

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

830 East Main Street in Ada, Oklahoma

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education held a regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on Wednesday, September 12, 2023. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Jack Sherry called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Dennis Casey, Steven W. Taylor, Michael C. Turpen, Ken Levit, Dustin J. Hilliary and Courtney Warmington. Regent Jeffrey W. Hickman entered the meeting at 11:05. Regent Phillip Mitchell “Mitch” Adwon was absent.
3. **CHIEF EDUCATION ADVISOR.** Governor Stitt’s Chief Education Advisor Nellie Sanders spoke about the opportunity to reimagine the future of education in light of what is being referred to as the “Human Potential Crisis.” She highlighted that a child born today will retire in 2090 and questioned whether the current education model is truly preparing students for such a future. Sanders emphasized that these children will need to develop a different set of skills to succeed and urged the State Regents to advocate for the students of tomorrow.
4. **TUITION.**
 - a. **Tuition and Mandatory Fees Review.** Review of 2024-25 institutional tuition and mandatory fee requests. Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Mark Tygret, briefly reviewed the requests being brought forth for consideration by state system presidents. Twelve of our institutions are recommending no increases and fourteen are requesting an increase in either tuition or fees. The system-wide average increase is 2.0% for resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees.
 - b. **Presidents’ Presentations.** College and University Presidents present tuition and mandatory fee requests. The following Presidents provided brief presentations regarding tuition/fee increase requests and answered questions from the Regents.

University of Oklahoma	President Joe Harroz
University of Central Oklahoma	President Todd Lamb
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	President Diana Lovell
East Central University	President Wendell Godwin
Northeastern State University	President Rodney Hanley
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	President Thomas Newsom
Langston University	President Ruth Ray Jackson
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	President Kyle Stafford
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	President Julie Dinger
Connors State College	President Ron Ramming
Western Oklahoma State College	President Chad Wiginton

Carl Albert State College
Cameron University
Rogers State University

CFO Brian Roberts
President John McArthur
President Larry Rice

The Regents took a brief recess at 12:15 p.m. for lunch. The State Regents meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m., and Chair Jack Sherry called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Jeffrey W. Hickman, Steven W. Taylor, Michael C. Turpen, Dennis Casey, Ken Levit, Dustin J. Hilliary and Courtney Warmington. Regent Turpen exited the meeting at 1:05 p.m.


5. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Mark Tygret, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, presented the Regents with a brief budget and revenue update.
6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Dr. Jarrett Jobe, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, briefed the Regents on the conclusion of the legislative session and upcoming preparations for the fall. He also informed them that Senate leadership is scheduled to meet on July 15 to discuss the appointment of the new OSU Regent. Senate Education Committee Chair Adam Pugh provided brief comments and a brief legislative update.

The Regents took a brief recess at 2:55 p.m. The State Regents meeting reconvened at 3:05 p.m., and Chair Jack Sherry called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Steven W. Taylor, Dennis Casey and Regent Warmington. Regent Hickman re-entered the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

7. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised State Regents that an executive session was needed at this time pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorney(s) concerning: (1) Black Emergency Response Team, et al. v. Drummond, et al., Case No. 5:21-cv-01022-G in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; and (2) Wisdom Ministries, Inc. v. Garrett, et al., Case No. 23-5098, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (appealed from 4:22-cv-00477-CVE-CDL in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma), if the board, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor to enter into executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Taylor, Hilliary, Casey, Levit, Hickman, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none. Following the executive session, Regent Warmington moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to return to the regular meeting. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Levit, Hickman, Warmington, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary exited the meeting 3:17 p.m.
8. **“BEST OF HIGHER EDUCATION.”** Regents received the update on institutional activities via e-mail on June 25, 2024.
9. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** The calendar of events was distributed in written form to the Regents.

10. **ADJOURN.** With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Jack Sherry, Chair



Steven W. Taylor, Secretary