



BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING  
February 1, 2024, 3:30 pm.

The Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College met for a special meeting at 3:30 pm, February 1, 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  
Candace Raney, Executive Assistant to the President & Assistant to the Board  
Andrea Green, Dean of Science Mathematics Division  
Brenda Strange, Dean of Business Division  
Jacob Sitton, Marketing Coordinator  
Tracie Teague, Marketing Coordinator  
Lucas Hedgecock, Student Activities & Housing Coordinator  
Teresa Brady, Executive Director, Foundation and Alumni Relations

Guests:  
Mike Musgrove, EOSC Foundation Representative  
Sarah Jane Smallwood-Cocke, EOSC Foundation Chair

- A. Regent Walker called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- B. Candace Raney took the roll and declared a quorum present.
- C. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CARL ALBERT STATE COLLEGE, OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION & EASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE**

The meeting convened with the purpose of discussing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Carl Albert State College, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Eastern Oklahoma State College, aiming to clarify their partnership objectives. Initially, both institutions had expressed a desire to share resources without the intention of merging or consolidating. However, tensions arose when Carl Albert unexpectedly proposed dissolving both institutions' Board of Regents and establishing a unified board, which took



Eastern by surprise. Concerns were raised regarding this proposal, particularly regarding the suggestion to have only one college president, a concept not previously discussed or agreed upon.

Participants voiced their concerns about the sudden shift in proposals from Carl Albert State College and the lack of transparency in the decision-making process. Despite the concerns, potential benefits were identified in the proposed MOU, particularly in terms of cost-saving measures and expanding opportunities for students. They emphasized the importance of trust and transparency in any partnership agreement.

The proposed MOU retains separate boards and establishes an official sub-committee from the two colleges and maintains separate presidents but seeks to share resources.  
(Proposed MOU attached)

The discussion also touched on the potential consequences of approving or rejecting the MOU, including the impact on funding and the institution's autonomy. In the end, the board approved the MOU, acknowledging the need to communicate their decision effectively to the campus community and the public. They recognized the importance of the partnership while ensuring that their actions aligned with the best interests of Eastern and its stakeholders.

**Regent Lott moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to approve the MOU with Carl Albert State College and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Eastern Oklahoma State College.**

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

The motion carried.

#### **A. ADJOURNMENT**

**Regent Lott moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to adjourn at 4:23 p.m.**

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

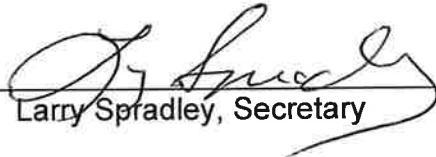
The motion carried.



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 Special Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on February 1, 2024.

  
Leland Walker, Chair

  
Larry Spradley, Secretary