

**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**

March 11, 2014

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 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 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2014.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, State Board of Education

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board present:

Mr. John Harrington, Edmond

Ms. Debbie Long, Claremore

Mr. Jaared Scott, Stillwater

Ms. Pamela Vreeland, Jenks

Ms. Denise Floyd, Lawton

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 1:03 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.

**January 14, 2014 Statewide Virtual Charter School
Board Regular Meeting Minutes Approved**

Debbie Long made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014, Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting. Pam Vreeland Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

ADMINISTRATION

**Update on the Statewide Virtual Charter School application process,
SDE review process of applications and the acceptance/rejection process**

Sam Duell, Executive Director of School Choice, reviewed the virtual charter school objectives, application, process, and guidelines for accepting and rejecting per the *Oklahoma Charter School Act*. Three virtual charter school applications were presented at the January 14, 2014 Statewide Virtual Charter School (SVCSB) meeting; one application was accepted and two were rejected. The rejected applicants resubmitted an application for review and consideration.

Board Members discussed stipulations of the *Oklahoma Charter School Act*, applicant appeal process to the State Board of Education (SBE), and providing rubrics to applicants.

**Acceptance or Rejection of the Virtual Charter School
application from Insight School of Oklahoma, Inc. (ISOK) Rejected**

Sam Duell reviewed the composite of findings from the virtual charter school application submitted by Insight School of Oklahoma, Inc. (ISOK) on October 31, 2013. The application was resubmitted on February 11, 2014, and reviewed. The new rubric percentage score is 84, there are no missing items, and the application is complete.

The application process adopted by the Board for the State Department of Education (SDE) review period does not specify for the SDE to make recommendations on resubmitted applications.

Board Members discussed virtual charter application rubric, scoring and evaluation revisions; assessing school quality, structures and accountability, determining effective student services, implementing reporting requirements, accreditation requirements, auditing, and Regional Accreditation Officer (RAO) school assignments.

Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel advised charter schools are subject to the rules relating to finance, specifically the Oklahoma School Public Audit Law as any other school district. The draft proposed model contract does include the provisions provided the State Board of Education (SBE) chooses to request a presentation of the school audit findings.

Jaared Scott made a motion to accept the Insight School of Oklahoma, Inc. (ISOK) virtual charter school application. Debbie Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, nay; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

Acceptance or Rejection of the Virtual Charter School Application from ABLE Charter School Rejected

Sam Duell reviewed the composite of findings from the virtual charter school application submitted by ABLE Charter School on November 1, 2013. The application was resubmitted on February 28, 2014 and reviewed. The new rubric percentage score is 84 with no missing items, and the application is complete.

Board Members discussed content pieces, vendor selections, compatibility and challenges; roles of “for profit” organizations and challenges; application modifications and additional rubric evaluation considerations; contract adaptation and negotiation; and student generated programs/content.

Debbie Long made a motion to reject the ABLE Charter School virtual charter school application. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Mr. Scott, nay; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

Stephanie Moser Goins advised that ABLE Charter School has the option to appeal to State Board of Education (SBE).

Model Contract for Charter School Sponsorship Approved

Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel presented a request of a proposed model contract for charter school sponsorship. Ms. Goins reviewed the application materials and provisions per the *Oklahoma Charter Schools Act* incorporated into the contract terms, Oklahoma School Audit Law, pending legislation-House Bill 1463 transportation funding; and sponsoring entity policy and procedures. Ms. Goins advised auditors are selected by the school district that meet state audit law requirements.

John Harrington said he envisions the model contract will become part of the application process in the future. Applicants would have an opportunity to see what the expectations are and any specific areas or requirements they may or may not meet. It will increase transparency of the entire process and minimize surprises for potential hiccups.

Board Members discussed federal and state funding, required school monitoring, A-F Report Card, school designations, and school choice.

Jaared Scott made a motion to approve the model contract request. Ms. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

**Permanent Rule Adoption of Title 777
Track A Virtual Charter School rules**

Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel presented a request for the permanent adoption of the following **Track A** rules:

CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

777:1-1-1. Purpose [NEW]

777:1-1-3. Authority, interpretation, and severability of rules [NEW]

777:1-1-4. Organization [NEW]

777:1-1-5. Time computation [NEW]

777:1-1-6. Records requests [NEW]

777:1-1-7. Procedures for declaratory rulings [NEW]

777:1-1-8. Petitions for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a
rule [NEW]

Section 777:1-1-2 is omitted to make room for a definitions section, if needed.

Debbie Long made a motion to approve the request for permanent rule adoption of Title 777 Sections 1-1-1, 1-1-3 through 1-1-8. Denise Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

CHAPTER 10. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

SUBCHAPTER 3. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL
SPONSORSHIP

777:10-3-1. PURPOSE [NEW]

777:10-3-3. Applications to sponsor statewide virtual charter
schools; renewal and termination of contracts for sponsorship
of statewide virtual charter schools. [NEW]

Jaared Scott made a motion to approve the request for permanent rule adoption Title 777 Section 10-3-1 and 10-3-3. Pamala Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; and Ms. Floyd, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Members discussed a future review of the SVCSB flow chart process and the inclusion of an SDE recommendation after a rejection and prior to a board action.

There being no further business Denise Floyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m. Debbie Long seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, 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, April 8, 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