Education Lindel Fields, Kathryn Szallar, Jennifer Carlson

OEQA STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Seybolt, Tatyana Blakemore, Eric Jones, and Dana Oliver

GUESTS PRESENT:

Maria Maule, Jen Oswald, Marla Pankratz, Lonnie James, Nicole Harrington, Sudy Lee

Call to Order: Mr. Parker called the August 12, 2026, meeting of the Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with four (4) Commission Members present as follows: Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegener, Melissa Evon, John Daniel

Welcome and Introduction of Others Present: Dr. Michelle Seybolt welcomed the Commission and introduced others present at the meeting.

Discussion, and Possible Revision, and Action to: Approve Minutes of the July 8, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the Minutes of the July 8, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission. Ms. Evon made a motion to: Approve Minutes of the July 8, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Commission. Dr. Fiegener seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegener, Melissa Evon, and John Daniel

Public Comment: None

Discussion, and Possible Action to: Revoke Accreditation of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Art Education Program. Mr. Parker made a motion to: Revoke Accreditation of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Art Education Program. Dr. Fiegener seconded the motion and the motion passed by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegener, and Melissa Evon. Those voting against the motion: John Daniel.

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to: Approve Accreditation of Southwestern Christian University. Ms. Evon made a motion to: Grant probationary accreditation for 2 years for Southwestern Christian University, with the next accreditation review in spring 2028, but with the modification that we have an update in May of 2027. Mr. Parker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegener, Melissa Evon, and John Daniel

Presentation and Discussion: Report on Early Literacy Academy Pursuant to 70 O.S., § 1210.508H(J)(4). The OEQA team presented and discussed the Early Literacy Academy report pursuant to 70 O.S. § 1210.508H(J)(4), including program updates and related findings.

Discussion: Executive Director Report, Including Updates on Various Projects, Operations, and Financials. Dr. Seybolt provided updates on Strong Readers, non-IHE providers, the Data Infrastructure and Security System, TeachForward, agency operations, and financial matters.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Daniel made a motion to adjourn at 2:43 P.M. Ms. Evon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the Commission Members present. Those voting for the motion: Ken Parker, Ashlyn Fiegener, Melissa Evon, and John Daniel