



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**April 16, 2021 10:30 A.M.**

The Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College met for the regular scheduled meeting at 10:30 a.m., April 16, 2021 in Room 220 of Clark Bass Building on the McAlester Campus, McAlester, OK.

**Members of the Board present:**

Mr. Brian Lott, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Cara Bland, Secretary  
Mr. Bobby Mouser, Member  
Mr. Latt Jeffrey, Member  
Mr. Larry Spradley, Member  
Mrs. Loise Washington, Member  
Mrs. Teresa Jackson, Chair, joined meeting via ZOOM at 11:18 a.m.

**Members absent:**

None

**Others present:**

Dr. Janet Wansick, President  
Dr. Patricia Ratliff, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Mrs. Trish McBeath, Vice President of Student and External Affairs  
Mrs. Amy Armstrong, Vice President of Administrative Service/HR Director  
Ms. Trisha White, Director of Finance  
Mrs. Anne Brooks, Dean-McAlester Campus  
Mrs. Candace Raney, Executive Assistant to the President and to the Board of Regents  
Mrs. Kellye Semeski, Faculty Council Chair  
Mrs. Teresa Brady, Staff Council Chair  
Alton Jones II, Eastern Student Government Association Secretary  
Justin Kersey, Crawford & Associates

- A. Regent Lott called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.
- B. Regen Lott declared a quorum present.

**C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Wansick introduced Alton Jones II. Alton is the current Secretary for Eastern's Student Government Association.

**D. BOARD MINUTES**

1. Regular Scheduled Meeting on March 12, 2021.

Regent Bland moved and Regent Mouser seconded to approve item D,1, minutes as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Washington. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

**E. RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

**F. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

*None*

**G. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

1. Tenure-Dr. Krishna Bastola

Regent Bland moved and Regent Washington seconded to approve item G,1, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

**H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

1. Payroll & Claims

- i. March 2021 in the amount of \$4,416,316.69.

Regent Mouser moved and Regent Spradley seconded to approve item H,1, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

**I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Internal Audit Contract-Crawford & Associates, P.C.

Justin Kersey, Crawford & Associates, reported on the 2020 annual internal audit. See attached report dated March 23, 2021.

Regent Bland moved and Regent Washington seconded to approve item I,1, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

**J. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS**

1. Public Service of Oklahoma-Lone Oak-Red Oak Line Rebuild Project
2. Stigler Health & Wellness Center, Inc.

Regent Bland moved and Regent Washington seconded to approve item J,1-2, as presented.  
Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley.  
No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

**K. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES**

*None*

**L. PURCHASE REQUEST**

*None*

**M. STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

*None*

**N. NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED**

1. Latimer County Interlocal Agreement

Regent Bland moved and Regent Mouser seconded to approve item N,1, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley.  
No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

**O. OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS NOT REQUIRING ACTION OF THE BOARD**

*None*

**Regent Mouser spoke with Regent Jackson and Regent Lott prior to the meeting and requested for Item Q. to be moved up on the agenda before Item P. All Regents agreed.**

**Q. PRESIDENTS'S REAPPOINTMENT AND RENEWAL OF CONTRACT**

1. Discussion, Consideration, Motion, Second and Roll Call Vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to OKLA.STATE.TIT.25, § 307 (B) (1) of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act to discuss the 2021-2022 school year contract and evaluation for Dr. Janet Wansick.
  - i. Executive Session

Regent Mouser moved and Regent Lott seconded to enter into Executive Session at 10:53 a.m.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley.  
No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

- ii. Return from Executive Session

Regent Bland moved and Regent Lott seconded to return from Executive Session to Open Session at 11:41 a.m.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. Regent Jackson stated that she would like the records to reflect that the only issues discussed during Executive Session were the 2021-2022 school year contract and evaluation for Dr. Janet Wansick. No votes were taken.

2. President's Contract

Regent Bland moved and Regent Lott seconded to approve item Q,2, as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: The motion carried.

P. **GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

1. Personnel Report

2. McAlester Report-Anne Brooks

- McAlester RT recruitment event went well. They had 12 potential students attend. They will continue open recruiting events each Thursday from 11-1.
- Hosted Kiowa and Savanna ACTs on campus.
- We will have a sendoff for women's basketball at the cattle drive Saturday April 17 at 8:15.

3. President's Report

Trisha White-Director of Finance Report

- Trisha gave the group a detailed Cash Flow Report. See attached report.
- Trisha gave an update on CARES act funding that we have received to date totals \$937,568 for students from DOE for coronavirus relief funds. We have refunded \$936,486 to EOSC students. These funds were directly sent to student and was not applied to any outstanding balance.
- Institutional funds that have been received with CARES Act totals \$2.1 million dollars and has spent \$972,673. We are still in the process of making the following purchases: PPE protective equipment, controller for air chiller for Choctaw Hall, and doing HVAC work on multiple buildings on campus.

Dr. Patricia Ratliff-Academic Affairs Report

- Dr. Ratliff reported that enrollment for Summer and Fall has begun.
- We are using multiple measures for admission of concurrent high school students and placement of both the high school and incoming regular college students. These multiple measures make standardized testing optional and therefore should decrease student's barriers to access. We are keeping track of students being admitted without use of testing scores when there is a concern about their success based on our old

guidelines; we will contact these students 4 weeks into the fall semester to check on their progress and offer additional support such as tutoring.

- We have modified the concurrent high school enrollment packet with the new admission and placement guidelines and included additional information. Anne is spearheading a couple of open admission days specifically for concurrent students and their parents.
- We are currently advertising and soon to be interviewing full-time instructors for Animal Science, English, and Biology, and several adjunct instructors.
- Spring concert is April 27 at 7:30pm in Mitchell Auditorium. It will include multiple selections from both the choir and the band.

### **Trish McBeath-Vice President of Student and External Affairs**

#### **COVID-19 Updates**

- As I reported at our last meeting, we are continuing the right path with COVID-19. Our last self-reported positive tests or exposures were March 10 for students and February 8 for employees.
- On March 30, Eastern was a host site for the Oklahoma Department of Health's pop-up vaccine pods. They offered COVID-19 vaccinations to anyone 18 and older. 40 people, mostly students, participated and the Oklahoma Department of Health was pleased with this number and considered it a success.

#### **Sapphire Ball**

- We are just 8 days away from the Sapphire Ball. We're going to have about 50 guests in attendance so we can properly social distance. Each of the five honorees were limited to 11 guests and we will only have the necessary staff on hand to hold the event.
- The auction has been moved online and items are being posted to Eastern's Facebook page this week. Bidding officially opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday. I encourage you to go online and check out the great items we have posted and be competitive in your bidding.
- We appreciate our event sponsors who have been generous even though they can't attend the actual event. We do expect our proceeds to be down this year, of course, with the individual ticket sales taking the largest hit.
- As a reminder, the event will be livestreamed on Mountaineer TV beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m.

#### **Commencement**

- Plans are underway for in-person Commencement Ceremonies on Friday, May 7. The Nursing Pinning Ceremony is at 3 p.m., followed by two Commencement Ceremonies at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- We did create an RSVP form for graduates to determine how many students plan to participate in the event. As of this morning, we've had 102 students respond. RSVPs are due on April 21.

- Once we have the number of RSVP, we will determine how to divide the academic divisions between the two ceremonies and the number of tickets available to each student. This information will be announced on April 23.

#### Campus Safety

- Dr. Wansick recently spoke at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Campus Safety and Security Task Force meeting in April. She provided a report about the bomb threat and how it was handled on our campus.
- The group was very complimentary of our Campus Police force and how the college handled the situation. They have asked us to present at the Campus Safety & Security Summit on November 1.

#### Athletics Update

- It is a busy time of year with all of our teams either competing or just wrapping up their seasons.
- The women's basketball team earned its first NJCAA Region 2 Tournament title since 2001 last weekend. They are headed to the NJCAA National Tournament for the first time in 20 years. They will play Three Rivers Community College on Monday at Noon in Lubbock, Texas. Mountaineer Radio will be there to broadcast the game on the radio, but due to exclusivity rights with the NJCAA TV, they will be unable to livestream the game. We will be doing a celebratory send-off tomorrow at 7:45 a.m. at the gym if anyone would like to join us. The team also finished the regular season as co-Region 2 Champions, sharing the title with Seminole State College.
- The men's basketball season wrapped up in the conference tournament, finishing with a 10-12 record overall.
- The softball team is splitting a lot of conference games this year and currently sit at 16-20 overall with several more games to go this season.
- The baseball team is currently ranked #5 in the NJCAA national rankings. They are 34-3 overall and leading the conference. Coach Matt Parker recently earned his 400<sup>th</sup> career victory. At last week's games, our staff counted about a dozen major league baseball scouts in attendance.
- Women's and men's soccer got underway in March. The women's team is currently 2-2-1 overall, and the men's team is 0-4. They will wrap up a very condensed regular season the first week of May.

#### Amy Armstrong-Vice President of Student and External Affairs

No Report Given

#### Dr. Janet Wansick-President Update

- Dr. Wansick shared with board members a list of meetings that she attended during the month.
- Dr. Wansick announced that a signing ceremony during a special meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in Oklahoma City on Thursday, April 15.

The institutions' presidents participated in the signing via a video feed into the Regents' meeting of the academic partnership with Carl Albert State College, Connors State College and Eastern Oklahoma State College was. The academic partnership will expand access and provide additional educational opportunities for students in southeast Oklahoma. The CACE Consortium, which is an acronym for Carl Albert, Connors and Eastern, includes the three rural, two-year colleges in southeast Oklahoma. The three community colleges will partner to offer a wider variety of general education and major courses to students through faculty and course sharing.

- Dr. Wansick advised that the summer hours will begin June 1.
- Dr. Wansick talked briefly about a software packages that are currently being reviewed. The software is an academic enterprise that is fundamental to navigating our institution's future, ensuring financial sustainability, and improving student success. This framework is built to help you with the complexities of your enrollment, pathways, and financial health to execute an integrated, student-aligned schedule.
- Dr. Wansick is working on plans for a strategic planning retreat with the leadership team and the Board, additional information to follow.

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Jackson reported that the next Board Meeting will be on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the EE Tourtellotte Student Center Ballroom located on the Wilburton campus.

Regent Washington moved and Regent Bland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: The motion carried.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Cara Bland the duly appointed Secretary of the Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing are true and correct copies of the minutes of this Board at their Regular Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Cara Bland, Secretary

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Teresa Jackson, Chair