

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING:
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

March 17, 2011

The State Board of Education met in special session at 1:40 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 11:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

The following were present:

Ms. Connie Holland, Chief Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board
Mrs. Betsy Mabry, Enid
Mr. Tim Gilpin, Tulsa
Mr. Herb Rozell, Tahlequah

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Barresi called the State Board of Education special meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Holland called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

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

Superintendent Barresi led Board members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, and a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

OPENING COMMENTS BY STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Barresi thanked Board committee members for reviewing the applications for the General Counsel position. She suggested each member share their evaluation system used to review.

Board Member Gilpin said he based his evaluation on the applicant's level of legal experience, background in education or government, and administrative experience.

Board Member Mabry said the three criteria she based her evaluation on were focus on service, minimum five years experience in the legal profession and history/experience with state government.

Board Member Rozell said he based his evaluation on service performed, number of years of experience, and a background in education.

Superintendent Barresi said Ms. Kay Harley, former State Department of Education Legal Counsel, had advised to also look for experience/range in litigation and background in education law. In the absence of an education law background the applicant must be a very good litigator.

LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

Applicants for Position of General Counsel

Convene into Executive Session

Board Member Gilpin made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 1:45 p.m. and Board Member Rozell seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes: Superintendent Barresi, yes; Mr. Gilpin, yes; Mrs. Mabry, yes; and Senator Rozell, yes.

Return to Open Session

Board Member Gilpin made a motion to return to Open Session at 3:15 p.m. and Board Member Rozell seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Senator Rozell, yes; Mrs. Mabry, yes; Mr. Gilpin, yes; and Superintendent Barresi, yes.

Superintendent Barresi said let the record reflect the committee reviewed applications and resumes for the General Counsel position and have decided to interview four candidates. The committee will interview the candidates on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. Candidates will be presented to the State Board at the regular meeting, Thursday, March 24, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. Board Member Gilpin made a motion to adjourn and Board Member Rozell seconded the motion. The motion was carried with the following votes: Mr. Gilpin, yes; Mrs. Mabry, yes; Senator Rozell, yes; and Superintendent Barresi, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board

Connie Holland, Chief Executive Secretary