



June 12, 2025, Board of Regents Meeting Minutes

Eastern Oklahoma State College

6/12/2025 10:30 AMCDT

@ Eastern Oklahoma State College Board of Regents Conference Room,
Second Floor of the Bill H. Hill Library Building, 1301 W. Main Street,
Wilburton, Oklahoma 74578

Attendance

Present:

Members: Eric Bilderback, Cara Bland, Jerry Hamilton, Brian Lott, Leland Walker, Latt Jeffrey, Larry Spradley

Staff: President Janet Wansick, Candace Raney, Trisha White, Dr. Randy Harp, Dr. Cathy Cogburn, Jacob Sitton, Tracie Teague, Emma Beck, Hannah Truitt, Lucas Hedgecock

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Board Chair, Regent Walker.

II. Swearing-In Ceremony- Regent Brian Lott (Third Term), Administered by Senator Warren Hamilton

The meeting began with the swearing-in of Regent Brian Lott for his third term on the EOSC Board of Regents. Senator Warren Hamilton administered the oath of office. Regent Lott pledged to uphold the Constitutions of the U.S. and Oklahoma and to faithfully serve the College. The board extended their congratulations, and appreciation was given to Senator Hamilton for officiating.

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Candace Raney called roll and declared that a quorum was present.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS

V. ACTION

A. Board Minutes

1. Minutes from May 16, 2025, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Regent Bland and seconded by Regent Jeffrey to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** Regent Bilderback **Absent:** None

The motion carried.

B. Finance Committee Report

The board moved to the Finance Committee report. The May 2025 payroll and miscellaneous claims, previously reviewed in committee, were approved by the full board.

This was followed by discussion of the FY26 Operating Budget, totaling \$26.4 million, which includes a proposed fee adjustment for concurrent students and the implementation of an employee longevity program. The board approved the budget as presented.

Next, the Campus Master Plan was reviewed and updated, including the addition of the Baker Hall roof project and an overview of current priorities and funding. The board also approved the Section 13 Offset plan, which allocates \$2.8 million toward deferred maintenance projects, including the roof replacement and other campus infrastructure needs.

Lastly, the board approved keeping tuition and mandatory fees flat for the upcoming year — a milestone that hasn't occurred in five years. A press release will be issued to highlight this achievement.

1. Payroll & Misc Claims

A motion was made by Regent Spradley and seconded by Regent Bland to approve the payroll and claims as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** None
The motion carried

2. Operating Budget FY 2026

A motion was made by Regent Hamilton and seconded by Regent Bilderback to approve the FY 2026 Operating Budget as written.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** None
The motion carried

3. Campus Master Plan

A motion was made by Regent Bland and seconded by Regent Bilderback to approve the Campus Master Plan as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** None
The motion carried

4. Section 13 Offset

A motion was made by Regent Spradley and seconded by Regent Bland to approve the Section 13 Offset as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** None
The motion carried

5. Tuition & Mandatory Fees FY26

A motion was made by Regent Bland and seconded by Regent Bilderback to approve the Tuition & Mandatory Fees FY26 as planned.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** None
The motion carried

6. Election of 2025-2026 Officers

a. Board Chair

The Board held elections for officer positions for the 2025–2026 academic year. Regent Jeffrey was nominated for Chair by Regent Lott. With no additional nominations, the motion to elect Regent Jeffrey was approved, with Regent Jeffrey abstaining from the vote. He will officially assume the role of Chair on July 1.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** Regent Jeffrey **Absent:** None
The motion carried

b. Vice-Chair

For Vice Chair, Regent Jerry Hamilton was nominated by Regent Spradley, who spoke of his passion for the college and his service on past committees. With no additional nominations, Regent Bilderback moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Regent Lott. Regent Hamilton was elected, abstaining from his own vote.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** Regent Hamilton **Absent:** None
The motion carried

c. Secretary

Regent Jeffrey then nominated Regent Larry Spradley for the role of Secretary. Regent Bland seconded the nomination. After a motion by Regent Lott to close nominations, seconded by Regent Walker, the board approved the election, with Regent Spradley abstaining.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** Regent Spradley **Absent:** None
The motion carried

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

A. President's Report-Dr. Janet Wansick

President Wansick provided an update on enrollment trends, noting a slight improvement in both summer and fall numbers. She emphasized that credit hours, rather than headcount, are the key metric for funding and are trending upward.

She also referenced the annual reappointment list, which reflects faculty and staff returning for the 2025–2026 academic year. Dr. Wansick noted her name is not included, as her retirement is effective June 30.

Additionally, she shared highlights from recent engagements, including attending the Council of Presidents meeting alongside Dr. Harp, who was formally welcomed into the group. She also participated in the Tribal Economic Impact event at the Oklahoma History Center, where it was announced that Tribal Nations contribute \$24.8 billion to Oklahoma’s economy. Chief Batton presented specific contributions from the Choctaw Nation during the event.

Before concluding, she extended belated birthday wishes to Regent Hamilton (May) and acknowledged June birthdays for Regents Walker and Jeffrey.

Dr. Wansick closed by expressing her gratitude to the Board, noting that this was her final report and final board meeting as President. She thanked the Regents for their service to Eastern and shared how honored she felt to have worked with them, stating, “I think we’ve done some great things over the last five years and look forward to seeing that continue.”

B. Academic Affairs Update

Dr. Harp provided an update on the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) search. A search committee has been submitted to Human Resources, and he plans to formally notify committee members next week. In line with the job posting, the review process will begin after June 20, with the committee convening the week of June 23 to begin evaluating applications. Dr. Harp expressed the goal of having a candidate in place by the start of the fall semester.

C. Faculty & Staff Council Update

Dr. Cathy Cogburn, Faculty Chair, shared remarks of appreciation for President Wansick, affirming her positive impact on the college and aligning with comments made by the Board. She reported that faculty affairs are going well and noted that faculty will be participating in the upcoming Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) search, with a search committee to be established soon.

Hannah Truitt, representing Staff Council, also expressed heartfelt thanks to President Wansick. She acknowledged the President’s leadership in helping the staff move forward following a difficult period and credited her with launching initiatives that reenergized staff involvement and morale. Both representatives emphasized their gratitude for President Wansick’s service and leadership.

VII. Chairperson and Regent’s Report

Regent Jeffrey shared a few campus updates, including the loss of a barn located south of the beef barn due to recent storm damage. While the structure wasn't a high-value asset, it did serve a functional role in fencing, and its removal may require additional fencing construction. Trisha is reviewing the insurance policy to determine the next steps.

He also noted progress on fencing along Highway 2 near Degnan, where over a quarter mile has been completed. Updates were provided on the apartment remodel project, which is ongoing with some minor challenges. The Goddard remodel is expected to begin soon, pending weather conditions.

To conclude, Regent Jeffrey expressed appreciation to President Wansick for her leadership during what he described as a pivotal time in the college's history. He credited her for positioning Eastern for continued success and shared his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Board Chair, committing to transparency and open communication in his new role.

VIII. Dates to Remember

A. Next Board Meeting

- Special Meeting-Strategic Planning Session
July 14, 9:00 am,
President's Dining Room

B. Committee Meetings & Schedule Discussion

The next committee meeting is **Friday, August 8, 2025**.
Finance-9:00 am via ZOOM.
External Relations-10:00 am via ZOOM

Chair Walker thanked President Wansick for her leadership and the board for their support during his term. He noted the College's two standing committees—Finance and Academic Affairs—and reminded the board that all other committees dissolve June 30 unless reappointed by the new Chair. Plans were made to reestablish the External Relations Committee to select a Regent Impact Award recipient.

Dr. Harp proposed a strategic planning and HLC accreditation meeting in July. After discussion, the board agreed to meet on **Monday, July 14 at 9:00 a.m.** Candace will file the meeting notice with the Secretary of State.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Regent Lott and seconded by Regent Hamilton to adjourn at 11:14 a.m.

Vote: Ayes: Regent Bilderback, Regent Bland, Regent Hamilton, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker **Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** None

The motion carried

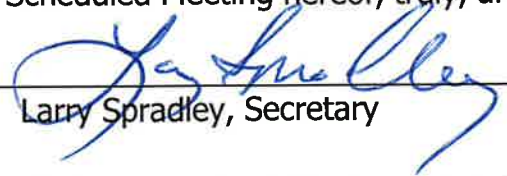
Lunch was provided following the meeting in the President's Dining Room. No official business was conducted during this time.

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 a Regular Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on June 12, 2025.



Leland Walker, Chair



Larry Spradley, Secretary