



Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**October 15, 2014, 2:00 P.M.
Room 511-A, State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, OK 73105**

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amy Bixler, Doug Brown, Dr. Robyn Miller, Johnnie Parks, and Dr. Kent Shellenberger
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Renee Porter
- OTHER REGULAR ATTENDEES:** Office of Educational Quality and Accountability Staff: Dr. Sherry Labyer, Angie Bookout, Robert Buswell, Jennifer Gambrell, Jerry Hsieh, Renee Launey-Rodolf, Dr. Kathren Stehno, and Jeff Wallace,
- VISITORS:** Jake Yunker, Office of the Secretary of Education and Workforce Development; Dr. Beverly Warden, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Dr. Howard Kuchta, Cameron University; and Dr. Lois Lawler Brown, Oklahoma City University

Call to Order: Dr. Labyer called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Welcome from Dr. Sherry Labyer: Dr. Labyer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction of Commission Members and Roll Call: Dr. Labyer asked for the Roll Call to be taken. Five Commission members were present and it was established that a quorum existed.

Discussion and Possible Action for Commission Appointment of Acting Chairman: Dr. Miller made a motion to appoint Dr. Shellenberger as Acting Chairman of the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability. Ms. Bixler seconded the motion and the motion passed on a roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes from the June 26, 2014 Commission Meeting: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2014 commission meeting as submitted. Dr. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Action of Commission Meeting Venue: Dr. Labyer compared the parking situation at the State Capitol and at 840 Research Parkway. After a brief discussion, it was decided not to change the location of the Commission meetings.

Review and Discussion of Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program: Mr. Buswell began by stated the Memorandum of Understanding with the State Department of Education for the 2013-2014 data cycle has been signed and data requests to other agencies will be going out soon. He also said that the annual principal survey would be going out by late November. Mr. Wallace gave an overview of the distribution of the 2012-2013 Profiles. During discussion about the distribution and feedback of the Profiles, Mr. Buswell gave a brief history of the promotion of the Profiles.

Review and Discussion of Oklahoma School Performance Review Program: Mr. Buswell stated there are seven performance reviews scheduled for the 2014- 2015 school year; Crutch, Cimarron, Prague, Greenville, Jones, Byng, and Lawton – Phase 2 and that there are enough reviews planned to keep the office busy for two and a half years. He also mentioned work has started at Crutch and Cimarron. Dr. Stehno went over a handout and spoke about the follow-up of past reviews. She stated that superintendents are reporting that they have implemented or are planning to implement over 90% of the 1,494 recommendations from prior reviewed school districts. She also spoke about new collaborations and partnerships.

Review and Discussion of Program Accreditation: Ms. Launey-Rodolf gave a handout to the Commission and said there are six Program Accreditation visits to institutions for school year 2014-2015; two visits have been completed (Oral Roberts University and Northwestern Oklahoma State University), one more for the Fall (Mid America Christian University), and three in the Spring (University of Tulsa, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College); visits include off-site and on-site visits. Training for the Commission on Program Accreditation was also mentioned. She also explained the difference between federal and state program accreditations. There was good discussion on teacher shortages and institutions adding teacher programs by subject.

Review and Discussion of Certified Examinations/Test Redevelopments: Ms. Launey-Rodolf passed out two handouts and gave an overview of the certified examination program. She said there are 3 types of exams; general area test, subject area test, and pedagogy test, over 58 certification exams, and 20 to 25 thousand exams given every year. The exams are revised every 5 to 7 years to keep standards current. She also stated that two test were redeveloped this past year; elementary education and professional teaching exams with five others later this year; family and consumer science, early childhood, administrator (superintendent and principal), school psychologist and art. Ms. Launey-Rodolf then discussed the redevelopment process for updating exams.

Review and Discussion of P12/Educator Preparation Clinical Alliance: Ms. Gambrell went over a handout on the P12/Educator Clinical Alliance. She pointed out the importance between P12 schools and universities. She also went over a new standard emphasizing clinical practice and partnerships. Ms. Gambrell then discussed guiding principles including collaboration, benefits, positive impacts, sustainability and shared accountability. She also mentioned what Oklahoma is doing with the clinical practices.

Review and Discussion of Oklahoma Teacher Induction Program (OTIP): Ms. Gambrell stated the OTIP is a joint project with the State Regents for Higher Education. She went over a handout and explained that OTIP is providing mentors to 1st year teachers, is a voluntary

program, and has the universities working with their own students. This is a pilot program and preliminary results will be given to the Legislature next Spring. Ms. Launey-Rodolf stated that it is a goal to get a mentoring program back and started a discussion about the need of the program.

Review and Discussion of Office of Educational Quality and Accountability Move: Dr.

Labyer gave an update on the Office's work on a mission statement and new agency logo. She then spoke about the upcoming office move to take place over the next few weeks and that work is being done on the OEQA web site. A strategic planning session will be scheduled once all the moving has been completed.

Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of OEQA Staff: Mr. Parks made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Dr. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote to return to Open Session: The Commission Voted to Return to Open Session.

Possible Vote on Matters Discussed in Executive Session relating to the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of OEQA Staff:

There was no action taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

New Business: Dr. Shellenberger asked if the Commission could recommend legislation. Mr. Yunker said he was not sure but would check with the Governor's Office for clarification.

Announcements: Mr. Yunker told the Commission about the excellent job Ms. Launey-Rodolf did presenting to a House interim study. Dr. Shelleberger thanked Dr. Labyer, Mr. Buswell, and Ms. Launey-Rodolf for their leadership.

Adjournment: Mr. Parks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Bixler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

The minutes of the October 15, 2014 special meeting of the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability were approved as submitted on October 31, 2014.