

**STRATEGIC PLANNING,  
PERSONNEL & TECHNOLOGY  
COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.  
Zoom Conference Call**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING, PERSONNEL &  
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**Courtney Warmington, Chair  
Mitch Adwon  
Jack Sherry  
Michael C. Turpen**

**OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**  
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# **AGENDA**

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Courtney Warmington, Chair

1. **Call to order and announcement of meeting participants.**
2. **Minutes.** Review of minutes from last meeting of committee. (SPP/Technology Committee Notebook, Page #1.)
3. **OneNet Operations Update.** (Oral Presentation) (*John Hennessey*)
4. **OneNet Financial Report, December 31, 2024.** (SPP/Technology Committee Notebook, Page #4). (Mark Tygret)
5. **IT Update.** (Oral Presentation) (*John Hennessey*)

## **February Agenda Items**

6. **Higher Education Hall of Fame.** Recognition of State Regent Emeritus Ann Holloway and presentation of Higher Education Hall of Fame medallion by Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society. (See Agenda Item #6, Page 1.) (*Dr. Kylie Smith*)
7. **Contracts and Purchases.**
  - a. Request for Proposal B2402-1 Bid Protest. Possible action to approve and adopt findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation to uphold the decision of the Purchasing Director to deny the bid protest from SwiftMD and uphold the award to Timely Telehealth LLC. (See Agenda Item #14-b, Page 87.) (*Matt Stangl, Chris Turner, Mark Tygret*)
8. **Administrative Rules.**
  - a. Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program rulemaking. Possible action to approve and adopt permanent rules. (See Agenda Item #16-a, Page 97.) (*Chris Turner*)
  - b. HB 1775 & Prohibition of Race and Sex Discrimination rulemaking. Possible action to approve and adopt permanent rules. (See Agenda Item #16-b, Page 99.) (*Chris Turner*)
9. **Consent Docket.** Possible action on the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions.
  - a. Agency Operations. Possible action on purchases exceeding \$25,000. (See Agenda Item # 17-a, Page 101.) (*Mark Tygret*)

b. Resolutions.

- (1) Possible action on resolution honoring Janet Jackson. (See Agenda Item #17-b (1), Page 103.) (*Dr. Kylie Smith*)
- (2) Possible action on resolution honoring a retiring staff member. (See Agenda Item #17-b (2), Page 105.) (*Dr. Kylie Smith*)

**10. Proposed Executive Session.** (See Agenda Item #20, Page 115.) (*Matt Stangl*)

- a. Possible discussion and vote to enter into executive session pursuant to:
  - (1) 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorney(s) concerning: (a) 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 (b) EEOC Charge #564-2024-02714, 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; and,
  - (2) 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for routine, periodic review and/or consideration and adoption, modification, or other action related to employment, including terms and conditions, of the Chancellor.
- b. Enter into executive session.
- c. Exit executive session and vote to re-enter open session.
- d. Possible discussion and vote on items discussed in executive session.

**11. Discussion.**

**12. Adjourn.**

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**Minutes of the  
Strategic Planning and Personnel and  
Technology Committee**

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS.** A meeting of the State Regents' Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee was held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, by Zoom videoconference. Regents Courtney Warmington and Mitch Adwon participated via videoconference. Regent Michael C. Turpen participated via teleconference. Regent Jack Sherry was absent. Regent Warmington called the meeting to order and presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.
3. **ONENET OPERATIONS UPDATE.** Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology & OneNet John Hennessey shared OneNet updates with the Regents. The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded a cyber-infrastructure grant of \$1.1 million. One staff member will be attending the Internet2 Technology Exchange on December 9-13 in Boston, Massachusetts to engage with other research and education networks and technology leaders. OneNet Business Director Courtney Hamar, Associate Vice Chancellor Hennessey, and a few others completed a MOR Leaders Program that included monthly workshops, a capstone project, and provided a coach to meet with and grow their leadership skills. OneNet has three full-time positions posted and began the hiring process for one. OneNet is moving more systems to a single sign-on to reduce complexity and create a more secure environment. OneNet is implementing a change to reduce e-mail spoofing. Associate Vice Chancellor Hennessey was invited to participate in a university systems' Chief Information Officers (CIO) group to communicate about shared services landscapes and benchmark data usage. Regent Turpen asked if OneNet was hiring good candidates for the posted positions. Associate Vice Chancellor Hennessey confirmed and clarified that most were internal promotions.
4. **ONENET FINANCIAL REPORT, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.** Associate Vice Chancellor Hennessey reviewed the OneNet Financial Report with the Regents. According to the report, most of the budget is tracking at an expected rate of 20 percent to 25 percent into the fiscal year. Since there are still open positions, not all of the estimated budget amount has been spent yet. Rent expenses includes rented software, which are usually annual fees that hit early in the fiscal year so those can be as high as 42 percent or 55 percent. Revenue is tracking well and is actually over on the investment income. A few of the previous NSF grants hit already for the first of the year. Regent Warmington asked for clarification on the OneNet investments. Associate Vice Chancellor Hennessey explained that OneNet was able to invest some money for future plans for the large network upgrade taking place currently and over the next year and is drawing interest from those accounts.
5. **IT UPDATE.** Associate Vice Chancellor Hennessey provided an update on IT operations. Regarding the SAS project, IT is closing out user testing in Phase II. Phase III will begin soon, which includes enhancements and additional data sources.
6. **CHANCELLOR.** Swearing in of Chancellor Sean Burrage as the tenth Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Vice Chancellor for Administration Dr. Kylie Smith updated the Regents that Mike Burrage will conduct the swearing-in ceremony and administer the Oath of Office to Chancellor Burrage.

7. **DEGREES CONFERRED.** Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the 2023-24 Degrees Conferred Report. Associate Vice Chancellor for System Analysis and Reporting Dr. Stephanie Baird reviewed Agenda Item #17. During this academic year, 38,077 degrees and certificates were conferred – an increase of 2.2 percent (827 awards) compared to the previous year and 4 percent (1,451 awards) over the past five years. Regent Warmington asked for clarification regarding the growth in degrees conferred among Hispanic students, and Dr. Baird believed it was because more students were identifying as multiple race ethnicities and changing with their institutions on how they identify. Regent Warmington asked for more information regarding the noticeable growth in certificates and graduate certificates while associate's and bachelor's degrees were holding steady. Dr. Baird confirmed and explained that there is a rebound in bachelor's from recent years. The regents discussed refreshing the current goals for the Blueprint 2030.

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.**

- a. Possible action on proposed permanent rules for the Oklahoma Access and Achievement program. General Counsel Matt Stangl reviewed Agenda Item #18-a. The proposed rules are required under HB 3792 passed during the 2024 legislative session.
- b. Possible action on proposed permanent rules for Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program. General Counsel Stangl reviewed Agenda Item #18-b. The proposed revisions address the following issues: changing the high school curriculum requirements, expanding the application window for students placed in the Department of Human Services (DHS) custody, adding a Core Diploma track for Career Technology students, and clarifying application submission requirements.
- c. Possible action on proposed permanent rules for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant program. General Counsel Stangl reviewed Agenda Item #18-c. The proposed permanent rule revisions address the following three issues: adjusting language to align with the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); expanding eligibility to incarcerated students to align with Senate Bill 11; and expanding eligibility to students with intellectual disabilities enrolled in a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) approved by the United States Department of Education.

9. **CONSENT DOCKET AND REPORTS.**

- a. Operations. Possible action on purchases exceeding \$25,000. Associate Vice Chancellor Hennessey reviewed Agenda Item #19-c, which included OneNet purchases between \$25,000 and \$100,000.
- b. Resolution. Possible action on resolution honoring a retiring staff member. Dr. Smith reviewed Agenda Item #19-d. There will be a resolution to honor Edra Thrower with the GEAR UP program who retired on November 30.

10. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel, indicated that, at this time, there would be a need to go into Executive Session.

- a. Possible discussion and vote to enter executive session pursuant to
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**11. OTHER.**

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

ATTEST:

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Courtney Warmington, Chair