

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
April 14, 2025**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members of the Statewide Charter School Board Present:

Brian Shellem
Angie Thomas
Kathy White
Damon Gardenhire
Jared Buswell
Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
John Tautfest, designee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ryan Walters
David Rutkauskas

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Wilkinson, Executive Director
Skyler Lusnia, Director of School Performance
Amy Gibson, Secretary to the Board
Jaycie Smith, Academic Compliance Officer
Lisa Daniels, Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus, Director
Shelly Hickman, Communications Officer

Other general public:

William Evans, ThrivePoint Oklahoma
Aaron Ritter, ThrivePoint Oklahoma
Jason Elliott, ThrivePoint Oklahoma
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy
Melissa Gregory, Oklahoma Connections Academy
Abidin Erez, Dove Virtual Academy
Kevin McDonald, Horizon Virtual High School
Kendra Cope, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School
Rosalyn Robinson, P3 Urban Montessori

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Brian Shellem – Present
Angie Thomas – Present
Kathy White – Present
Becky Gooch – Absent
Damon Gardenhire – Present

Jared Buswell – Present
David Rutkauskas – Present
John Tautfest – Present, designee for Superintendent Ryan Walters
Kitty Campbell – Present, designee for State Auditor and Inspector Cindy Byrd

2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the Oklahoma State Flag, and Moment of Silence**
3. **(Action) Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the February 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

There was no discussion on the minutes of the March 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Kitty Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Angie Thomas – Abstain
Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes

4. **Chairman's Opening Comments**

Chairman Shellem welcomed those attending and briefly commented he is proud of the board's work.

5. **Public Comment**

The Statewide Charter School Board shall hear public comment on any action item listed on the current board meeting agenda. Public comments will be limited to only those subject matters covered in the current meeting agenda. Public comment will not be taken on issues relating to: (1) pending litigation against SCSB or agency employees; (2) a pending grievance; (3) an employee complaint; (4) complaints against SCSB employees; (5) disciplinary action, suspension, or termination of an SCSB employee; or (6) any administrative proceeding initiated by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act. A sign-up sheet will be posted at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the Board Meeting. Sign up must be completed prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting. Only individuals who have signed up to speak will be recognized during the Public Comment period and will be recognized in the order in which they have signed in. Each speaker will be allocated three (3) minutes for presentation. The Board Chairperson may interrupt and/or terminate any presentation during public comment which does not conform to the procedures outlined under this Section. The Board Chairperson reserves and retains the right to interrupt, terminate, or postpone public comment as necessary to effectuate the management of the public meeting.

Tim Smith from ThrivePoint Oklahoma Academy greeted the board and thanked them for allowing them to speak on behalf of the school's Application for Initial Authorization.

6. Board Spotlight on Horizon Digitally Enhanced Campus Advanced Placement program

Shelly Hickman provided background information on the Advanced Placement program. She then introduced Kevin McDonald and Emre Ozturk who addressed the board on how they implement the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus Advanced Placement program.

7. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the Statewide Charter School Board Working Group reports: Budget, Communications, Governance, and Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus

Jared Buswell, chair of the Budget Working Group, informed the board that the FY 26 budget had been presented to the Oklahoma State Legislature. He informed the board that the SCSB has received a letter from the legislature to submit a narrative describing a two percent reduction across the agency. There were no updates from the Communications and the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus Working Groups. David Rutkauskas, chair of the Governance Working Group informed the board of bills moving through the legislature and their status, including HB1940, HB2153, HB2154 and SB705. He included future strategic planning.

8. Administration

- a. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the 2025 Oklahoma Charter Schools Conference and the 2026 Oklahoma Charter Schools Conference

Shelly Hickman presented 2025 Oklahoma Charter Schools Conference survey data and potential plans for the 2026 Charter Schools Conference.

- b. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Application for Initial Authorization for ThrivePoint Oklahoma, Inc. Virtual Charter School

Skyler Lusnia and Jaycie Smith presented strengths and weaknesses of the Application for Initial Authorization and made a recommendation to the board.

Jared Buswell made a motion to reject the current application for the following reasons:

- 1. The sample student schedules provided did not meet Oklahoma's requirement that a school day must include at least six hours of instructional activities.
- 2. Extracurricular activities governed by OSSAA are restricted for virtual charter schools.
- 3. Two concerns regarding the articles of incorporation were identified, one of which was no reference to being a school under federal law.
- 4. 15 items were identified in the bylaws as possible areas to address. Most were inaccuracies such as numbering and lettering inconsistencies, misaligned naming conventions, and lack of specificity. The fiscal policies had similar inconsistencies, inaccuracies, and misalignments.
- 5. The proposed Educational Management Organization contract was reviewed using the SCSB EMO Review Rubric. Areas of consideration ranging from inconsistent numbering to EMO's registration to do business in Oklahoma were identified.

The motion carried with the following votes:

Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes

- c. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the P3 Urban Montessori Charter School Charter Contract

Skyler Lusnia presented the Charter Contract for P3 Urban Montessori.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – Yes

- d. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus program update and Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus Consortium Subsidy

Dr. Lisa Daniels presented an update on the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus program. She presented a request for a 1.2-million-dollar subsidy to support the Horizon Consortium membership.

David Rutkauskas made a motion to approve the 1.2-million-dollar subsidy. John Tautfest seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – Yes

- e. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding an amendment to the E-School Virtual Charter Academy Charter Contract allowing the school to establish two school sites serving grades Kindergarten through 8 at the elementary level and grades 9 through 12 at the high school level

Skyler Lusnia presented the request to establish two school sites rather than the current three, on behalf of E-School Virtual Charter Academy and the contract amendment reflecting these changes.

Kitty Campbell made a motion to allow the change and approve the amendment to the current charter contract. David Rutkauskas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Jared Buswell – Yes
Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes

9. New Business

Discussion and possible action of any item that could not have been known or reasonably foreseen prior to time of posting agenda (As defined in Oklahoma Statutes Title 25, Section 311 (A)(9)).

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

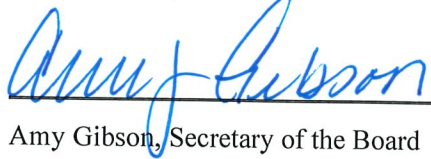
Jared Buswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board