

**Minutes of Virtual Special Meeting of the Oklahoma
Educational Television Authority**

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Facebook Live Location: <https://www.facebook.com/OETAOK>

DIRECTORS PRESENT BY VIDEOCONFERENCE:

Joy Hofmeister, Chair
Terri Cornett, Vice Chair
Wendy Argenbright
Richard Beck
Cheryl Evans
Lisa Greenlee
Kara Hall
Burns Hargis
James Isaacs
Glen Johnson
Larry Rice

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Joseph Harroz, Jr.
Mike Martin

VISITORS PRESENT: Special Assistant Attorney General John Settle, Judge Michael Burrage, Attorney Patricia Sawyer, HSPG independent auditor Matt Cole; and, HSPG independent auditor Shawn Randall.

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Polly Anderson; Vice President of Finance Shawn Black; Vice President of Production Susan Cadot; Vice President of Operations Janette Thornbrue; Vice President of Educational Outreach Curtis Calvin; Vice President of Engineering & Technology Lawson Adams; Marketing and Communications Manager Aaron Morvan; and, Executive Assistant Brandy Kennedy.

The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority Board of Directors met virtually through Zoom and Facebook Live in special session at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. A Notice of Meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State and copies of the Agenda and meeting documents were posted in accordance with provisions of the Open Meeting Act as amended by Senate Bill 1031.

Chair Hofmeister called the meeting to order. Anderson called the roll. It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m.

Item #4 (Action)

OETA's audit findings were presented to the Board by independent auditor Cole of HSPG. He indicated there were no significant issues from an accounting perspective. Seeing no questions, the Chair entertained a motion to approve the audit findings. Hargis motioned to approve the financial reports and Evans seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion to approve the audit findings carried at 1:15 p.m.

Item #5

Anderson reported that during the airing of the new documentary *The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song*, OETA had the second highest viewing numbers in the country for the first airing, and the highest viewing in the country for the second airing. Regarding education, Anderson confirmed that OETA is continuing daily Learning At Home curriculum-based programming on the World channel. She emphasized that *PBS LearningMedia* use has more than doubled since the beginning of the pandemic, having gone from 11,000 accounts to over 23,000. Anderson informed the Board that OETA is working on a new program called *Oklahoma Learns!* with the Oklahoma State Department of Education that will be generating content from Oklahoma teachers to be aired on OETA daily. Anderson confirmed that OETA has received a grant for \$10,000 from the National Alliance for Mental Illness to support mental health and suicide prevention in youth. Additionally, she reported that *Back In Time* and *Gallery America* are teaming up to put together a documentary about the Tulsa Race Massacre for the one hundred year anniversary. Anderson announced that OETA is ready to roll out a datacasting pilot to be broadcast for students and teachers to use for educational resources.

Item #7 (Action)

The Board reviewed the minutes for the virtual special meeting of October 22, 2020. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Johnson made the motion to approve and Hall seconded the motion. Seeing there were no comments or discussion requested, the Chair called for a roll call vote. Anderson conducted roll call to adopt the minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried at 1:26 p.m.

Item #8 (Action)

Black reviewed the financial and personnel reports with the Board. He informed the Board of two new employees from the period August 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021. No questions or comments were discussed. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the financial and personnel reports. Argenbright made a motion to approve the reports. Greenlee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion carried at 1:40 p.m.

Item #9 (Action)

Chair Hofmeister entertained a motion to go into executive session. Johnson made the motion to enter executive session and Hargis seconded the motion. Anderson called the roll to enter executive session. The vote was unanimous and the Board entered executive session at 1:42 p.m.

At 1:55 p.m., Anderson noted there was a quorum present, so the Chair entertained a motion to come out of executive session. Cornett made a motion to exit executive session and Johnson seconded the motion. Anderson conducted a roll call vote. All were in favor and the motion passed; the Board came out of executive session at 1:56 p.m.

The Chair stated the Board had Special Assistant to the Attorney General Settle as well as outside legal counsel Judge Burrage and Sawyer attend the executive session. The Chair noted that no decisions were made or votes cast during executive session.

The Chair stated the Board has been grateful for the wise counsel and partnership with the Burrage legal counsel. The Chair entertained a motion from Johnson per recommendation of counsel to approve the settlement agreement and settlement of all quantities in Oklahoma County district court case number CJ201867717, "OETA Foundation versus Oklahoma Educational Television Authority." Hall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion carried unanimously at 2:00 p.m.

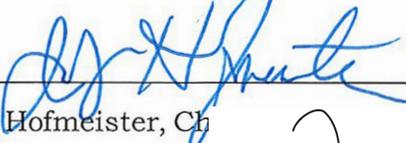
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Anderson announced the next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the OETA network headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Chair Hofmeister called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting and Hargis seconded the motion. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Anderson conducted the roll call vote. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Adopted this day of April 27, 2021.



Joy Hofmeister, Ch



Terri Cornett, Vice Chair