

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
February 10, 2025**

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025, 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
Kitty Campbell, designee for State Auditor and Inspector, Cindy Byrd
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

Other general public:

Joshua Laughter, The Good Fight Church
Jason Elliott, ThrivePoint
Dan Myers, ThrivePoint
Jennifer Rosenbloom, The Academies of Oklahoma
Wren Hawthorne, The Academies of Oklahoma
William Evans, ThrivePoint
Aaron Ritter, ThrivePoint
Melissa Gregory, OKCA
Hosteen Walsh, OKCA
Lindsey Thompson, ThrivePoint
Kendra Cope, OYACS
Sasha Ndisabrye, NonDoc
Sam Walters, OKCA
Jesse James, OKCA
Candyace Shima, Dove Virtual
Elizabeth Price, Dove Virtual
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual
William Ezzell, KFOR
John Hayes, KFOR

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

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 January 21, 2025, Statewide Charter School Board Regular Board Meeting

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025, Statewide Charter School Board Regular Meeting. John Tautfest seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

4. Proposed Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for the purpose of confidential communication between the Board and legal counsel related to St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School where counsel has determined that disclosure of information related to the matter will seriously impair ability of the Board to process, defend, or otherwise conduct pending litigation, Supreme Court of the United States Petition No. 24-394

1. Vote to Enter Executive Session
2. Exit Executive Session and Vote to Re-enter Open Session
3. Discussion regarding the Supreme Court of the United States, No.24-394

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to move into Executive Session. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to re-enter Open Session. Angie Thomas 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
Becky Gooch – Yes

5. Chairman's Opening Comments

Chairman Shellem read a statement from Winston Churchill. Chairman encouraged board members to join him at the Capitol to continue the fight to move the needle in Oklahoma education.

6. 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 Chairperson may interrupt and/or terminate any presentation during public comment which does not conform to the procedures outlined under this Section. The Chairperson reserves and retains the right to interrupt, terminate, or postpone public comment as necessary to effectuate the management of the public meeting.

No members of the public signed up for Public Comment.

7. Board Spotlight on Oklahoma Connections Academy Science Program

Shelly Hickman introduced Melissa Gregory, Superintendent of Oklahoma Connections Academy. Ms. Gregory highlighted Oklahoma Connections Academy's mobile S.T.E.M. lab.

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

Jared Buswell informed the board of budget presentations Statewide Charter School Board staff members presented to the House Education Committee, the Senate Education Committee and the Appropriations Committee. Becky Gooch informed the Board that Horizon Digitally Enhanced Campus has a bill on the floor to expand Horizon to all Oklahoma students. David Rutkauskas updated the board on bills related to the work of the SCSB. Damon Gardenhire updated the board on the Communications Working Group and about policy.

9. Administration

- a. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the March 2025 Oklahoma Charter School Conference

Shelly Hickman updated the Board on the progression of the 2025 Oklahoma Charter School Conference.

- b. Presentation and possible discussion regarding the Application for Initial Authorization for the proposed ThrivePoint Oklahoma, Inc., virtual charter school

Skyler Lusnia introduced Clark Jolley, Board President for ThrivePoint Oklahoma, Inc. Clark introduced other members of the Board and presented the highlights of the Application for Initial Authorization to the Statewide Charter School Board.

10. 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)).

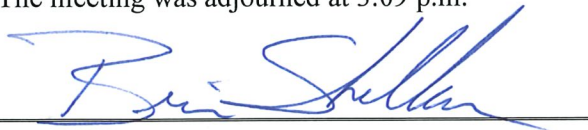
There was no New Business discussed.

11. Adjournment

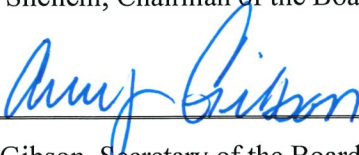
Jared Buswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board