



BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2023, 10:30 am.

The Board of Regents for Eastern Oklahoma State College met for the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:30 am, September 15, 2023, in the Board of Regents Conference Room, Second Floor of the Bill H. Hill Library Building, 1301 W. Main Street, Wilburton, Oklahoma 74578

Members of the Board present:

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

Members absent:

Cara Bland, Member

Others present:

Dr. Janet Wansick, President (Via Zoom)
Trish McBeath, Vice President of Student & External Affairs
Trisha White, Vice President of Business Affairs
Stephanie Giacomo, Grant Writer & Fundraiser
Dr. Cathy Cogburn, Faculty Council Chair
Melanie Sims, Staff Council Chair
Candace Raney, Executive Assistant to the President & Assistant to the Board
Hannah Truitt
Tracie Teague
Lucas Hedgecock

Guests:

John Redman, EOSC Foundation
Murphy Peterson, Eastern Student Government Association Representative

- A.** Regent Walker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
- B.** Candace Raney took roll and declared a quorum present.
- C.** **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**



Trish McBeath introduced guests Murphy Peterson representing the Eastern Student Government Association, John Redman from the EOSC Foundation Board, Dr. Cathy Cogburn, Faculty Council Chair, and Melanie Sims, Staff Council Chair.

D. BOARD MINUTES

1. Board Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting August 18, 2023

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to approve the August 18, 2023, board minutes as presented.

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

The motion carried.

E. RESOLUTIONS

None

F. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

None

G. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

None

H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS

1. Payroll & Claims -August 2023 in the amount of \$2,094,999.93

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

Regent Jeffrey moved, and Regent Bilderback seconded to approve the payroll & claims for August 2023 as presented.

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.

I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Declare Land Surplus and Prepare for Sale

- i. #1 Property-1.08 Acres of land, more or less, in a part of the SE/4-NE/4 Section 18, T5N-R19E, Latimer County, Oklahoma
- ii. #2 Property-1.67 Acres of land, more or less, in a part of Lot 4 Section 18, T5N-R19E, Latimer County, Oklahoma
- iii. #3 Property-30 Acres of land, more or less, in a part of Section 13, T5N-18E, Latimer County, Oklahoma (Survey to be completed)
- iv. #4-Antlers Industrial Building, 402 SW O, Antlers, OK 74523



Regent Jeffrey moved to authorize Trisha White, on behalf of the Board, to present the above property to OMES for sale. In addition, he would like to add that any expenditure of the funds from the sale of the property will be held until it is presented to the Board for approval; Regent Lott seconded.

Regent Lott rescinded his second to allow Regent Jeffrey to amend his motion as follows:

Regent Jeffrey moved to authorize Trisha White, on behalf of the Board, to present the property mentioned above and below (which was declared as surplus land at the February 17, 2023, board meeting) to OMES for sale. Additionally, Regent Jeffrey proposed that any expenditures from the proceeds from the sale of property be held in an 'escrow' account until presented to the Board for approval. Regent Lott seconded the motion."

- v. #5- Lot 3, Township Addition No. 3, approximately 20 acres, Surface Only
- vi. #6-Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 28 Township Addition #2, approximately 149 acres, Surface Only

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.

President Wansick added that the above property is currently not used in our agriculture operations and felt we needed to use the funds for infrastructure improvements across campus such as upgrades to Goddard building and the greenhouse.

J. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (Other than construction)

1. Crowe & Dunlevy Attorneys & Counselors at Law

Regent Spradley expressed the need for EOSC to have legal representation beyond the Attorney General's office. Dr. Wansick responded, emphasizing that Eastern is unique due to property issues and challenges not typical in other colleges. She believes having access to specialized legal resources on an as-needed basis would be very beneficial.

Regent Walker moved to approve the agreement with Crowe & Dunlevy Attorneys & Counselors at law as presented. Regent Lott seconded the motion.

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.

Regent Bilderback suggested we back up due to the fact he doesn't think that the motion can't be made by the Chairman.



Regent Lott & Regent Walker both withdrew their motions.

Regent Bilderback moved that we proceed with the contractual agreement with Crowe & Dunlevy Attorneys & Counselors at Law as presented. Regent Lott seconded the motion.

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.

K. NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES

None

L. PURCHASE REQUEST

None

M. STUDENT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

None

N. NEW BUSINESS UNFORESEEN AT TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED

None

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

1. 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 September 2023.
- Handouts were shared with the Board for review. (Attached)
 - EOSC Residential Housing Numbers
 - 2023-2024 Recruitment, Marketing & Retention Efforts for August/September
 - Cash Flow Projection-September 2023
 - Open Meetings & Open Records 2023 Seminars
 - Regents Education Program - Wednesday, October 11
- Dr. Wansick reported that the 2023 homecoming parade will be combined with the Women's Auxiliary Veterans' Day parade this year. It will be on Saturday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m.
- Dr. Wansick presented her follow-up report, which was included in the board packets, and opened the floor for questions. She pointed out that the enrollment report does not yet include the second eight-week enrollment numbers and the micro-credentialing Kellye Semeski has been doing. However, she expressed optimism, attributing the positive outlook to the hard work of several individuals collaborating together. Dr. Wansick



anticipates that the final numbers will reflect this collaborative effort and result in an improved enrollment outcome.

2. **Chairman's and Regent's Report-Regent Leland Walker**

- Regent Walker provided an update to the Board regarding the meeting with The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Allison Garrett, and State Regent Board Chair, Jack Sherry, held on August 21. The attendees included Regent Walker, Regent Spradley, and Dr. Wansick, focusing on the merger or consolidation discussions initiated by the Chancellor. Regent Walker emphasized that the Chancellor and Regent Sherry expressed no intention to force a merger or consolidation. Instead, they are keen on establishing a formal partnership with Carl Albert. Currently, we are exploring additional ways to save resources and enhance service to the citizens of Oklahoma. A follow-up meeting with the Carl Albert group is scheduled for September 27 on the Wilburton campus. Regent Walker invited any of the leadership team and regents who would like to join the meeting. Please note that we can only have three regents in attendance to prevent violating the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
- The next board meeting is **November 17, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.** at the Southeastern Oklahoma State University, McCurtain County Campus, located at 2805 NE Lincoln Road, Idabel, OK.
- Budget and Audit Committee meeting will meet at 9:30 a.m. before the board meeting on November 17, 2023.

3. **Committee Updates**

- i. Land Sale Task Force - Regent Jeffrey reported that the task force convened on Friday, September 8. During the meeting, the task force identified four pieces of property to submit to the Board for consideration for sale. Regent Jeffrey acknowledged Trisha White's excellent work organizing the surveys and presenting the title work.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Jeffrey moved, and Regent Hamilton seconded to adjourn at 11:43 a.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 a Special Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on September 15, 2023.



Leland Walker, Chair



Larry Spradley, Secretary