

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
May 12, 2025

The Statewide Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 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

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
Thomas Schneider, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

Other general public:

Phil Cross – Epic Charter Schools
Rylie Eisenhauer – Epic Charter Schools
Kristen Disney – Epic Charter Schools
Jeni Milam - Epic Charter Schools
William Evans – ThrivePoint Academy
Aaron Ritter – ThrivePoint Academy
Jason Elliott – ThrivePoint Academy
Tim Smith – ThrivePoint Academy
Ian McEntire – OAG
Ashley Boren – OAG
Kendra Cope – OYACS
Sasha Naisabiye – NonDoc
Emre Ozturk – Dove Virtual Academy

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 – Absent
John Tautfest – Absent, 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 April 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**

There was no discussion on the minutes of the April 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Jared Buswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes

4. **Chairman's Opening Comments**

Chairman Shellem welcomed those attending and briefly thanked the board for their continued 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.

No Public Comment.

6. Board Spotlight on Epic Charter Schools – Student Journalism Program

Shelly Hickman introduced Phil Cross, Director of Epic News Network. Mr. Cross presented the student journalism program including opportunities for students. He introduced students, and they answered questions from the board.

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

Dr. Wilkinson asked the board to stay tuned for upcoming information that the Horizon: Digitally Enhanced Campus. There were not any updates for the Budget, Communications, or Governance Working Groups.

8. Administration

- a. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the revised ThrivePoint Academy of Oklahoma virtual charter school Application for Initial Authorization

Skyler Lusnia provided an update on the revised Application for Initial Authorization for ThrivePoint Academy of Oklahoma.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to approve the revised Initial Application for Authorization for ThrivePoint Academy of Oklahoma. Kathy White seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes

- b. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the charter contract for ThrivePoint Oklahoma, Inc

Skyler Lusnia presented next steps in the contracting process for ThrivePoint Academy of Oklahoma.

Jared Buswell made a motion to direct the board staff and counsel to negotiate the charter agreement submitted by staff and authorize the Board Chair to sign the charter agreement on the Board's behalf subject to ratification of any substantive amendments by the Board. Damon Gardenhire seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas- Yes
Kathy White – Yes

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- c. (Action) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to ratify contract updates to include termination provision 10.3.1 for the charter contract with Western Gateway Elementary School and P3 Urban Montessori, Inc.

Skyler Lusnia presented the updates to the contracts for Western Gateway Elementary School and P3 Urban Montessori, Inc.

Damon Gardenhire made a motion to approve the Charter Contract with Western Gateway Elementary School, Inc. as amended and authorize the Board Chair to execute the Charter Contract on the Board's behalf. He moved further to approve the Charter Contract with P3 Urban Montessori, Inc., as amended, to include termination language and authorize the Board Chair to execute the Charter Contract on the Board's behalf. Jared Buswell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Damon Gardenhire – Yes
Jared Buswell – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – 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

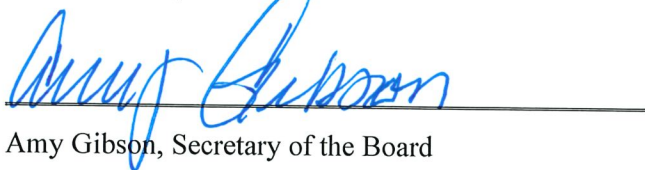
Jared Buswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes:

Jared Buswell – Yes
Brian Shellem – Yes
Angie Thomas – Yes
Kathy White – Yes
Damon Gardenhire – Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.



Brian Shellem, Chairman of the Board



Amy Gibson, Secretary of the Board