

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

May 13, 2014

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014.

The following were present:

Sam Duell, Executive Director of School Choice
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Secretary to the Board

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board present:

Mr. John Harrington, Edmond
Mr. Jaared Scott, Stillwater
Ms. Pamela Vreeland, Tulsa
Ms. Denise Floyd, Lawton

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board not present:

Ms. Debbie Long, Claremore

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

John Harrington called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

John Harrington led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

**April 8, 2014 Statewide Virtual Charter School
Board Regular Meeting Minutes Approved**

Jaared Scott made a motion to approved the minutes of the April 8, 2014, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting. Pamela Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

OPENING COMMENTS

John Harrington said he attended the State Board of Education (SBE) April 24, 2014 regular meeting and today board members will hear the SBEs decisions and an update on the denied application. As Chair of the Board it is important to continue our focus in proving our processes, making it clear on why we do what we do and how we do it. Given the number of changes we have had, I would say we have done a good job with what we had with the cards we were dealt. It is very important that we learn from the recent experience. As we look toward the application process next fall it is important that we take inventory of some of the lessons we have learned to have a clear and transparent process. We want to minimize question marks, confusion, ambiguities for potential applicants. Looking at the growth nationwide of online charter schools it is very likely there will continue to be an increase in Oklahoma in the number of students participating in online charters. It is very important for as a board due our very best to set clear expectations on the front end during the application process and during the actual execution in terms of the accountability that we hold schools to.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Hickman, Hickman Law Group, signed up to address/discuss fulltime virtual charter schools, statewide virtual charter school sites, and emergency rule definitions.

ADMINISTRATION

Legislative Update

Sam Duell, Executive Director of School Choice, presented updates and reviewed the failed Senate Bill 573 regarding the SVCSB into a Public School Charter Commission, and Senate Bill 267-provisions for staff support was signed May 1, 2013.

Update on status of appeal by ABLE Charter School of March 11, 2014, decision by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board to deny application for sponsorship by ABLE Charter School

Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel, presented an update on the appeal status of ABLE Charter Schools and the April 24, 2104 decision of the SBE. The SBE upheld the SVCSB decision of March 11, 2014. ABLE Charter Schools has indicated their intent to resubmit an application for the next charter school year. They were advised they will be notified when the SVCSB sets deadlines for the next school year.

Proposed Contract for Statewide Virtual Charter School Sponsorship with Oklahoma Connections Academy Approved

Stephanie Moser Goins presented a recommendation request of a proposed contract for charter school sponsorship from Oklahoma Connections Academy with the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board.

John Harrington concurred with Ms. Goins that a three year contract term is recommended.

Pamela Vreeland made a motion to accept the contract request of Oklahoma Connections Academy. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes, Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

Proposed Contract for Statewide Virtual Charter School Sponsorship with Insight School of Oklahoma Approved

Stephanie Moser Goins presented a recommendation request of a proposed contract for charter school sponsorship from Insight School of Oklahoma with the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board.

Board Members discussed concerns on lateness of specific final contract documents, and hardware equipment comparisons and offerings.

Denise Floyd made a motion to accept the contract of request of Insight School of Oklahoma. Jarred Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes, Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

Title 777 Emergency Rule Adoption

Stephanie Moser Goins presented a request for the following emergency rules for adoption:

**OAC 777:10-3-5. Full-time virtual charter schools –
succession of contractual rights and reversion of property to
Statewide Virtual Charter School Board – 70 O.S. § 3-135,
3-136(F), 3-137, 3-145.3, 3-145.4; 75 O.S. § 253 Approved**

Jaared Scott made a motion to approve the request for 777:10-3-5 emergency rule adoption. Pamela Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

**OAC 777:10-5-3. Statewide Virtual Charter School Sites –
70 O.S. § 3-136(F), 3-145.3, 3-145.4; 75 O.S. § 253 Approved**

Jaared Scott made a motion to approve the request for 777:10-5-3 emergency rule adoption. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

**OAC 777:10-1-2. Definitions – 70 O.S. § 3-136(F),
3-145.3, 3-145.4; 75 O.S. § 253 Approved**

Pamela Vreeland made a motion to approve the request for 777:10-1-2 emergency rule adoption. Jaared Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

**Administrative requirements for calculation and
distribution of state aid to statewide virtual charter schools**

Renée McWaters, Executive Director, State Aid, said the SDE-State Aid section to appropriate state appropriated funds to school districts and charter school. The appropriate funds include the funding formula, school activities and/or line items. Ms. McWaters reviewed school formula and administrative fees; allocations, August 1 enrollment, calculations, average weighted daily membership (ADM); first payment notice prior to August 31, allocation percentages/penalties/adjustments, 11 payments per fiscal year; and data collection/payment process.

Mathangi Shankar, Director, Financial Services, clarified allocation and payment terminology. Allocations are received in August, mid-year allocations in January and payments are made monthly. Federal money for virtual charter schools or any school goes directly to the charter school from the SDE. However, state funds, state aid or any of the state appropriated line items, will go to the receiving entity SVCSB as the sponsor. The SVCSB financial mechanism is currently being set up with the Office of Management Enterprises (OMES).

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Pamela Vreeland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

The next meeting of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

John Harrington, Chairperson of the Board

Terrie Cheadle, State Board of Education