

**OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 22, 2020 1:00 P.M.

All Board Members and Designees will attend via teleconference or videoconference

Declaration of Recording Begins, Call to Order, and Welcome

Annette Jacobi called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

OKDHS has a new designee, Jennifer King, that will serve for Director Brown.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Board members introduced themselves and quorum was declared.

***Approval of Minutes**

Annie Van Hanken motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Curtis Calvin. Jennifer King abstained. Motion passed.

Annie Van Hanken motioned to approve the special meeting minutes, seconded by Rita Echelle. Motion passed. Jennifer King, Natalie Burns, Shelley Patterson, Marny Dunlap, Kent Gardner, Audra Haney, and Anthony Stafford abstained.

Chairperson Comments

Annette thanked the Board for working through virtual meetings over the past few months.

Annette shared that the option for virtual open meetings will expire November 15 because currently the governor and legislature are not looking to extend it at this time. Annette welcomed the Board's feedback on how to comfortably move forward amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Tiffany Neill suggested that if an organization has multiple people attend, that only requiring one person to be in-person could cut down on the number of people potentially in the room. Marshall Vogts shared that he knows of at least three large statewide groups that are writing letters to the Governor about this issue. He thinks there is potential to create traction so that groups across the state will be able to safely conduct business moving forward.

Kay Floy motioned to empower the OPSR staff to write a letter to Governor Stitt and the Oklahoma State Legislative leadership to call a special session in order to extend allowing Open Meetings to be conducted virtually, seconded by Curtis Calvin. Tiffany Neil abstained. Motion passed.

***Approval of OPSR Financial Report**

Will Lightfoot was experiencing technical difficulties, so Chris Lee presented the OPSR Financials.

Annie Van Hanken motioned to accept the financials as presented, seconded by Kent Gardner. Motion passed by acclamation.

Sunset Review

Annette shared that her understanding is that the legislature is attempting to get every agency, task force, commission, board, etc. to get on the same Sunset schedule. Because of this, the legislature is only passing one-year sunset extensions. Debra has reached out to the Speaker of the House for guidance and has not heard anything back yet. Annette said that it is also helpful to Board members to attend the Sunset review as a sign of support.

***2021 Meeting Dates**

These meeting dates follow the same schedule as the 2020 meeting dates. Annette reminded the Board that these might change given any updates to the Open Meeting Act and the ability to conduct meetings virtually.

Curtis Calvin motioned to accept the 2021 OPSR Board Meeting dates, seconded by Joyce Marshall. Motion passed by acclamation.

Executive Director Report

The Board received a written report. OPSR staff member Kim Brown took another position with the Kaw Nation effective October 1, but she anticipates being able to continue working with OPSR as a tribal partner.

Debra updated the Board that fellow member, Kathy Cronemiller, is still in the hospital with COVID-19. The Board wished her a full recovery and will continue to keep her in their thoughts.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements

Secretary Justin Brown shared about the development of the Oklahoma Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success in order to keep up with the evolving knowledge and requirements within early childhood systems. The concept was in part informed by the Family First Clearinghouse and the California Child Welfare Clearinghouse. Its goal is to evaluate whether new concepts and/or research would help bolster the early childhood system. Secretary Brown thinks OPSR should be the home for the Clearinghouse whenever it is ready to move forward. CECPD will partner with OKDHS to develop a curriculum within the Clearinghouse.

Debra shared that instead of a traditional Early Childhood Research Symposium, OPSR is joining with OU-Tulsa's Early Childhood Education Institute to host a research and policy series. The first meeting will discuss the original research around Pre-K as it hits its 20-year anniversary. The original authors of the Pre-K study have agreed to share and participate. This series will be advertised nationally. OPSR Board members can anticipate a registration link in the very near future.

Tiffany Neill shared that OSDE has been reviewing English Language Standards. They have been working with committees since February of 2019 and the draft of the standards should be released early next week for feedback and comment.

Natalie Burns shared that this is her last meeting after serving on the OPSR Board for five years. She said she came on the Board as a big believer in early childhood, but that she is leaving a stronger advocate.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

Annette adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.