

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the  
Oklahoma Educational Television Authority**

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
OETA Media Center Conference Room  
7403 N. Kelley Ave.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Terri Cornett, Chair  
Larry Rice, Vice Chair  
Wendy Argenbright  
Richard Beck  
Kara Hall  
Mike Martin  
Jeanie Webb

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Lisa Greenlee  
Joseph Harroz, Jr.  
Joy Hofmeister  
James Isaacs  
Kayse Shrum

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Chief Assistant Attorney General John Settle.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Executive Director Polly Anderson; Vice President of Engineering & Technology Lawson Adams; Vice President of Finance & Administration Shawn Black; Vice President of Production Susan Cadot; External Relations Director Chad Haney; and Executive Assistant Brandy Kennedy.

The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority Board of Directors met in person at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 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.

Chair Cornett 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 1:02 p.m. Guests were introduced.

**Item #4**

The Chair thanked Anderson and her team for outstanding work. The Chair expressed gratitude that each team member continually and without fail brings expertise, ingenuity and foresight in every aspect of their position. She directed the Board to review OETA's history and bylaws in the board handbook.

**Item #5**

Anderson thanked the Board for completing the FCC biannual questionnaire. She showed the Board the National Heritage Award which OETA won for *Back in Time: Cowtown*. Anderson confirmed the engineering team finalized the installation of the Eufaula transmitter thanks to equal payments from the Friends of OETA and the state legislature. She explained that the Eufaula transmitter was put on the air October 19, resulting in a 38% increase in electricity efficiency seen so far. Anderson apprised the Board of an exclusive virtual event for donors with guest Rosemary Gill from Milk Street Productions on Nov 4. She also included that the *Oklahoma News Report* did a two-part story on Oklahoma

cockfighting that went viral. Anderson noted that OETA and Oklahoma City Public Schools have begun eight *PBS NewsHour* Student Reporting Labs at middle and high school level.

**Item #6 (Action)**

The Board reviewed the minutes for the regular meeting of August 24, 2021. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Hall made the motion to approve and Martin seconded the motion. Seeing there were no comments or discussion requested, the Chair called for a roll call vote. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried at 1:14 p.m.

**Item #7 (Action)**

Black reviewed the financial and personnel reports with the Board. Black pointed out that due to the cost of the transmitter, the financial report appears to be slightly higher than anticipated, but that it would balance out following the final November payment. He noted the hiring of two new employees and one resignation from July to September. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the financial and personnel reports. Webb made a motion to approve the reports. Argenbright seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion carried unanimously at 1:18 p.m.

**Item #8 (Action)**

The Chair brought the Board's attention to the review and approval for the CPB Alternate Payee Agreement. Anderson explained that the Friends of OETA agrees to disburse CPB funds to the Authority over the course of the two-year grant period. Anderson noted that OETA and CPB attorneys have reviewed the form and that both boards must affirm this agreement. Martin moved to approve the agreement. Hall seconded approval. Seeing there were no comments or discussion requested, the Chair called for a vote and the motion carried at 1:20 p.m.

**Item #9 (Action)**

The Chair asked the Board to review the 2022 meeting dates for the Board listed in the materials provided. Hall made the motion to adopt the regular board meeting dates for 2022. Rice seconded the motion. Seeing there were no comments or discussion requested, the Chair called for a roll call vote. Anderson called roll and the motion carried at 1:21 p.m.


**Item #10**

The Chair announced the next regular meeting is set tentatively for Tuesday, December 29, 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 Cornett called the meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Adopted this day of Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

  
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Terri Cornett, Chair

  
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Larry Rice, Vice Chair