

Approved Minutes - Statewide Charter School Board Regular Meeting
March 10, 2025

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

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 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
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
Amy Gibson, Secretary to the Board
Lecrecia Schmidt, Operations Officer
Jaycie Smith, Academic Compliance Officer
Skyler Lusnia, Director of School Performance
Lisa Daniels, Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus, Director

Other general public:

RK Robinson, P3 Urban Montessori
Alexia Aston, The Oklahoman
Lance Seeright, Le Monde International School
Nino Perez, Le Monde International School
Cecilia Robinson-Woods, P3 Urban Montessori
Kendra Cope, OYACS
Jennifer Wilkinson, ISOK
Emre Ozturk, Dove Virtual Academy

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Brian Shellem – Present
Angie Thomas – Absent
Kathy White – Present
Becky Gooch – Absent
Damon Gardenhire – Present
Jared Buswell – Present
David Rutkauskas – Present

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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 February 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. 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

4. **Chairman's Opening Comments**

Chairman Shellem welcomed all those attending. He thanked Shelly Hickman and all other SCSB staff and board members for a successful first Oklahoma Charter Schools Conference

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.

There were no public comments.

6. **Board Spotlight on Le Monde International School**

Jaycie Smith highlighted Le Monde International School in Norman, OK. Le Monde is one of sixty-six schools in the United States to receive the LabelFrancÉducation Accreditation. This esteemed certification recognizes schools outside of France that offer quality bilingual education in French and promotes the international influence of the French language. For the 2023 – 2024 Oklahoma School

Report Card, Le Monde received an A for academic growth. They are also in the process of becoming a certified International Baccalaureate program for primary grade levels to be offered in the fall of 2026.

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

Jared Buswell gave a brief update regarding quarterly meetings for the Budget Working Group. There were no updates on the Communications, Governance, or Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus Working Groups.

8. Administration

- a. (Action) Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Application for Initial Authorization for the proposed Urban Montessori-Play, Process, Progress (P3) charter school

Jaycie Smith and Skyler Lusnia presented the strengths and concerns from the Application for Initial Authorization for P3.

Jared Buswell made a motion but subsequently rescinded the motion after further discussion.

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the application for P3 Urban Montessori School for the school year 2026-2027 with the condition that the applicant take necessary actions to resolve the weaknesses in special education services, correcting norm-referenced measures of academic growth in both reading and mathematics, correcting organizational misalignments with the governing board by-laws and articles of incorporation, and correcting budgetary inconsistencies that make the otherwise comprehensive and fiscally positive budget inaccurate by August 31, 2025. Damon Gardenhire 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
Kathy White – Yes

- b. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding delegation of authority to approve Educational Management Organization Contracts for the charter schools and virtual charter schools authorized by the SCSB.

Skyler Lusnia presented the Educational Management Organization Contract Review Rubric and described the approval process.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to approve the Educational Management Organization Contract Review Rubric and delegate authority to approve those contracts to the SCSB senior staff with process subject to review by the SCSB. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Jared Buswell – Yes

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Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes

- c. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve The Academies of Oklahoma to serve grade levels Pre-Kindergarten through 12 at Okmulgee and Blanchard sites.

Skyler Lusnia acknowledged the intent for The Academies of Oklahoma to teach grade levels Pre-Kindergarten through 12 grades at the Okmulgee and Blanchard sites.

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the Academies of Oklahoma to serve grade levels Pre-Kindergarten through 12 at the Okmulgee and Blanchard sites. John Tautfest seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes

Kitty Campbell – Yes
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – 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. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

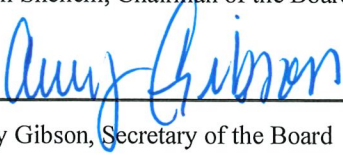
John Tautfest – Yes
David Rutkauskas – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
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The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board

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Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board