

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics
1141 North Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Board of Trustees for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics met on August 21, 2025, at 1141 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK. The meeting was held consistent with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on August 13, 2025, at 9:29 a.m., and the agenda was posted on the outside main door at 1141 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK, on August 19, 2025, at 9:45 a.m. and posted to the OSSM website on August 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in compliance with 25 O.S. § 311.

Present: Dan Little, Tom Adelson, Apryl Beal*, Lance Benham (ZOOM), Jerry Burger, Brent Bushey, Marian Free, Sonya Jones, Dr. Qiang Liu, Ron Mashore, Sen. Adam Pugh (ZOOM), James Roller*, Dr. Robert Romines*.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Michael Markham (OU), Dr. Melinda Cro (OSU/ZOOM), Dr. Goldie Thompson (OSRHE).

OSSM Staff Present: Tony Cornforth, Talita DeNegri, Shannon Gorbet, Dr. Cecil Lewis, Covell Lindstrom, Lauren Vela.

Guests: Cheryl Givens (Magellan Executive Partners), Anne Holzberlein (OSSM Foundation President), Madalynn Martin (Assistant Attorney General), Dr. Raegan Qualls (OCCY), Wesley Schroeder (Magellan Executive Partners).

- I. Having noted a quorum, Chairman Dan Little called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
- II. **Take action on Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of April 17, 2025.**

Mr. Little asked for discussion, corrections, and approval of the minutes from April 17, 2025. Marian Free moved for approval of the minutes. Jerry Burger seconded. The vote is recorded below:

Dan Little	Yes	Dr. Qiang Liu	Yes
Tom Adelson	Yes	Ron Mashore	Yes
Jerry Burger	Yes	James Roller	Yes
Brent Bushey	Yes	Dr. Robert Romines	Yes
Marian Free	Yes		
Sonya Jones	Yes		

Motion passes.

Chairman Little introduced Dr. Michael Markham, the new Dean of OU Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Markham is also the newly appointed Ex-Officio Board Member for OSSM. In sharing with the Board, Dr. Markham began his new position at OU in mid-July of 2025. He has been with the college for the past five years in various academic programs. In 2011, he was part of the Department of Biology. Dr. Markham stated he is already very familiar with OSSM and its high academic standards. Five of his research graduates were OSSM graduates! He also shared that in his former role of leadership as an assistant dean, he was, and continues to be, a strong advocate of concurrent enrollment opportunities statewide. He is originally from New Mexico. He completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees in psychology at the University of New Mexico and then attended the University of Texas to become a neurobiologist. In 2011, he and his family moved to Norman, Oklahoma.

*Apryl Beall entered the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

III. Report from Chief Fiscal Officer.

Ms. Gorbet began her report by bringing attention to the Budget to Actuals Report, specifically comparisons between FY 24 and FY 25. Expenditures from July 2025 are included in this comparison for both years. There are significant increases in some areas for FY 25. Professional Services, which reflects an increase, demonstrates OSSM's commitment to improving campus security. Included is an access control system in Samson, a new server for security cameras, and a change in the security provider. OSSM changed to a company that provides armed officers for one shift. Another increase in expenses is in Maintenance, which fluctuates from year to year, including an investment in the school parking lot. It was recoated and resealed. Another area with a significant increase was Equipment. The fire alarm system in the Residence Hall and improvements in kitchen equipment (dishwasher, steamer, and booster heater) are included in the totals.

Net cash flow will become the carry-over going into FY 26, currently at \$2 million, will be dedicated to the chiller project in Residence Hall. Carry-over from FY 25 into FY 26 will be approximately \$1.7 million. \$5,000 still lingers from FY 24, which is for the engineering services tag for the chiller project. This should occur in September/October. Once the project is complete, all monies from FY 24 will have been expensed.

The summary of appropriations for FY 26 shows an increase. A significant item of \$902,000 is for the replacement of the air handling units in the Residence Hall. Currently, plans are in place to contract with an engineering firm. This will be a significant one-time expense. Recurring appropriations received included \$70,000 for the increase in food service costs as student enrollment has increased, and there was a \$205,000 appropriation dedicated to salary adjustments for our faculty. Ms. Gorbet expressed appreciation to the Oklahoma Legislature as well as to Senator Pugh for approving and granting these funds.

The Budget Request for FY 27, to be submitted October 1st, includes increases in the recurring appropriations for the following: 1) an additional \$60,000 for armed security to cover all shifts; 2) \$105,000 for an additional full-time counselor position. Currently, OSSM has been under contract with OU for the past four years to provide a nurse on campus but for only six hours a week. Nurse Wanda has reported that a significant amount of her time has been spent helping OSSM students deal with emotional and mental well-being. She strongly recommends a full-time, licensed professional counselor; 3) \$570,000 is for a one-time request for roof replacements, with the gymnasium being of top priority. Last year, it was requested to fund and replace the gym roof - but it was not granted. Therefore, recoating the gym roof instead of replacing it would extend the life of the roof for the next 5-7 years. In the meantime, it is requested to replace the Residence Hall roof, which was the second building in greatest need. It was suggested to replace roofs in the manner of staggering them so as not to occur all at once, with 4 of the buildings needing roof replacement. And finally, 4) \$250,000 for fiber upgrade, including WIFI expansion, for the OSSM campus. The current fiber on campus is multi-mode fiber, which is what was available when the campus was built. There is a limit to its capacity, and OSSM is rapidly approaching the limit of capacity. Computer Science professor, Mr. Sean Jones, recommends upgrading the fiber to single-mode, which will have a greater capacity and not limit the performance or technology advancements going forward. It is also suggested that wireless access points be upgraded, particularly in the Residence Hall. OMES has provided an estimate of \$250,000 for those upgrades.

A one-time request of \$820,000 in appropriations and a total of \$165,000 recurring appropriations is a 2% increase from the current budget.

Mr. James Roller raised the point of last year's discussion of the need for continued salary adjustments for the faculty and inquired if OSSM is still behind in salaries. Mr.

Cornforth responded that the reason behind the request for FY 26 is that in-house research reveals that 8 of 25 faculty members are making less than the state salary minimum schedule. Long-term, it is intended to make more improvements. The first step, which was accomplished this year, is to get every faculty member at least on the minimum salary schedule. Mr. Roller raised the point of considering making the request for additional funding for staff, especially with strategic planning about to occur, and retaining the best doctoral-level professors vs. being on the state teaching schedule. Mr. Cornforth responded by commenting that it would be a good topic of discussion for strategic planning.

Mr. Roller further inquired about the Wi-Fi expansion – who is our current provider? – OMES – and why is there a problem? Mr. Cornforth responded that the dorm is made mostly of cinder block walls, which Wi-Fi extenders cannot penetrate. Therefore, there are numerous “dead spots.” It is recommended that OSSM increase the number of access points and update the generation of access points. Mr. Roller added the point that the Broadband Office of the government received \$100 million for upgrading fiber across the state of Oklahoma and that OSSM should inquire. Ms. Gorbet commented that if the amount is included in the budget request and OSSM receives the money from the Broadband Office, then more than likely the Legislature will be fine with OSSM removing the amount from the budget request. Mr. Cornforth clarified that the funding would be included in the current budget request, and if OSSM did receive the funding, then the line item could be removed at a later time.

Mr. Little asked for further questions and discussion. No further questions or discussion were presented. Ron Mashore made the motion to accept the FY 27 Budget Request. James Roller seconded the motion. The vote is recorded below:

Dan Little	Yes	Sonya Jones	Yes
Tom Adelson	Yes	Dr. Qiang Liu	Yes
Apryl Beall	Yes	Ron Mashore	Yes
Jerry Burger	Yes	James Roller	Yes
Brent Bushey	Yes	Dr. Robert Romines	Yes
Marian Free	Yes		

Motion passes.

IV. Report from Vice President of Academic Services.

Mr. Little asked President Cornforth to introduce Dr. Cecil Lewis, the new OSSM Vice President of Academics, who started his new position on July 1, 2025. Dr. Lewis shared with everyone a few highlights from his career. He received his Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of New Mexico. He completed postdoctoral training at the University of Michigan Medical School. Then he began a faculty position at OU in 2007. He has had quite a range of leadership positions at OU, particularly in STEM. He expressed his excitement to be selected as the VP of Academics for OSSM.

As Dr. Lewis began his report, he shared with the Board that the fall semester is well underway. Next month, Fine Arts will begin; the Student Interest Fair will be held; the Foreign Language assembly will also get started, and Parents' Day is quickly approaching. SAT tests are scheduled for Saturday, September 13th.

Humanities Department highlights: National History Day competition. All 8 of the OSSM participating students were awarded a top 10 ranking, and 3 of the 8 students advanced to the national competition. The Newman Award for English Jueju, sponsored by the OU Institute for U.S.-China Issues, recognized junior Sherry Wang, who earned second-place honors in poetry. Six juniors captured the state title in the national Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition. The team designed drones as well as the technology for the drones in order to prevent wildfires. They earned a prize of over \$14,000 - in new technology for the school. Dr. Lewis praised the entire faculty of the Humanities Department, especially for their commitment in assisting the students in writing, studies in history, and the peer-mentoring program (PALS).

The Science Department highlights presented were the new course, Medicinal Organic Chemistry, as well as Dr. Lewis sharing about the Mentorship Program and its potential expansion. Dr. Lewis is gathering data to understand more about how much of an impact the mentorship program has had on the students over the years. As he revealed, this program is vital in getting students into college. For example, colleges and universities focus on three areas: Were tough courses taken? Were good grades earned? And, what leadership potential opportunities were experienced? Melody Chen CO25 was selected for the RSI Summer Institute Fellowship at MIT. Top students were selected to participate in the TSA National Conference in Nashville, TN, and also in the National Science Bowl, held in Washington, D.C.

To continue the Academics Report, Dr. Lewis introduced Cynthia Parish, College Counselor for OSSM. She shared with the Board Members details about the College Counseling End-of-Year Report. To begin her report, she was proud to announce that it was a record year and that this was her 10th graduating class. This year, 19 National Merit Finalists (out of a class of 46) were honored. Four students were national

college match recipients in QuestBridge (full-ride for all four years), totaling \$1.4 million among these four students. Many of the National Merit recipients are going to elite universities, but Ms. Parish also shared that several of our National Merit students are attending in-state universities that also are offering full-ride National Merit tuition packages. 54% of students remain in-state to attend college. 46% are going out of state. In Ms. Parish's document, 10-Year Admission Profile, she highlighted the list of most popular majors from the classes of 2021-2025, and she also pointed to the top 50 schools that OSSM students have attended. Currently there are 61 seniors (CO26), and she is proud of the class's ambitions to exceed what the CO25 accomplished.

College Reps are being scheduled in order to meet with the students. In addition, there are several colleges visiting the OSSM campus in the evenings, and the general public is often invited. OSSM students participate in hosting the evening events. On October 21, seniors will visit OU, and she will take the juniors to the University of Tulsa and to OSU.

V. Report from Director of Admissions.

Ms. Lauren Vela began her report by highlighting the numbers from all summer workshops held at OSSM. There were a total of 688 middle schoolers and a total of 117 high schoolers, for a grand total of 805 students. The long-term goal is to continue to educate students about OSSM, and to also keep students engaged during the summer with STEM. Ms. Vela presented data on student demographic breakdown for the CO27: a total of 72 juniors started classes; the average ACT for the juniors is 27.5. The report also contained data for OK counties (18) and the number of students from each county represented. Ms. Vela also shared with the Board the CO28 goals for the Admission Department. She and her team will prioritize school visits to those counties not represented in the most recent class. Attention will be given to the application completion rate from 70% to at least 80%. She would like to increase the number of campus visits, which in turn could increase the number of students who apply. The department will continue to utilize Encoura to target qualified students.

Mr. Roller expressed his appreciation to Ms. Vela and the Admissions Department for their efforts to increase the enrollment numbers. He also voiced his suggestion to inquire about the small population who receive the OSSM residential experience. He would like to know the access points (counties) that are contacted but who do not live on campus. Those numbers are important to the reports presented from the Admissions Department.

Mr. Adelson inquired of Ms. Vela about how many OSSM remote/virtual students will take a course not offered by their local high school. Mr. Cornforth responded that

approximately 100 students are either remote or virtual students. Mr. Adelson followed by asking about the sophomore students' engagement in attending the OKC campus. Ms. Vela added that she knows of three students who are currently taking the virtual class of Calculus I (offered by one of the regional centers) and who are planning to apply to OSSM.

VI. Report from Director of Development.

Mr. Covell Lindstrom updated the Board on the year-to-date activities within the OSSM Foundation, beginning with the fundraising efforts of \$325,051. Quarter 2 fundraising raised \$238,190, compared to Quarter 2 last year, which raised \$26,317; fundraising efforts are well ahead this year. A breakdown of April, May, and June was provided for Quarter 2, in addition to the year-to-date donor total of 110, highlighting the area of "New Donors" of 31 and the category of "Individuals," those constituents who have no ties to OSSM, totaling 30. Mr. Lindstrom also detailed Quantum Experience. In terms of the numbers, the event in 2024-2025 raised \$126,165, compared to funds raised in 2023 (\$188,950), even when the event was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. The grand total raised was \$245,115.

In the area of Grant Activities for Quarter 2, four grants have been submitted, totaling \$40,000. Two of the grants from Cox Charities (\$10,000) and American Fidelity Foundation (\$5,000) support the Summer Academy scholarships, and the Kirkpatrick Foundation (\$20,000) and the Oklahoma Arts Council (\$5,000) grants will support the OSSM Fine Arts Program for this school year. Grants awarded in Quarter 2: Sarkeys Foundation (\$15,000), Gaylord Foundation (\$10,000), Chapman Foundation (\$75,000), Inasmuch Foundation (\$50,000), American Fidelity Foundation (\$5,000).

Mr. Covell ended his report with praise and appreciation to everyone for their support and leadership.

Mr. Little expressed deep appreciation to Jerry and Carleen Burger for their support of Quantum Experience over the years.

VII. Report from President.

Mr. Cornforth proudly shared with the Board the elite levels of academic activities of the OSSM Faculty and students. Led by Dr. Fazlur Rahman, eight students presented several of their projects in Washington, D.C., at the American Chemical Society annual fall conference. Mr. Cornforth focused particularly on the Computer Science Department and its revival. For the first time since 2017, this past year, an OSSM team of students participated in the American Computer Science League competition

and placed first. In the past 3 years, OSSM has added four new courses to the computer class offerings. CO25, 24% have declared a computer science or computer science-related degree. The virtual program was also highlighted by Mr. Cornforth. He spotlighted a student from Optima, OK, by the name of Israel Ramos. Israel attended Guymon High School, and in his senior year, he enrolled in the virtual course AP Calculus, taught by Dr. Frank Wang. At the encouragement of Dr. Wang, Israel applied to the Quest Bridge program and was awarded a full ride to Columbia. Because of OSSM, Israel's life is forever changed.

Mr. Cornforth concluded his report by reflecting on the OSSM mission, and when reciting the last sentence of the mission, he pointed out alumnus, Dr. Caleb LaRue, from Enid, OK, who graduated from OSSM in the CO11 and then attended the University of Tulsa, Harvard, and eventually Stanford for his post-doctoral program. Dr. LaRue is currently in New York working in a lab that focuses on certain types of blood cancers. In Mr. Cornforth's closing remarks, he praised OSSM for fostering a young student like Dr. LaRue, who may someday find the cure for certain cancers, and he commended OSSM for following its mission of fostering students for the "betterment of humanity."

Final comments from Mr. Cornforth acknowledged and recognized the Board Members for their commitment to OSSM.

VIII. Concurrent Enrollment Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Cornforth presented to the Board Members the articulation agreement with OU. In his explanation, he shared that the former chancellor, Chancellor Allison Garrett, had intentions to increase concurrent enrollment throughout the state of Oklahoma. As the two of them held conversations about concurrent enrollment, Dr. Harroz, President of the University of Oklahoma, was brought to the table. After a few meetings with OU, a draft was created: the Memorandum of Understanding. This memorandum will be in addition to the articulation agreement with OU. For the purpose of feedback and discussion, Mr. Cornforth presented his concerns: 1) the current articulation agreement states that credit is automatic at OU; courses awarded credit are at no cost to the students at OSSM. In the Memorandum of Understanding, students will have to pay for the courses they have earned credit for when attending OU; 2) OU has the upper hand in certain areas – OU faculty members must be paid by OSSM, even if an OSSM faculty member meets the requirements to teach the course. 3) During the middle of a semester, if there is an absence and OU replaces the professor, then OSSM must pay for the substitute. 4) The OSSM faculty would be an affiliate faculty and undergo training; however, it is not clear what the details of the training are. Apryl Beall asked the question of whether other schools have articulation

agreements with OU and if the policies are the same as what would be expected of OSSM. Mr. Cornforth responded that Norman Public Schools (NPS) does have an articulation agreement, but that he is not clear about what the exact policies are within the agreement.

Dr. Michael Markham responded to the question. He stated that OU sends its faculty to NPS to teach the courses. Regarding cost, Dean Markham expressed that the policy can be discussed and worked through. There are certain conditions that are driven by accreditation, and OU is held accountable by the Higher Learning Commission because OU is granting credits when courses are taken. In regard to the financial piece, tuition is paid by the State. All of the normal fees are waived, and OU is moving towards eventually not charging for materials. Therefore, Dean Markham feels the same arrangements can be made with OSSM students who are taking concurrent enrollment with OU. The advantage of the articulation agreement is that OSSM students matriculate to OU. However, as he looks at the list of schools that the OSSM graduates attend, the concurrent enrollment credits received from OU will benefit them as they attend these other schools. Overall Dean Markham strongly believes that an agreement can be made between OU and OSSM so that it is a win-win situation. Regarding the concern with the required training of OSSM instructors, Dean Markham explained that yes, it is a significant training, but it is part of a national standard, especially in the English courses, which are a standardized, national curriculum; in addition, it is well worth the 3-day training requirement.

Mr. Roller asked Dean Markham if the training of the OSSM professors could be conducted on the OSSM campus. Dean Markham responded that it could probably be worked out. Mr. Roller also asked if there could be an “academic audit” performed on the OSSM courses to determine if the quality of courses taught here on campus met the requirements and expectations of the college courses taught at OU. Dean Markham expressed that it probably wasn’t necessary. Trust needs to be placed in the instructor to deliver the requirements of the courses at the university level.

Mr. Tom Adelson asked President Cornforth about the number of high schools that have concurrent enrollment. Anne Holzberlein interjected that UCO has partnerships with Edmond Public Schools and Deer Creek Public Schools. Additionally, UCO covers all expenses. Dean Melinda Cro, from OSU, added that OSU has large concurrent enrollment numbers in the Stillwater area as well as in all 77 counties in the state.

Dr. Lui contributed to the discussion that the training given to the OSSM professors would be extremely beneficial because of the educational teaching strategies that could only benefit and enhance their teaching.

Senator Pugh added that concurrent enrollment is fully funded for high school seniors and *almost* fully funded for high school juniors. He suggests that what needs to be

determined is whether those benefits include the OSSM high school juniors and seniors. Also, do the state department and the universities provide the cost analysis of what the expense is to the state, and is it included in the budget? It may already be fully appropriated, in which case OSSM students may already be included, particularly the seniors. Senator Pugh also added that it may not be beneficial to OSSM to have specific articulation agreements for the mere fact that OSSM students feed into a different institutional pipeline than most Oklahoma graduating students. Dean Cro added that juniors are limited to earning 9 credit hours, and seniors are limited to 18 credit hours.

Mr. Adelson added that parents may want to know this type of information. Mr. Cornforth followed by stating that the credits earned from concurrent enrollment transfer to the school the graduating student is going to attend. Articulation agreements are tethered to the school with which the agreement is made. Ms. Vela also added that from her discussions with potential OSSM families, 90% of them ask the question of whether OSSM offers concurrent enrollment. Many of the students want to go to schools out of state, where the credits would follow them. The policy of concurrent enrollment (or lack of a policy) is a determinant of whether they apply to OSSM or not.

*James Roller left the meeting at 11:30.

Dr. Lewis commented that the training provided to the OSSM professors on behalf of OU would be of great benefit since OMES does not provide educational-type training opportunities.

*James Roller returned to the meeting at 11:33.

From a college advisor's perspective, Mrs. Parish stated that concurrent enrollment would be a strong benefit to the students of OSSM. Many gaps exist within the classes offered at OSSM, mostly in the humanities courses offered for college credit. Colleges do not give credit for OSSM English classes.

Mr. Benham expressed the need to look into the rural schools of Oklahoma and their need for advanced math instruction, especially physics courses. There exists an opportunity to hire two new instructors at OSSM: a calculus teacher and a physics teacher. These two additional instructors could focus on distance learning for the rural communities in order to gain higher-end math and science courses. Could this be looked into in the strategic planning process? Ron Mashore also included his concern for the regional centers. Historically, OSSM kept in touch with the OK Legislators. He doesn't feel the emphasis is as strong as it used to be. Mr. Cornforth followed up with the point that a few years ago, OSSM had representation from only 14% of Oklahoma counties. The goals of the Admissions Department have now focused on the goal of visiting one school in every Oklahoma county. Dr. Lewis contributed that

the OSSM virtual program has a director, but this person is also a teacher and therefore has time limitations, and thus, the virtual program cannot expand.

For clarification, Ms. Madalynn Martin asked Mr. Cornforth if Board action was not needed, only feedback, and Mr. Cornforth expressed that it was up to Chairman Little to seek Board action. He mainly just wanted feedback, and that he and Dean Markham could present something for the next board meeting for the purpose of discussion and action.

Mr. Adelson and Ms. Sonya Jones presented the points that with concurrent enrollment, quite a bit of money can be saved for the families. The point was also made that research needs to be conducted on behalf of the students because not all colleges accept concurrent enrollment, and in addition, credits and the courses at the colleges may not be of equal value, and therefore, “elective credit” must be taken.

IX. Strategic Planning Presentation – Magellan Executive Partners.

*Dr. Robert Romines left the meeting at 11:41.

Mr. Wesley Schroeder, CEO, and Ms. Cheryl Evan, Executive Partner, presented an overview of the plans for the OSSM strategic planning process. They explained that they mostly focus on two areas: 1) strategic planning, and 2) leadership development. They also mainly focus on interesting, complex problems and are excited to work with OSSM. They have experience in the academic world: OU, OSU, and are now working with the OU College of Dentistry.

*Dr. Romines returned to the meeting at 11:43.

Involved in the OSSM strategic planning process will be Mr. David Woods, CEO and Co-founder of Magellan, Mr. Brent Douglas, President, Mr. Schroeder, and Ms. Evans. The proposed approach is an acknowledgment that Magellan is not working with just Mr. Cornforth and his team, but is working with Mr. Cornforth, his team, and two very important boards. Magellan plans to get consensus on priorities and determine the growth initiatives, which will become the foundation of the strategic plan. The development of the strategic plan will be developed by Mr. Cornforth and his team, with input from the two boards. It will not be expected to rely on both boards to build the strategic plan because, in terms of the implementation of the plan, the organization that develops the plan also owns responsibility for the implementation of the plan.

Mr. Schroeder emphasized that when developing the strategic plan, it is vital to say “no” to a lot of suggestions and “maybe” to a few suggestions, and ultimately “yes” to a few suggestions, hopefully three or four. This is very important because energy and focus of growth can be made towards those three or four areas so that they can be done well. The proposed first step is surveying the landscape. Sessions will be conducted with the Governing Board and the Foundation Board. Surveys will be given to government stakeholders, community stakeholders, alumni, current students, and parents. Phase 2 is the strategic focus areas determined by the OSSM Leadership Team through a half-day immersion session. Phase 3a. will focus on the strategic growth initiatives, approved by both Boards. Working committees will be established and empowered to work on each specific initiative (2-4 in total). Phase 3b. is the authoring and designing of the strategic plan document, utilizing a combination of outputs from Phases 1-3a. The ending result will be a professionally produced document that can be publicly assimilated.

Mr. Mashore asked Mr. Schroeder if Magellan Executive Partners works with the Legislature. Mr. Schroeder replied that Magellan does not work directly with the government. However, he has conducted extensive work with the Chamber. No lobbying or advocacy is done. Mr. Mashore emphasized the point of OSSM students returning to Oklahoma to work and the importance of sharing this information.

*Brent Bushey left the meeting at 11:56.

*Dr. Romines left the meeting at 11:57.

At this time, the Board lost a quorum. Due to this, the Board took a short recess to await the return of Board members necessary to reestablish quorum.

*Brent Bushey returned to the meeting at 11:59.

A quorum was established, and the Board meeting was reconvened at 11:59.

Mr. Roller added his comments that OSSM is considered “A Beacon on the Hill.” Oklahoma is 50th in the nation in education, and it is not an issue that OSSM is a premier school. However, OSSM will continually be compared to other premier schools across the nation, and we must have a robust understanding of what “the best of the best” look like. It is not the Oklahoma Standard to be compared to but instead the national standard. He further emphasized that it’s important to learn what the other schools are doing, and OSSM needs to do it better! In addition, the four initiatives upon which the strategic plan is built should not be easy plans. In his opinion, the components should be bold and ambitious and demonstrate that OSSM is the best in Oklahoma, best in the country, and leading Oklahoma from 50th to anywhere above that.

X. Report from Chairman Little.

Mr. Little informed the Board Members that work is ongoing with the formation of Board Committees.

XI. Adjournment.

The motion was made by Marian Free to adjourn the meeting. James Roller seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.