**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the**

**State Board of Education**

**January 28, 2025**



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**OKLAHOMA STATE DEPT. OF EDUCATION**

**OLIVER HODGE BUILDING**

**2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD**

**STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20**

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:** State Superintendent Ryan Walters called the State

Board of Education regular meeting to order and roll call at 9:35 a.m. Executive Secretary

Amy London called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA FLAG SALUTE, PRAYER:**

Superintendent Walters welcomed everyone to the meeting and let Board Members and all

present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and

Prayer.

1. **STATE SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:**

Superintendent Walters highlighted the Immigration rule, which is to account for how many students of illegal immigrants are in Oklahoma schools. This information is needed to allocate resources and personnel. Classical Learning added as an option for school testing. A Teacher Certification Rule to include requirement for all Oklahoma teachers to take a U.S. Naturalization test. Schools are required to report donations exceeding $18,000. Promoting Patriotism in Oklahoma schools. School safety will continue to be emphasized with the removal of child predators out of schools. Bus drivers go under an accreditation and additional screening.

**4. BOARD – ADMINISTRATIVE:** Meeting minutes of the December 19, 2024, regular

State Board of Education Meeting was approved. Board member Burdick moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2024, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

**5. CONSENT DOCKET:** Discussion and action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2024-2025 school year -[**70 O.S. § 3-104**](https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocument.asp?CiteID=89776)**;**

**OAC 210:35-1-4:**

1. Discussion and possible action on approve lists of civic engagement programs for

the Civics Seal – **OAC 210:10-1-16.** Board member Burdick moved to approve the Civics Seal list as presented. Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

(b) Presentation from Oklahoma City Public Schools **– Dr. Jamie Polk,**

**Superintendent, Alisha Suffield, Assistant Superintendent**

(c) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher

certification regulations to permit of emergency (provisional) certificates –

[**70 O.S. § 6-187**](https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocument.asp?CiteID=90043). Board member Quebedeaux moved to approve the

Emergency (provisional) certificates. Board member Wesson seconded the

motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms.

Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

**APPROVED**

**6. ACCREDITATION STANDARDS**

1. Discussion and possible action on the 2023-2024 school year **Charter School**

**Accreditation Status 70 O.S. §§ 3-104, 3-104.3, 3-104.4, OAC 210:35-3-201**

for the following:

1. **Deborah Brown Charter School**
2. **Sankofa Charter School**

Board member Burdick moved to approve the recommendation request. Board

member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the

following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and

Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

**7.** **LEGAL SERVICES – State Department of Education**

(a) Presentation of monthly report on complaints filed, and status thereof,

regarding alleged violations of 70 O.S.§ 24-157 and administrative rule

prohibiting race and sex discrimination - [**70 O.S. § 24-157**](https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocument.asp?CiteID=490089); Oklahoma

Administrative Code 210:10-1-23 **NONE FILED**

(b) Consider and take possible action on Oklahoma Administrative Code

(“OAC”) rules of the Oklahoma State Board of Education (“SBE”) and/or the

Oklahoma State Department of Education (“OSDE”). Authority to promulgate

rules derives from, without limitation, Title 70 O.S. § 3-104(A)(1,7,16 and 20)

and Title 75 O.S. § 251.

1. OAC 210 Chapter 1 - **APPROVED**
2. OAC 210 Chapter 10 - **APPROVED**
3. OAC 210 Chapter 20 – **NOT APPROVED**
4. OAC 210 Chapter 25 - **APPROVED**
5. OAC 210 Chapter 30 - **APPROVED**
6. OAC 210 Chapter 35 - **APPROVED**
7. OAC 210 Chapter 40 - **APPROVED**

Board member Wesson moved to approve all the rules with the exception that Oklahoma Administrative Code 210-20-13-1, the second line the word “will” not be changed to “may” and will remain as a “will” in the rule going forward throughout the process. Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

**8.** **LEGAL SERVICES – State Board of Education**

(a) Vote to Convene into Executive Session pursuant to **25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7)**

and **(8)** for the purpose of discussing possible action on the following issues:

Board member Burdick moved to convene into Executive Session.

Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the

following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes;

Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

(b) Application for an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher

certificates and certificate numbers and application to revoke of **1) John King;**

**2) Robert Park; 3) Richard Akin; 4) Michael Briglin; 5) Gerald Pruitt; 6) Billy**

**Schuster; 7) Rocky Flint; 8) Tony West; 9) Susan Hartman; 10) Candace**

**Western; 11) Stephanie Stehl; 12) Rick Dillinger** - **70 O.S. § 3-104;**

**OAC** **210-1-5-6**

Board member Quebedeaux moved to approve the emergency order summarily

suspending teaching certificates and certificate numbers and application to

revoke, as well as refer to a hearing officer and a time and date be set for **item 8(b) 1**

**through 11.** Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion

carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux,

yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

Board member Quebedeaux moved to send a hearing officer and a time and date be

set for **Item 8(b), 12, Rick Dillinger**. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes: and Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

(c) Final Board determination after Hearing Officer’s proposed findings of

fact, conclusions of law and on the teacher certificate and certificate

number of **1) Russell Fincher - 70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210:1-5-6**

Board member Quebedeaux moved to adopt the hearing officer’s proposed finding of fact, conclusion of law on a teacher certificate and certificate number of Russell Fincher. Board member Burdick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes: and Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

(d) Consent Order to Accept Voluntary Surrender teacher certificates and

certificate numbers of **1) Suzanne Parker; 2) J Trent Gibson - 70 O.S. § 3-**

**104; OAC 210:1-5-6.**

Board member Wesson moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender of teacher

certificates and certificate numbers for Suzanne Parker and J Trent Gibson. Board

member Burdick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following

vote: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes: and

Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

(e) Motion to Dismiss the Application to Revoke and Consent Order to Accept

Voluntary Surrender **1) Jennifer Enyart – 70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210:1-5-6**

Board member Quebedeaux moved to dismiss the application to revoke and order

to accept the voluntary surrender of Jennifer Enyart. Board member Wesson

seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following

vote: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes: and

Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

(f) Vote to Acknowledge Return to Open Session. Board member Wesson moved to

return to Open Session. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The

motion carried with the following vote: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes;

Ms. Wesson, yes: and Superintendent Walters, yes. **APPROVED**

(g) Discussion and possible action regarding the matters discussed during the Executive

Session – Reflected actions taken are noted above accordingly to each item as listed.

**9.** **NEW BUSINESS** (not known about or which could not have been reasonably

foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda) – [**25 O.S. § 311**](https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocument.asp?CiteID=73436) – **NO NEW BUSINESS**

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Individual signed up to give public comment included Aiya Kelley, Mike Howe, Peggy Howe, Patricia Moffett, Thomas Swazy, Vicki Stuard, Reed Downey, Ashley Hall, Terri Carol Davis, Kacey Burnett.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Board member Burdick moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Mr. Archer, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday,

February 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of

Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ryan Walters, Chairperson of the Board

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Amy London, Chief Executive Secretary