



BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING

January 19, 2024, 10:30 am.

The Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College met for the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:30 am, January 19, 2024, in the Regent Board Room located on the Second Floor of the Bill H. Hill Library Building of the Wilburton Campus.

Members of the Board present:

Leland Walker, Chair
Latt Jeffrey, Vice-Chair
Larry Spradley, Secretary
Eric Bilderback, Member
Cara Bland, Member
Jerry Hamilton, Member
Brian Lott, Member

Members absent:

None

Others present:

Dr. Janet Wansick, President
Trisha White, Vice President of Business Affairs
Dr. Cathy Cogburn, Faculty Council Chair
Melanie Sims, Staff Council Chair
Candace Raney, Executive Assistant to the President & Assistant to the Board
Andrea Green, Dean of Science Mathematics Division
Kristen Turner, Dean of Language, Humanities & Education Division
Brenda Strange, Dean of Business Division
Jacob Sitton, Marketing Coordinator
Tracie Teague, Marketing Coordinator
Lucas Hedgecock, Student Activities & Housing Coordinator
Teresa Brady, Foundation Director
Kellye Semeski

Guests:

Chad Donoley, EOSC Foundation Representative
Brett Hoffman, Eastern Student Government Association (ESGA)
Senator Warren Hamilton
Representative Jim Grego
Governor Kevin Stitt
Dr. Brandon Tatum
Brian Bobek

A. Regent Walker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.



B. Candace Raney took the roll and declared a quorum present.

C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

D. PRESENTATION BY GOVERNOR KEVIN STITT AND/OR GOVERNOR'S STAFF

Governor Kevin Stitt comments, as listed on the agenda, were deferred to a later point in the meeting at the discretion of the Chair. This decision was made due to Governor Stitt's participation in a phone call.

E. BOARD MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on December 8, 2023.

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Bilderback seconded to approve the December 8, 2023, board minutes as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

F. RESOLUTIONS

1. Board of Regents-Conflict of Interest

Regent Lott moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve the Conflict of Interest Certificate to be signed annually.

Those voting aye: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

As of January 19, 2024, all regents have signed the Conflict of Interest.

D. PRESENTATION BY GOVERNOR KEVIN STITT AND/OR GOVERNOR'S STAFF

Regent Walker introduced Governor Kevin Stitt and welcomed him to the campus.

Governor Stitt addressed the audience at Eastern Oklahoma State College with gratitude and enthusiasm. He praised the institution's achievements and outlined his administration's goal of advancing Oklahoma's standing across various sectors.

Education emerged as a focal point, with Governor Stitt emphasizing alignment with workforce needs and economic growth. He advocated for strategic planning in higher education to avoid program duplication and maximize resources.

Technology's transformative role, particularly in artificial intelligence, was highlighted, with a call for innovative educational approaches. Collaborative efforts and resource-sharing were encouraged to enhance efficiency and meet workforce demands.

Governor Stitt concluded by expressing appreciation for the hospitality and reaffirming his commitment to educational excellence and economic development in Oklahoma. His speech underscored the importance of collaboration and forward-thinking leadership in shaping the state's future.

G. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

None

H. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

1. Program Reviews

- i. Business Administration
- ii. Child Development, AA
- iii. Child Development, AAS
- iv. Child Development, Certificate
- v. Computer Information Systems
- vi. Criminal Justice
- vii. Psychology/Sociology

Dean Strange and Dean Mattson addressed the board regarding the programs being reviewed from their divisions. Regent Bilerback asked to see the pre-test scores.

Regent Bilderback moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to approve the above program reviews as presented.

Those voting aye: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None
Absent: None

The motion carried.

During the board meeting, Mitchell Sanders from Mack Hill Construction provided an update on the dorm construction project. Despite weather delays, he remained optimistic about completing the project before the next academic year.

Sanders outlined challenges like freezing temperatures hindering concrete pouring and discussed strategies to expedite the process once weather conditions improved. He assured the board of timely supply deliveries and expressed satisfaction with the work quality.



The board inquired about potential modifications for future projects, which Sanders deemed feasible with minor adjustments. Before concluding, the board requested a potential projected date, acknowledging weather uncertainties.

Sanders assured ongoing communication and mentioned the architect's upcoming visit to assess progress. The meeting ended with appreciation for Sanders' efforts and commitment to project progress.

H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS

1. Payroll & Claims -November 2023 in the amount of \$4,343,860.79

Trisha White gave a detailed monthly expenditure report explaining purchases over \$5,000.

Regent Hamilton moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to approve the payroll & claims for December 2023 as presented.

**Those voting aye: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None
Absent: None**

The motion carried.

I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

None

J. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (other than construction and renovation)

None

K. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES

None

L. PURCHASE REQUEST

None

M. NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT THE TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED

N. GENERAL INFORMATION/REPORTS REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE BOARD

1. **Discussion related to presentation by Governor's Office (Item D)**

Discussion was centered around collaboration efforts between Eastern and Carl Albert Community College to explore shared services and partnership opportunities. The conversation began with considerations for joint ventures, such as Eastern's Study Abroad Denmark program, which welcomed students from both institutions.

President Wansick highlighted other areas where collaboration could occur, such as agriculture and music programs. These discussions prompted the boards to explore formalizing shared services to benefit both institutions.

Efforts to streamline operations included sharing an HR director and discussions about joint programming positions. President Wansick's conversations with the chancellor and the governor's office emphasized efficiency and resource optimization.

Amid rumors and speculations, board members clarified that the focus wasn't on consolidation but on enhancing collaboration and efficiency. They underscored Eastern's identity and assured the faculty, staff, and guests that it wouldn't be compromised. Regent Jeffrey emphasized the importance of proactive dialogue and dispelling misconceptions.

The board's commitment to transparency and student welfare was evident, with an emphasis on ensuring that any partnership would have to be beneficial for all parties involved. The conversation emphasized mutual respect and the preservation of each institution's unique identity while exploring avenues for collective advancement.

2. President's Report-Dr. Janet Wansick

- Trisha White gave a detailed cash flow projection, listing sources and uses of funds/budget analysis for the month ending January 2023.

Regent Walker asked Trisha to inquire how other institutions handle the credit card service fee. Is it absorbed by the institution or paid by the student?

- Handouts were shared with the Board for review. (Attached)
 - Enrollment Comparison Spring 2024
 - Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Tour Flyer
 - Library & Cultural Lab Open House
 - Foundation Board Liaison Meeting Notes
- Dr. Wansick gave updates on the following:
 - Commended the Maintenance Staff for their outstanding work during the recent winter weather.
 - Sapphire Ball- April 6, 2024
 - Distinguished Alumni- Jennifer Woods & Randy Holeman
 - Excellence in Teaching Award-Philip Hawthorne
 - J.C. Hunt Award-Hannah Truitt
 - Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Tour-January 26, 11:30 at Pete's Place

3. Chairman's and Regent's Report-Regent Leland Walker

- Regent Walker advised that the next board meeting is February 16, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Eastern Oklahoma State College, Board of Regents Conference Room, Second Floor of the Bill H. Hill Library, 1301 West Main Street, Wilburton, OK 74578.

4. **Committee Updates**

- Foundation Board Liaison Meeting – Regent Jeffrey provided an update on the Foundation Liaison Committee's recent discussions. The committee focused on enhancing student life and meeting departmental needs. They highlighted the Foundation's efforts in establishing donor networks and addressing student recruitment challenges.

A key focus was on funding departmental needs to improve enrollment and program quality. Regent Jeffrey emphasized the committee's commitment to supporting these initiatives, expressing optimism about the collaborative efforts between the board and the Foundation.

In the upcoming Foundation board meeting, funding allocations will be discussed to address the identified needs comprehensively. Regent Jeffrey highlighted the strengthened partnership between the board and the Foundation, anticipating positive outcomes from their joint efforts.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Lott moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to adjourn at 12:31 p.m.

Those voting aye: Regent Bilderback, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None Abstentions: None Absent: Regent Bland

The motion carried.

CERTIFICATE

I, Larry Spradley, 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 the Regularly Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on January 19, 2024.



Leland Walker, Chair



Larry Spradley, Secretary