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BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 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., August 20, 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, Chair  
Mr. Larry Spradley, Secretary  
Mrs. Teresa Jackson, Member  
Mr. Bobby Mouser, Member  
Mr. Latt Jeffrey, Member  
Mr. Leland Walker, Member

Members absent:

Mrs. Cara Bland, Vice-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. Teresa Brady, Staff Council Chair  
Mr. Timothy O'Neal, Faculty Staff Council  
Miss Jill Pruitt, ESGA Representative  
George Larson, Guest  
Dr. Kody Mullins, Guest  
Cullen Whisenhunt, Guest  
Gary Don Thacker, Guest  
Whitney Herzog Scimeca, Guest

- A. Regent Lott called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
- B. Regent Lott declared a quorum present.



**C. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Dr. Wansick introduced Ms. Whitney Herzog Scimeca & Miss Jill Pruitt. Whitney is the Assistant Attorney General with the Legal Counsel Division of the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General and was assigned to EOSC in June. Jill is the current Treasurer for Eastern's Student Government Association. Jill is a Sophomore from Stillwell, OK majoring in Agronomy.

Dr. Ratliff introduced Dr. Kody Mullins, Cullen Whisenhunt & Gary Don Thacker as new faculty.

2. George Larson gave a demonstration of the new EOSC Board of Regents Portal. Instructions and credentials will be e-mailed following the meeting.

**D. BOARD MINUTES**

1. Regular Scheduled Meeting on June 18, 2021.

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

**E. RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

**F. POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

**1. Revision to Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of EOSC**

Regent Walker requested items 1, i, ii, iii be addressed and voted on separately.

**i. Article II, Organization of the Board-Section 3: Election of Officers**

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

**ii. Article II, Organization of the Board-Section 5: Term Limits**

Regent Walker called for discussion regarding Article II, Organization of the Board, Section 5. Term Limits. Currently, officers serve one year and transition to the next position. This revision would revert to the process that has historically been used where officers would serve a two-year term before transitioning into the next position. Died for lack of motion.



**iii. Article IV, Organization of the Board-Section 5: Quorum**

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

**2. EOSC Policies & Procedure Manual**

Members asked for clarification on various policies included in the manual. Dr. Wansick and Regent Lott addressed their questions and will contact the Attorney General's office to address unanswered questions. Regent Spradley suggested a committee be formed to address enrollment and retention. Regent Walker requested a complete list of student life programs activities for the academic year.

After extensive discussion and a lack of a thorough review of the manual, the board requested revisions be made and reevaluate at a future meeting. Died for lack of motion.

**G. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

*None*

**H. BUDGETARY ACTIONS**

**1. Payroll & Claims**

- i. June 2021- in the amount of \$ 2,822,651.95
- ii. July 2021- in the amount of \$ 2,061,546.34

Trisha White gave a detailed report on the monthly expenditures for June and July, including explanations on all claims over \$10,000. Regent Walker raised questions regarding claims and requested that a description be added to all monthly payroll and claims that are listed on the monthly report for future meetings.

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

**I. OTHER BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**1. Proposed Board 2022 Meeting Dates**

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



2. Discussion and Possible Action on Blue Building Agreement with Antler's Public School

Regent Spradley moved, and Regent Mouser seconded to approve item 1,2, as presented. Those voting aye: Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Bland. The motion carried

3. Discussion and Possible Action to go out for Bid-Degnan School Property

Regent Mouser inquired if we could structure the bid proposal to include conditions of purchase, development, and plans for the property. Regent Walker expressed concerns regarding the sale of the Degnan School property and additional EOSC parcels in the future.

Regent Mouser moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to approve item 1,3, as presented. Those voting aye: Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, No: Regent Walker. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Bland. The motion carried

J. **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS**

1. Coursera Memorandum of Understanding
2. McCurtain Memorial Hospital- Respiratory Therapy Clinic Rotation
3. Oklahoma Department of Mines
5. Great West Dining 2021-2022 Agreement
6. Relation Education Solutions-2021-2022 Athletic Accident Insurance
7. Tutor.com
  - i. Higher Education
  - ii. Nursing
8. Campus Police Mutual Aid Agreement
  - i. City of Wilburton
  - ii. City of McAlester

Regent Lott asked the board before entertaining a motion if there were any of the above items being presented that should be voted on separately instead of a blanket vote. Regent Walker suggested that Item 4, Battles Property Easement, be voted on separately.

Regent Jackson inquired regarding item 8, Campus Police Mutual Aid Agreement, because of the recent McGirt ruling, does EOSC have a mutual aid agreement in place with Choctaw Nation Tribal Police. Dr. Wansick advised that both cities of Wilburton and McAlester do have mutual aid agreements with Choctaw Nation Tribal Police. We will investigate if a mutual aid agreement with Tribal Police will be needed for EOSC as well.



Regent Walker moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve items J, 1,2, 3, 5, 6, 7 i, ii, 8, i, ii as presented. Those voting aye: Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Bland. The motion carried.

4. Battles Property Easement

Regent Jeffrey explained that we would be granting Shawn & Evelyn Battles access to the property that they own, as known as the old Degnan School site, and recently purchased from Wilburton Public Schools and under EOSC fencing. Dr. Wansick said that she would consult with the Attorney General's Office to see if the easement will be transferable if EOSC does sell the Degnan School property in the future.

Regent Mouser moved, and Regent Jeffrey seconded to approve item J, 4 as presented. Those voting aye: Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, 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. 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.

Regent Walker inquired and shared concerns regarding the qualifications, hiring process for employment vacancies, and job duties. Dr. Wansick advised that the supervisor of the position develops a minimum of a three-person hiring committee. Larger committees may be developed depending on the position. The supervisor will determine which applicants to invite for an interview, confer with the committee on available interview dates and times, and contact each applicant. Once the interview process has been completed. Recommendation to hire a candidate comes from the supervisor to the Vice President and/or President and Human Resources Director.



## 2. President's Report

### Anne Brooks-McAlester Campus Dean

- The fall semester is off to a great start.
- A few organizations have been having meetings on campus including Marathon Petroleum and the Miss McAlester organization.
- Welcome packages were presented to new faculty.

### Trisha White-Director of Finance Report

- Trisha gave the group a detailed Cash Flow Report. (See attached)
- Currently working on the external audit with Hinkle & Company.
- Student CARES Act funds received since April 2020 to date totaling \$2.7 million, we have refunded \$1.4 million that has been deposited directly to students. The remaining amount to disperse is \$1.3 million
- Institutional CARES Act funds were recently used to apply \$600K on student accounts for spring 2020 thru spring 2021 to clear balances to help students move forward and enroll.

### Dr. Patricia Ratliff-Academic Affairs Report

- Dr. Ratliff reported that fall enrollment headcount was up compared to Fall 2020 but down when compared to the five-year average. Student credit hours are down both for the same period of fall 2020 and the five-year average when compared.
- Attended a meeting recently with other two-year vice presidents of academic affairs and reported that their institutions are showing the same enrollment as last fall but a decrease in enrollment as compared to the past as well.
- C.A.C.E Update- EOSC is offering Spanish I, with 6 students enrolled from Carl Albert and 15 students from Connors State College. Connors State College is offering Functions and Modeling with 1 student enrolled from Carl Albert and 7 students from EOSC.
- The Respiratory Therapy Program is expanding its clinical's into other facilities.

Regent Walker brought up the topic of Chancellor Johnson's resignation and the idea that is being tossed around to eliminate the local board of regents. The time is of the essence for us to show the chancellor that we are utilizing our very limited resources and partnerships with other institutions. Dr. Wansick advised that Chancellor Johnson's last day is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Regent Walker addressed the decline of enrollment in the last 10 years and the retention rate of EOSC is at the bottom of all community colleges. Because of these two factors exposing a critical threat, Regent Walker suggested the board establish a standing committee including staff and faculty to address retention and enrollment.



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

#### **COVID-19 Update**

- Unfortunately, we are still dealing with COVID-19 on campus. We had hoped for a complete return to normal this year and in a lot of ways, we have. We are conducting face-to-face classes, hosting student activities, and trying to give students a traditional college experience.
- We have resumed posting weekly statistics updates and those are available on our website at [eosc.edu/covid](http://eosc.edu/covid).
- We are following CDC guidelines for our isolation and quarantine processes. The only difference this year from last year is that we are no longer able to require the use of masks on campus and we have introduced new quarantine guidelines for those who are fully vaccinated. Those individuals do not have to quarantine when exposed to a positive case unless they are experiencing symptoms.
- We are hosting a vaccination incentive contest for students. #ThisIsOurShot
  - Students can submit proof of their vaccination status to be entered into a drawing for prizes including \$1,000 scholarships, AirPods, a laptop, Bluetooth speaker, dorm refrigerator, dorm microwave, backpack, other prizes.
  - 45 students have entered the contest so far. They have until Oct. 31 to enter.
  - The contest is completely voluntary and there is a declination form available for protected groups. This includes individuals who cannot be vaccinated due to medical conditions or sincere religious objections. No student has completed the declination form at this time.

#### **Student Affairs**

- We have 256 students living on campus this year, which is the highest number we've had since 2015. This is considered nearly full capacity. Johnston Hall, Choctaw Hall, and Regents Court are full. There is room in Miller Hall, but we are currently using the East Wing for our quarantine area.
- We had 150 for New Student Orientation. Breakout sessions focused on topics including campus safety, college life, financial aid and scholarships, the library, tutoring services, and instructions on how to access email, WebAdvisor, and Blackboard.
- That night we had a welcome cookout on campus with an inflatable water slide, adult-sized tricycles, lawn games, music, and food.



- We also hosted an ice cream social during Welcome Week that let our students browse all the student clubs and organizations that are available on campus.
- Additional activities are planned throughout the semester including bingo, board game night, cornhole tournament, capture the flag, etc.

#### Athletics

- The soccer season will officially kick off on Sunday, Aug. 22 with men's and women's games at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.
- We do have a new men's soccer coach this year. This is Gonzalo Carranza's first collegiate head coaching position after serving as an assistant coach at Neosho County Community College, Bethel College, and Anoka Ramsey Community College. He is also the former head coach of the FC Wichita, a semi-pro women's team.

#### Marketing

- Demonstration of new eosoc.edu website launched in July

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

- No report given

#### Dr. Janet Wansick-President Update

- Dr. Wansick shared with board members a list of meetings that she attended during the month.
- Dr. Wansick shared a copy of the 2021 State of the College Fall Conference PowerPoint that was presented to faculty and staff.
- Dr. Wansick advised that she has been working with Trisha to provide additional financial information. We are gathering documents together and will present the findings at the next finance committee meeting so that we can focus on any kind of additional financial information presented to the board.
- Higher Learning Commission has notified us that our year four visit has been successfully completed with no recommendations of monitoring with all of our criterion met. We will start working on a quality initiative project, but we won't see them again until year ten which is six years from now, they will physically be on campus and we'll go through HLC one more time.
- Congressman Mullen Markwayne Mullin is going to be on campus on August 24th. We're going to do some tours of different areas for him. And then he will be on the radio station, and I'll meet with him when he's on campus.





- Dr. Wansick mentioned that several of the members are aware of some housing issues that we had this year with students moving in. They have been addressed and continue to monitor a lot of those things through my office at this point. So, I feel like we have made great strides in the issues that were addressed at the beginning of this semester. I will continue to make sure that my office monitors those going forward. And I think we've got our resolution to all of the issues that we had.

3. **Chairman's & Member Report**

- Committee assignments- if you're interested in being on the new Recruiting and Retention committee to let Regent Lott know.
- The next Board Meeting will be on Friday, September 17, 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

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Jeffrey moved, and Regent Spradley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

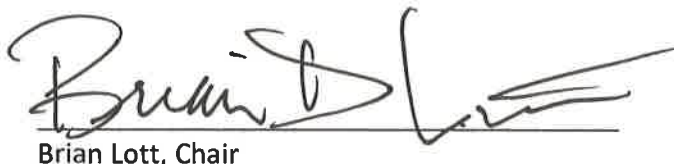
Those voting aye: Regent Jackson, Regent Jeffrey, Regent Lott, Regent Mouser, Regent Spradley, Regent Walker No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Regent Bland. The motion carried.

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

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 their Regular Scheduled Meeting hereof, truly, and lawfully held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

  
Larry Spradley, Secretary

  
Brian Lott, Chair