



MINUTES  
BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
March 12, 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., March 12, 2021 in the Ballroom located on the Second Floor of the E.E. Tourtellotte Student Center of the Wilburton Campus.

Members of the Board present:

Mrs. Cara Bland, Secretary  
Mr. Bobby Mouser, Member  
Mrs. Loise Washington, Member  
Mr. Latt Jeffrey, Member  
Mr. Larry Spradley, Member

Members absent:

Mrs. Teresa Jackson, Chair  
Mr. Brian Lott, Vice Chair

Others present:

Dr. Janet Wansick, President  
Dr. Patricia Ratliff, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Mrs. Trish McBeath, Vice President of Student and External Affairs  
Ms. Trisha White, Director of Finance  
Mrs. Amy Armstrong, Vice President of Administrative Services  
Mrs. Anne Brooks, Dean-McAlester Campus  
Mrs. Candace Raney, Executive Assistant to the President and to the Board of Regents  
Mrs. Teresa Brady, Staff Council Chair  
Mrs. Kellye Semeski, Faculty Chair  
Mr. Brian Harris-Guest  
Mr. Alton Jones Jr- Guest  
Mr. Leland Walker-Guest

- A. Regent Bland called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
- B. Regent Bland declared a quorum present.

**C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

1. Dr. Patricia Ratliff introduced Brian Harris. Brian is the new Music Department Chair.
2. Dr. Wansick introduced Alton Jones Jr. Alton is the current Secretary for Eastern's Student Government Association.
3. Dr. Wansick introduced Leland Walker.

**D-1. BOARD MINUTES**

1. Regular Scheduled Meeting on February 19, 2021.

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

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

**E. RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

**F. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

*None*

**G. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

*None*

**H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

1. Payroll & Claims
  - i. February 2021- in the amount of \$3,039,939.65.

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

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

**I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

*None*

**J. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS**

1. Public Service of Oklahoma-Lone Oak-Red Oak Line Rebuild Project
2. Nursing Agreements
  - i. Saint Francis Health System, Inc.

Regent Spradley moved and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve item J,1, as presented.

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

**K. TRAVEL**

1. Out of State Travel

Regent Mouser recommended to omit future travel requests for Board approval at subsequent board meetings. All members agreed that Dr. Wansick's approval will be sufficient for all travel.

Regent Washington moved and Regent Mouser seconded to approve item K,1, as presented.

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

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

1. RFD Construction, LTD- NASNTI Grant-Library & Classroom Remodel

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

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

**M. PURCHASE REQUEST**

1. Physical Plant Fleet Vehicles

Regent Washington moved and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve item M,1, as presented.

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

**N. STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**

*None*

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

*None*

**P. OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATTERS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD**

*None*

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

1. Personnel Report

2. President's Report

### McAlester Report-Anne Brooks

- Anne reported that the City of McAlester is no longer hosting their city council meetings on campus.
- Meeting with area High School Principals and Counselors to talk about concurrent enrollment and classes.
- April Board of Regents meeting will be on the McAlester campus.

### Trisha White-Director of Finance Report

- Trisha gave the group a detailed Cash Flow Report. (Report attached)
- At the February board meeting, Regent Spradley mentioned conducting a Capital Asset Audit and I have contacted Crawford & Associates for assistance. The cost of the audit will be added to our FY22 budget and will be conducted in the spring after our external audit.

### Dr. Patricia Ratliff-Vice President of Academic Affairs Report

- Dr. Ratliff advised that current student enrollment begins April 7 & 8 with new student enrollment set for April 13. Respiratory Therapy will host a pre-admission forum on April 15, from 11:00-1:00 at the McAlester Campus.

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

#### COVID-19 Updates

- Trish advised that she was happy that there's not much to report regarding Covid. As we are seeing statewide, our student and employee cases and exposures have dropped dramatically in the past few weeks.
- We are remaining consistent with our current policies, but trying to plan some student activities and other in-person events to finish out the academic year.

#### Commencement

- Plans are underway for in-person Commencement Ceremonies on Friday, May 7.
- We are looking at hosting the Nursing Pinning Ceremony at 3 p.m., followed by two Commencement Ceremonies at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- The two ceremonies will be divided by academic division. There will be no keynote speaker and limited stage guests.
- We will invite 2020 and 2021 graduates to participate. We're looking at having students RSVP to get an idea of how many plan to participate and that will help us decide how many guest tickets each student will receive.

#### Higher Ed Day

- The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Virtual Higher Ed Day was Tuesday, March 9.
- We posted 6 student testimonial videos on our social media accounts and had 8 students join the leadership team on a Zoom meeting with Representative Kevin Wallace. Our area legislators were invited to attend, but they were either in

committee meetings or participating in floor debate and couldn't make it. Representative Wallace talked through some of the processes for writing legislation and allocating funds to specific agencies. I was very proud of the way our students represented Eastern with well-articulated comments and thoughtful questions.

#### Athletics Update

- Women's Basketball is currently 11-1 and 9-0 to lead the conference. No other team is even close in the conference standings. Region 2 Conference also chooses a Player of the Week and Eastern has swept that category so far this year.
- Men's Basketball is struggling this season. They are currently 5-8 overall.
- Baseball is off to a fantastic start with an 18-1 record and currently leading the conference standings. They are ranked No. 8 in the Junior College Baseball Poll and #16 in the Perfect Game Poll. They've also had 2 Player of the Week honors so far this season.
- Softball is sitting at 4-8 overall so far and has also had 2 Player of the Week honors.
- Men's and Women's soccer seasons will kick off on March 19.

#### Amy Armstrong-Vice-President for Administrative Services Report

- Gear Up is in the planning stage of what they call a "Tour of Oklahoma". On two separate dates, here at Eastern we will host 20 high school Juniors and 20 parents who will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and various departments, tour the campus as well as meet and speak with Dr. Wansick. After they are finished here at Eastern, they will then continue to other college and universities. This will take place in May and June.
- Gear up is also planning to host a STEM camp here on campus for area high school students. Eastern faculty and leadership will have the opportunity to be involved.
- OMTI -Wanted to give you an update that the Miners Training Institute here on campus will be continuing with their annual safety conference in August which will be held at the Choctaw Casino..
- A few months ago, I had mentioned we were working on creating a staff salary schedule and I am happy to report that is complete and in use. This schedule is used when we hire new employees to even the playing field in making sure we don't hire someone in at a higher rate than a current employee is making. It has been a useful tool.
- With COVID and all the unprecedented events that we have all encountered, we have made sure to make information available to our employees concerning mental health resources. As you know we partner with Health and Wellness and state resources have also been made known to our employees who may be struggling.
- One last thing Amy wanted to mention, we have also kept employees informed of Covid vaccination host sites. Choctaw and Chickasaw nation have both recently opened their sites to educators and their families, even if they do not hold a CDIB and we made sure our employees were made aware.

### Dr. Janet Wansick-President Update

- Dr. Wansick shared with board members a list of meetings that she attended during the month.
- Dr. Wansick gave a summary of the bomb threat that was received on March 1. Our personnel here on campus handled the situation extremely well, and offered assistance in all aspects. The local, county and state law enforcement agencies and Tribal police did an outstanding job, and all responded in a timely manner. The local support from Community State Bank, Choctaw Nation, and local churches who provided shelter and food for students was greatly appreciated during this event. Regent Spradley, Regent Mouser and Regent Jeffrey commended Dr. Wansick on how well she responded to the critical situation and expressed gratitude for keeping them updated.
- Dr. Wansick gave an update regarding major legislation concerning Higher Education.
- EOSC Nursing instructors and students are currently assisting with COVID vaccinations at various sites across the area.
- City of Antlers City Manager Mike Taylor has called with information about a potential business to occupy/lease the blue building. Regent Mouser requested that we explore the idea of selling the building in the future. Dr. Wansick will contact the AG Office for opinion.
- Update on Huron cohort study. EOSC will be one of five institutions (EOSC, Carl Albert, Connors State, Northeastern & Southeastern) participating in the study that has been requested by Oklahoma State Regents. She met virtually with the Presidents from the five institutions along with the State Regents' Systems Innovation Committee for the final collaboration workshop. One of the items that Huron is working on is a data dashboard that has different areas that they are concentrating on, such as student enrollment trends and financial areas. They are still in the early stages of gathering the data. Huron's intent is to complete the data dashboard for all the twenty-five institutions across the state. The final draft will be shared upon completion.

### **R. ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Bland reported that the next Board Meeting will be on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room located on the McAlester campus.

Regent Bland moved and Regent Jeffrey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Washington  
No: None. Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Jackson, Regent Lott. 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.



Cara Bland, Secretary



Loise Washington, Member