

**Oklahoma Higher Education Employees Interlocal Group**  
a/k/a OKHEEI Group

**Minutes of Regular Meeting held at**  
Rose State College  
Professional Training Center, Room 114  
6420 SE 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Midwest City, OK 73110

**Thursday, August 1, 2019**  
**10:45 am**

**1. Announcement of Filing Meeting Notice and Posting of the Agenda in Accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.**

The OKHEEI Group Board of Trustees met in regular session at 10:45 a.m., August 1, 2019, at Rose State College, Professional Training Center, 1720 Hudiburg Drive, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110. Notice of the meeting had been properly filed with the Secretary of State on December 5, 2018, and a copy of the Agenda posted by 10:45 a.m. on July 31, 2019, in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

**a. Call meeting to order**

Dennis Westman (SEOSU) called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

**b. Attendance**

**The following Trustees of the OKHEEI Board of Trustees were present:**

Designee Dawn Thurber, East Central University  
Justin Cellum, Murray State College  
Designee Jean Logue, Northeastern State University  
Designee Shannon Cranford, Northern Oklahoma State University  
David Pecha, Northwestern State University  
Jena Marr, Redlands Community College  
Krista M. Norton, Rose State College  
Sheridan McCaffree, RUSO Administration Offices  
Tony Crouch, Seminole State  
Dennis Westman, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Brenda Burgess, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Melissa McMahon, Western Oklahoma State College

**The following guests were present:**

Lan Miller, Delta Dental  
Megan Hutton, Delta Dental  
Andrea Nguyen, NFP  
Marjorie Robertson, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Kathy Sutton, Vivante Health  
Sarah Joy Cook, Vivante Health  
Pam Norton, NFP  
Kathy Dunn, Rose State College  
Paul Elsass, Vivante Health  
Courtney Jones, Seminole State College

Kim Andrade, Redlands Community College  
Khris Beckwith, BCBSOK  
Kym Morella, BCBSOK  
David Maschino, NFP  
Phyllis Chappelle, Northeastern State University  
Jamie Collins, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Carol Sides, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

**c. Approval of minutes of 5.2.19 Special Meeting**

Jena Marr (RCC) made a motion, seconded by Melissa McMahon (WOSC), to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019, Special Meeting.

**Voting for the motion:**

Designee Dawn Thurber, East Central University  
Justin Cellum, Murray State College  
Designee Jean Logue, Northeastern State University  
Designee Shannon Cranford, Northern Oklahoma State University  
David Pecha, Northwestern State University  
Jena Marr, Redlands Community College  
Krista M. Norton, Rose State College  
Sheridan McCaffree, RUSO Administration Offices  
Tony Crouch, Seminole State  
Dennis Westman, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Brenda Burgess, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Melissa McMahon, Western Oklahoma State College

**Voting against the motion:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion carried.**

**2. Vivante Health digestive disease premium impact presentation. Discussion and possible action regarding entering into a contract with Vivante Health.**

Paul Elsass presented to the Board Vivante's GITHrive program. The GITHrive Program is provided at no cost to OKHEEI for the 2019 benefit year and will address digestive diseases such as Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, IBS, IBD, and Celiac Disease. The focus of the presentation was on the impact these chronic diseases and conditions have on premiums and the potential cost savings available with the GITHrive Program.

Tony Crouch (SSC) made a motion to approve entering in a contract with Vivante for the GITHrive program, seconded by Jean Logue (NSU).

**Voting for the motion:**

Designee Dawn Thurber, East Central University  
Justin Cellum, Murray State College  
Designee Jean Logue, Northeastern State University

Designee Shannon Cranford, Northern Oklahoma State University  
David Pecha, Northwestern State University  
Jena Marr, Redlands Community College  
Krista M. Norton, Rose State College  
Sheridan McCaffree, RUSO Administration Offices  
Tony Crouch, Seminole State  
Dennis Westman, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Brenda Burgess, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Melissa McMahan, Western Oklahoma State College

**Voting against the motion:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion carried.**

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding Delta Dental 2020 renewal**

Lan Miller and Megan Hutton with Delta Dental presented renewal options for the 2020 plan year. The Board requested additional renewal options addressing network utilization, orthodontia limits, and the minimization of premium increases.

**4. Discussion and possible action regarding deductible modification on Plan F, new high deductible health plan with Blue Cross & Blue Shield.**

Kym Morella and Khri Beckwith recommended to the Board allowing an embedded deductible on 2020 BCBS Plan F allowing family tier participants to meet the individual deductible and begin paying co-insurance for services while the remaining family members on the plan who have not reached the individual deductible continue to pay toward their deductible as well as the family deductible. Tony Crouch (SSC) made a motion to allow an embedded deductible for 2020 Plan F participants, seconded by Mel McMahan (WOSC)

**Voting for the motion:**

Designee Dawn Thurber, East Central University  
Justin Cellum, Murray State College  
Designee Jean Logue, Northeastern State University  
Designee Shannon Cranford, Northern Oklahoma State University  
David Pecha, Northwestern State University  
Jena Marr, Redlands Community College  
Krista M. Norton, Rose State College  
Sheridan McCaffree, RUSO Administration Offices  
Tony Crouch, Seminole State  
Dennis Westman, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Brenda Burgess, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Melissa McMahan, Western Oklahoma State College

**Voting against the motion:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion carried.**

## 5. Discussion and possible action regarding the September Board Meeting Date Change

Jena Marr (RCC) made a motion, seconded by Krista M. Norton (RSC) to move the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to August 29 or September 12 due to RUSO Board Meeting at NSU on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Voting for the motion:**

Designee Dawn Thurber, East Central University  
Justin Cellum, Murray State College  
Designee Jean Logue, Northeastern State University  
Designee Shannon Cranford, Northern Oklahoma State University  
David Pecha, Northwestern State University  
Jena Marr, Redlands Community College  
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Dennis Westman, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Brenda Burgess, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Melissa McMahon, Western Oklahoma State College

**Voting against the motion:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion carried.**

## 6. Chair's Report

## 7. Discussion and possible action regarding strategies for improving administrative efficiency

No action necessary.

## 8. Election of FY 2020 Chair

Melissa McMahon (WOSC) made a motion to elect Dennis Westman as 2020 OKHEEI Board Chair.

### **Voting for the motion:**

Designee Dawn Thurber, East Central University  
Justin Cellum, Murray state College  
Designee Jean Logue, Northeastern State University  
Designee Shannon Cranford, Northern Oklahoma State University  
David Pecha, Northwestern State University  
Jena Marr, Redlands Community College  
Krista M. Norton, Rose State College  
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Dennis Westman, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Brenda Burgess, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Melissa McMahon, Western Oklahoma State College

**Voting against the motion:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion carried.**

## 9. OKHEEI Board Member's Comments and Announcements

## 10. New Business

## 11. Adjournment

Designee Jean Logue (NSU) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Melissa McMahon (WOSC).

**Voting for the motion:**

Designee Dawn Thurber, East Central University  
Justin Cellum, Murray state College  
Designee Jean Logue, Northeastern State University  
Designee Shannon Cranford, Northern Oklahoma State University  
David Pecha, Northwestern State University  
Jenna Marr, Redlands Community College  
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Tony Crouch, Seminole State  
Dennis Westman, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Brenda Burgess, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Melissa McMahon, Western Oklahoma State College

**Voting against the motion:** None

**Abstaining:** None

**Motion carried.**

Dennis Westman (SEOSU) adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m. on August 1, 2019.