



EASTERN OKLAHOMA
STATE COLLEGE

May 16, 2025, Board of Regents Meeting

Minutes

Eastern Oklahoma State College
5/16/2025 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: Cara Bland, Jerry Hamilton, Latt Jeffrey, Brian Lott, Larry Spradley, Leland Walker

Absent:

Members: Eric Bilderback

Staff: President Janet Wansick, Trisha White, Dr. Kyle Foster, Dr. Randy Harp, Dr. Andrea Green, Kristen Turner, Dr. Cathy Cogburn, Emma Beck, Colby Carpenter, Colleen Darley, Stephanie Giacomo, Lucas Hedgecock, George Larson, Candace Raney, Jacob Sitton, Tracie Teague

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

III. ACTION

A. Board Minutes

1. Minutes from May 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Regent Spradley and seconded by Regent Hamilton to approve the minutes as written.

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

2. Minutes from April 30 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Regent Lott 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: None. Absent: Regent Bilderback. **The motion carried.**

B. Academic Affairs Committee Report

Dr. Harp began the Academic Affairs Committee report with four proposed policy updates: tenure, student attendance and academic withdrawal, faculty evaluation, and emeritus status. The emeritus policy was revised to apply to both faculty and staff, creating a consistent and equitable process moving forward.

He then presented program modifications to consolidate several degrees for reporting purposes. All agriculture-related AS degrees will be grouped under a single AS in Agricultural Sciences, and the AAS degrees in Forestry, Meat Science, and Ranch Operations will be combined under one AAS in Agriculture. These changes help streamline reporting and address low-completion concerns from the State Regents, without eliminating any academic options.

1. Policy Review

- Emeritus Policy
- Faculty Evaluation Form
- Tenure Policy
- Student Attendance w/ Administrative Withdrawals

The Academic Affairs Committee has approved the aforementioned policies for advancement to full Board consideration. A motion was made by Regent Hamilton and seconded by Regent Jeffrey to approve the academic affairs policies as recommended by the Committee in their current form.

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

2. Program Modifications

Program Modification: Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (AS) – adding options

Program Modification: Communications (Certificate of Mastery) – adding an option

A.S. in Agriculture Sciences (Modification): moving current degrees to options under one parent degree:

- Agriculture Communications
- Agriculture Business-New Option
- Agriculture Economics
- Agriculture Education
- Agronomy
- Animal Science
- Food Science

- Horticulture
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- Forestry
- Range Management
- Wildlife Conservation

A.A.S. in Agriculture (Modification): moving current degrees to options under one parent degree:

- Forestry Technology
- Meat Processing & Food Science
- Ranch Operations-Stocker Management

Certificate Modification: Meat Processing & Food Science

The Academic Affairs Committee has approved the aforementioned program modifications and certificate modifications for advancement to full Board consideration.

A motion was made by Regent Hamilton and seconded by Regent Jeffrey to approve the program and certificate modifications as recommended by the Committee in their current form.

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

C. Finance Committee Report

The board moved to the Finance Committee report. The April 2025 payroll and miscellaneous claims, previously reviewed in committee, were approved by the full board. This was followed by discussion of realtor-auctioneer services for upcoming land sales. After reviewing proposals from United Country Real Estate and Border Town Auction, the board selected United Country for its flat fee model, local presence, and prior positive engagement with the college.

1. Payroll & Misc Claims

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

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

2. Realtor Auctioneer Proposals

A motion was made by Regent Jeffrey and seconded by Regent Spradley to approve the bid from United Country Real Estate as presented.

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

D. EOSC Information Security Policy

Chief Information Officer George Larson presented the updated Information Security Policy. He highlighted the transition from KnowBe4 to WebRoot for campus cybersecurity training, which offers automated monthly training and phishing simulations. The board praised the behind-the-scenes work of Larson's team.

A motion was made by Regent Lott and seconded by Regent Spradley to approve the Eastern Oklahoma State College Information Security Policy as presented.

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

E. APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 PRESIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

A motion was made by Regent Lott and seconded by Regent Hamilton to approve the 2025-2026 employment contract for Dr. Randy Harp, previously referred to as Candidate B, to serve as the next President of Eastern Oklahoma State College

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

F. Resolutions

Stephanie Giacomo presented two resolutions to the board. The first supported a congressionally directed spending request for planning renovations to Salmon and Miller Halls. The resolution formalized the college's commitment to move forward with the project if federal funding is awarded, including a \$125,000 match from Section 13 funds.

The second resolution authorized submission of a \$10 million grant application to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) for construction of a Health and Wellness Center. Giacomo explained that the center would serve as a medically integrated facility offering fitness, preventive care, and clinical partnerships.

1. Congressionally Directed Spending Resolution

A motion was made by Regent Jeffrey and seconded by Regent Spradley to approve the resolution in support of the congressionally directed spending request for planning renovations to Salmon and Miller Halls.

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

2. Resolution to Submit a TSET Legacy Grant Application

A motion was made by Regent Bland and seconded by Regent Hamilton to approve the resolution authorizing submission of a \$10 million grant application to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) for the Health and Wellness Center project.

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

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

A. Student Engagement Committee Update

Dr. Kyle Foster delivered a Student Engagement Committee report, sharing recent initiatives and positive student feedback. He and board members discussed the potential for deeper outreach to FFA students and suggested increasing nursing program visibility at large recruitment events like the FFA state convention. He also reviewed updates to the Title IX policy and student handbook, as recent federal regulation reversals require compliance review.

B. President's Report-Dr. Janet Wansick

President Wansick presented institutional data snapshots, noting that early fall enrollment numbers appeared low due to timing and delays in scholarship distribution. She confirmed the college will receive its full allocation of deferred maintenance funding as a lump sum, which will allow for more immediate capital improvements. Staff are revising scholarship application timelines to allow for earlier awards, which are expected to significantly aid in recruitment.

President Wansick recognized the accomplishments of the EOSC Mountaineer Baseball team, who had recently won the NJCAA Region II Championship. She reported that the team was currently competing in the district playoff series for a chance to advance to the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado. After splitting games the previous day, a final, deciding game was scheduled for that afternoon. President Wansick commended the team on their successful season and expressed pride in their performance.

President Wansick congratulated Regent Lott on his appointment by Governor Stitt and confirmation by the Oklahoma Senate Education Committee to serve a second term on the EOSC Board of Regents. Regent Lott will be formally sworn in by Senator Warren Hamilton at the June meeting.

V. DATES TO REMEMBER

A. Next Board Meeting

- June 12, 2025

B. Next Committee Meetings via ZOOM

The board will hold its next meeting on June 12. Committee meetings are scheduled for June 5, with Finance at 8 a.m. Governance was canceled unless urgent business arises.

- Finance-8:00 am

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Regent Lott and seconded by Regent Hamilton to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

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

NOTE: Lunch was served in the President's Dining room following meeting. No business was discussed.

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 May 16, 2025.



Larry Spradley, Secretary



Leland Walker, Chair