

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
December 9, 2024**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in special session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024, in the Oklahoma History Center at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members of the Statewide Charter School Board Present:

Brian Shellem
Jared Buswell
Angie Thomas
Becky Gooch
Damon Gardenhire
David Rutkauskas
John Tautfest, designee for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ryan Walters

Others in Attendance:

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

Other general public:

Diana Duran, Legis OK
Thomas Schneider, OAG
Dana Lindon-Bursett, Rose State College
Elizabeth Price, DVA
Melissa Howerton, DVA
Brett Robinson, Langston
Leo Nimby, Langston
Craig McVay, OPSRC
Tim Smith, ThrivePoint
Aaron Ritter, ThrivePoint

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Brian Shellem – Present
Angie Thomas – Present
Kathleen White – Absent
Becky Gooch – Present
Damon Gardenhire – Present
Jared Buswell – Present

David Rutkauskas – Present
John Tautfest – Present, designee for Superintendent Ryan Walters
Kitty Campbell – Absent, 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 November 18, 2024, Statewide Charter School Board Special Board Meeting.**

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024, Statewide Charter School Board Special Meeting. Angie Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Angie Thomas – Yes
Becky Gooch – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell - Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes

4. **Chairman's Opening Comments** – Chairman Shellem welcomed everyone and introduced David Rutkauskas, new board member for the SCSB. He thanked board members for their time and investment to serving on the board.
5. **Board Spotlight – 2023 Harvard Study/Report on Charter Schools**

Shelly Hickman gave a brief overview of the Harvard Study, including Oklahoma as a Top Ten State.

6. **Presentation and possible discussion regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of an Oklahoma Charter School Authorizer and Charter School Landscape by Dr. James Goenner, President and CEO of the National Charter Schools Institute**

Dr. Goenner provided insight to the SCSB on the roles and responsibilities of a quality charter school authorizer and shared a national perspective on the current charter movement and the initiatives driving the movement.

7. **Adjournment**

Becky Gooch made a motion to adjourn. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

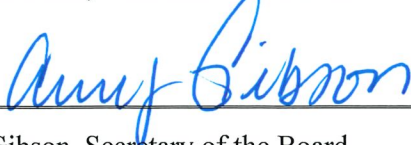
Becky Gooch – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angi Thomas – Yes

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board