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BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
June 18, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

The Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College met for the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:30 a.m., June 18, 2021, 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:

Mr. Brian Lott, Vice-Chair, joined by ZOOM  
Mrs. Cara Bland, Secretary  
Mr. Bobby Mouser, Member  
Mr. Latt Jeffrey, Member  
Mr. Larry Spradley, Member  
Mr. Leland Walker, Member

Members absent:

Mrs. Teresa Jackson, 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  
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 the Board of Regents  
Mrs. Kellye Semeski, Faculty Council Chair  
Mrs. Teresa Brady, Staff Council Chair  
Representative Jim Grego  
Mr. Timothy O'Neal, Guest  
Mr. & Mrs. Shawn & Evelyn Battles, Guests  
Mrs. Dana Hugle, Guest, joined by ZOOM

Swearing-In of New Regent, Mr. Leland Walker- Dr. Wansick informed the group that Governor Kevin Stitt has appointed Mr. Walker as a member of the Eastern Board of Regents. Dr. Wansick introduced and thanked our special guest, Representative Jim Grego for his willingness to participate in this important event. After the swearing-in, everyone welcomed Mr. Leland Walker to his first term as a member of the Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College.

- A. Regent Bland called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.
- B. Regent Bland declared a quorum present.

**C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Wansick introduced guests Shawn & Evelyn Battles. Mr. And Mrs. Battles are requesting that the EOSC Board of Regents grant easements for access and utilities to their property which is the former Degnan School Property. Their property adjoins EOSC property, and the easements are respectfully requested from EOSC across the former Degnan School site. See attached for the legal description of the property and a copy of the land survey. EOSC Board of Regents asked for an agreement to be submitted for approval at the August meeting.

**D. BOARD MINUTES**

- 1. Regular Scheduled Meeting on May 21, 2021.

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

**E. RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

**F. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

*None*

**G. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

*None*

**H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

- 1. Payroll & Claims
  - i. May 2021 in the amount of \$1,789,036.08.

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

**I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 1. Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022
- 2. Campus Master Plan
- 3. Section 13 Offset Funds
- 4. Tuition and Mandatory Fees Increase for Fiscal Year 2022

Trisha White gave a detailed report on the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Mouser seconded to approve item I, 1-4, as presented. Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

**J. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS**

1. EAB for Navigate
2. Hinkle & Company-Engagement Letter

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve items J, 1,2, as presented. Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker 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. PURCHASE REQUEST**

*None*

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

1. **Personnel Report**

- Dr. Wansick reported that there were no unusual personnel issues.
- Reappointment and Pay of all Personnel for Fiscal Year 2022.
- Summer 2021 Adjunct and Overload Report

2. **President's Report**

Anne Brooks-McAlester Campus Dean

- Summer classes have started.
- Enrollment continues to be slow with hopes of picking up through July.
- Hosting ACT test on campus with a full capacity.
- A few organizations have been having meetings on campus.
- Wanda Bass HVAC repairs are underway.

Trisha White-Director of Finance Report

- Trisha gave the group a detailed Cash Flow Report.

### Dr. Patricia Ratliff-Academic Affairs Report

- Dr. Ratliff reported that summer enrollment headcount was up, but credits enrolled are down, probably due to an increase in part-time students who are part-time because they are enrolled in fewer classes.
- Fall enrollment thus far – 59.7% of last year’s fall final headcount enrollment and 62% of the credit hours, creeping up as it was 57% and 60% respectively last week.
- Native American Who Code camp is wrapped up. According to the ending survey, students enjoyed the camp and will likely want to attend next summer.
- HLC Higher Learning Commission is our accrediting body. We “passed” with flying colors 4 years ago, and they will return to campus for a thorough site visit in 2027. However, they do a 4-year checkup, just to be sure we are still in compliance. This virtual review will be from July 12 to August 9, and we are hard at work wrapping up our “assurance argument,” as it is called. Dr. Wansick will be sending out the latest draft for review and comments soon, and we would appreciate your thoughtful input.

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

#### New Website

- I had hoped to give you all a preview of the new website today, but we have had a few delays and have pushed the launch to Monday. Unfortunately, delays are a normal part of big projects such as this.
- I will be excited to present it to you at the next Board meeting.

#### Recruitment & Retention

- We have reinstated the Advisory Council for Eastern’s Student Success (ACCESS) Committee that has been dormant for several years.
- This is a large committee made up of 21 individuals selected based on their roles and responsibilities at Eastern. We will have subcommittees that focus on specific areas.
- The committee’s objectives are to:
  - Examine Eastern’s recruitment, admission, enrollment, financial aid, and scholarship policies and procedures to determine if they meet student needs.
  - Use student data and current best practices in student recruitment, retention, persistence, and completion to inform decisions about Eastern’s policies and procedures.
  - Incorporate EAB’s Navigate system to improve and increase recruitment, retention, persistence, and completion efforts to help students succeed.
- In another step forward in these efforts, we have restructured our recruiters and their duties so that one individual will also focus on student retention when she is not in the field. With the Navigate system, we will be moving to a case management model and this individual will serve as a liaison between at-risk students and faculty/staff to help remove barriers, solve problems, and find resources to help students succeed.

- Our recruiters are currently in the process of their annual summer call campaign where they reach out to students who were enrolled last year and did not graduate but have yet to enroll for fall.
- Our Student Services staff is also already preparing for New Student Orientation and a full return to in-person student activities this fall.

#### Athletics

- At our last meeting, the only team still playing was Eastern Baseball. If you will remember, they were named Region 2 regular season champions and Region 2 Tournament Champions.
- Unfortunately, they met another top-5 ranked team in the South-Central District Tournament and fell just shy of making the World Series, losing to 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Crowder College.
- They finished the season with 47-7 record and ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

#### Army Armstrong-Vice President of Administrative Services/HR Director

- GEAR UP parents and students traveled across our state that included an all-inclusive three-day, two-night College Road Trip.
- EOSC GEAR UP will host its first STEM camp June 20-22.
- OMTI commission meeting being held June 24 on the EOSC Wilburton campus.
- Partnering with Wilburton Parks and Recreation for swimming lessons held at the EOSC pool.

#### Dr. Janet Wansick-President Update

- Dr. Wansick shared with board members a list of meetings that she attended during the month.
- Dr. Wansick reported that the EOSC surplus auction was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Godard building. Surplus items included farm and meat processing equipment as well as IT equipment. Items sold totaled approximately \$50,000.
- Dr. Wansick mentioned that we are exploring a partnership with OSRHE and Coursera. Coursera partners with more than 200 leading universities and companies to bring flexible, affordable, job-relevant continuing education and online learning to individuals and organizations worldwide.
- Dr. Wansick advised that her office has been compiling a list of EOSC property and will be sharing it with the board at an upcoming meeting.
- Dr. Wansick shared results from a recent strategic planning survey that was sent to all faculty and staff for input to assist with our next strategic planning process. Survey results were handed out to board.

3. **Chairman's Report**

- Election of Officers-Acting Chair Regent Bland announced that it was time to elect new officers. She added that traditionally, the person serving as vice-chair will move up to chair and the secretary moving to vice-chair.

Regent Mouser requested that a modification be made to the by-laws, (Article II, Section 5) to change the length of term limits for officers. The modification would read for officers to serve two terms before transitioning to the next position. This will be added to the agenda for the next board meeting as an action item.

Regent Mouser made a motion to follow the current "move-up" process, with the vice-chair, Regent Lott, moving to chair and the secretary, Regent Bland, moving to vice-chair, and open nominations for secretary. Motion seconded by Regent Spradley. Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

Regent Bland informed the Board that with moving up to vice-chair, there will be a vacancy for the secretary position that needs to be filled for the coming year, so we will open up for nominations.

Regent Spradley made a motion to nominate Regent Jeffrey as secretary, a motion seconded by Regent Walker. Regent Jeffrey made a motion to nominate Regent Spradley as secretary, motion seconded by Regent Lott. Regent Spradley rescinded his nomination of Regent Jeffrey.

With no other nominations, nominations will cease, and Regent Spradley will serve as secretary by acclamation. Those voting aye: Regent Bland, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Jackson. The motion carried.

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Bland reported that the next Board Meeting will be on Friday, August 20, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Regent Board Room located on the Second Floor of the Bill H. Hill Library Building of the Wilburton Campus.

Regent Mouser moved and Regent Spradley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

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

The Board of Regents was served lunch after the meeting. No items were discussed, and no votes were taken.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

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Cara Bland, Secretary

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Latt Jeffrey, Member