

# OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Research Park, Oklahoma City

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Wednesday, October 18, 2017

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Committee-of-the-Whole met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, in the Regents Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on October 13, 2016 and amended on October 12, 2017. A copy of the agenda had been posted as required by the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Participating in the meeting were Regents Toney Stricklin, Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Andy Lester and John Massey. Regent Mike Turpen joined the meeting at 10:37 a.m., Regent Jeff Hickman joined the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and Regent Jay Helm joined the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Regent White called the meeting to order and presided.
3. **MERCER HAMMOND.** Ms. Beth Johnson and Mr. Tim Westrich from Mercer-Hammond were present to facilitate a discussion regarding the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's (OSRHE) current investments. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Westrich discussed the current market environment, investment returns and investment manager recommendations. Ms. Johnson stated that the OSRHE investment returns for June 2016 – June 2017 are up 12 percent; however the international equity is not doing as well. Ms. Johnson discussed three new investment recommendations for the State Regents approval.
4. **OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES.** President Kayse Shrum, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS), gave a brief presentation on rural health and telemedicine initiatives at OSU-CHS. President Shrum began by stating that Oklahoma is in the bottom tenth percentile of the United States due to low rankings in several key health areas: 1) 43<sup>rd</sup> in obesity; 2) 48<sup>th</sup> in cardiovascular deaths; 3) 36<sup>th</sup> in access to primary care physicians; and 4) 43<sup>rd</sup> in drug deaths. Oklahoma also has an aging population, a shortage of primary care physicians and for rural Oklahoma, poverty, and transportation issues, which also contribute to the healthcare challenges of the state. Additionally, all 77 counties in Oklahoma are federally designated as primary care health professional shortage areas.  
  
To meet the needs of rural Oklahoma, OSU-CHS created the mobile Telemedicine unit that travels to rural and underserved areas of the state offering cardiology, internal medicine, mental health and radiology services. Since FY15, the Telemedicine unit has impacted over 2,200 people. President Shrum stated that even though today's healthcare delivery system is a brick and mortar building, virtual healthcare is growing rapidly and can be accessed anytime, anywhere and in any way. It is a more efficient model of care with more access points for patients and improved health outcomes. President Shrum finished by stating that OneNet has been critical to OSU-CHS's ability to deliver this kind of care. OneNet has the technical expertise to build a virtual healthcare delivery system and share this knowledge around the state.
5. **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** United States Congressman Tom Cole gave a brief update on federal legislative activity. Congressman Cole began by stating that the House of Representatives has been very productive and has passed 370 bills so far this legislative session. Additionally, there has been much bipartisan progress made with funding addressing issues for veterans and human trafficking as well as the TRIO, GEAR UP and EPSCoR programs.

Congressman Cole finished by thanking Chancellor Johnson and the State Regents for all they do and for the opportunity to provide an update.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Lester, Hickman, Turpen, Massey and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

Following executive session discussions, Regents returned to open session.

7. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Amanda Paliotta stated that the budget is currently meeting estimates and she is monitoring the gross production tax revenue as well as progress in the legislative special session.
8. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Todd Pauley gave a brief update on legislative activity. He stated that he is monitoring the progress of the legislative special session. Additionally, the State Regents will present Representative Leslie Osborn with a Distinguished Service Award at the October State Regents meeting on October 19, 2017. He finished by stating that he has been attending the Oklahoma State Chamber 2030 Regional Forums.

9. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**

- a. **Online Education Task Force.** Vice Chancellor Debbie Blanke stated that the next meeting of the Online Education Task Force will be October 19, 2017 and they will discuss the quality of online courses and seeking external funding for the continued work of the Council for Online Learning Excellence.
- b. **State Regents Safety and Security Task Force.** Associate Vice Chancellor Angela Caddell updated the Regents on the status of the Campus Safety and Security Task Force. She stated that the task force is currently working to create a speakers bureau in coordination with the Council on Student Affairs and is also working with institutions to become JED certified, meaning they have a comprehensive mental health assessment system for their students.

10. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION” REPORT.** Regents received the October 2017 update on institutional activities via e-mail.

11. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson discussed several upcoming events:

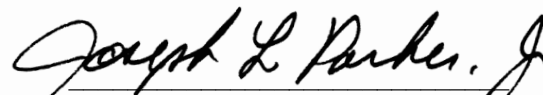
- Monday, October 30, 2017 – Higher Education Hall of Fame – 6:30 p.m. at the Nigh University Center, University of Central Oklahoma
- Thursday, November 2, 2017 – Governor Mary Fallin’s STEM & Entrepreneurship Summit – 8:30 a.m. at the Cox Convention Center
- Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – Legislative Forum – 8:30 a.m. at Jim Thorpe Association
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City

- Wednesday, December 6, 2017 – State Regents Task Force on the Future of Higher Education meeting – 1 p.m. in the PHF Conference Center Colloquium Room
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017 – State Regents Holiday Dinner – 6 p.m. – Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club
- Thursday, December 7, 2017 – State Regents Meeting – 9 a.m. at the State Regents office in Oklahoma City
- Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – State Regents Meeting - 10:30 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City
- Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – State Regents Dinner – 6 p.m. – TBD
- Thursday, February 1, 2018 – State Regents Meeting

12. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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Ron White, Chairman

  
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Jody Parker, Secretary