



OKLAHOMA
Rehabilitation Services

Commission for Rehabilitation Services

➤ Commissioners Janet Barresi, Theresa Flannery,
and Wes Hilliard

Regular Meeting

There is no zoom option for this meeting.

3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK

April 17, 2024

Empowering Oklahomans with Disabilities

**State of Oklahoma
Commission for Rehabilitation Services
Regular Commission Meeting
April 17, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Wes Hilliard, Commission, Chair
Theresa Flannery, Commission, Vice Chair
Dr. Janet Barresi, Commission Member

Sign Language Interpreters are provided for public accessibility. There will be no zoom option at this meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Wes Hilliard, Chair

2. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act
Kathleen Arrieta, Commission Assistant

REPORTS

3. Presentation of Longevity Certificates
Wes Hilliard, Chair

4. Executive Director's Report **Page 6**
Melinda Fruendt, Executive Director

- a) Certificates of Appreciation
- b) Report on agency and departmental updates including Beyond Hope Academy, State Plan for Independent Living, Administrative Rules, and Process Improvement.
- c) Possible discussion

5. Legislative Report **Page 11**
Jennifer Hardin, Legislative Liaison

- a) Report on the status of legislative bills
- b) Possible discussion

6. DRS Internal Policy Amendments Report **Page 29**

*Tina Calloway, Administrative Programs Officer,
Policy, Administration and Development Section*

- a) Report on new or amended DRS Internal Policy
- b) Possible discussion

- 7. Chief Financial Officer's Report** **Page 32**
Kevin Statham, Chief Financial Officer
a) Financial Status Reports for FY 24
b) Possible discussion
- 8. Communications Report** **Page 40**
Jody Harlan, Director of Communications
a) Report on projects and media/publicity
b) Possible Discussion
- 9. Vocational Rehabilitation Report**
Mark Kinnison, Division Administrator
a) Priority Group Updates and Portal Referrals
b) Possible discussion
- 10. Human Resources Report** **Page 42**
Tom Patt, HR Director
a) Personnel Activity report as of
b) Current FTE Status
c) Introductions of new staff
d) Possible discussion

ACTION ITEMS

- 11. Review of the Minutes from the February 14, 2024 Commission Regular Meeting.** **Page 48**
Wes Hilliard, Chair
a) Discussion and possible action to modify and/or approve the minutes.
- 12. Acceptance of Donations to the Oklahoma School for Deaf** **Page 56**
Dr. Heather Laine, Superintendent
a) Donation Reports for March 2024
b) Discussion and possible action to accept the donations.
- 13. Acceptance of Donations to the Oklahoma School for the Blind** **Page 58**
Dawn Bryant, Office of the Superintendent
a) Donation Reports for March 2024
b) Discussion and possible action to accept the donations.

14. Acceptance of Donations to the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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Kevin Treese Program Manager III, SBVI

- a) Donation Reports for March 2024
- b) Discussion and possible action to accept the donations.

15. Proposed Executive Session to Discuss the Implementation of a DRS Employee Survey.

Wes Hilliard, Chair

- a) Discussion and possible vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 74 O.S. § 166.8(A)(2) and 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for the purpose of discussing the implementation of a DRS Employee Survey.
- b) Vote to reconvene into Regular Session
- c) Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

16. New Business

Wes Hilliard, Chair

- a) Any matter not known about, or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting 25 O.S. § 311.

17. Announcements

Wes Hilliard, Chair

- a) Next Meeting:
Wednesday, May 15th at 10:30 a.m.
Oklahoma School for the Deaf
Vocational Building, Community Room
1100 East Oklahoma Avenue
Sulphur, OK 73086

18. Public Comments

- a) Under Oklahoma Open Meeting Laws, the Oklahoma Commission for Rehabilitation Services cannot respond to or discuss any matter not on today's agenda.

19. Adjournment

Wes Hilliard, Chair

- a) Discussion and possible action

Note: "Possible action" by the Commission includes, but is not limited to, approval, authorization, adoption, rejection, denial, amendment, taking no action, or tabling the item for disposition at a later date or time.



Executive Director's Report

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
April 17, 2024

Remembrance

Perry Sanders, Ed.D., former commissioner, Commission for Rehabilitation Services, passed away March 13, 2024. Dr. Sanders was on the commission during the year of 2013.

Joe Cordova, former executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, passed away in March 2024. Joe served as the Executive Director for the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services from September 2013 – February 2016. Joe also served with the Rehabilitation Services Administration as a regional commissioner and other vocational rehabilitation programs in Hawaii and New Mexico.

Executive

March

- 19-21 – VR/SBVI Training on Monitoring Report.
- 21 – Panel Presentation with NTACTION on Think College.
- 26 – Fruendt’s Front town hall meeting.
- 27 – ORC Executive Committee meeting.
- 28 – VR/SVBI Business Summit at the Oklahoma History Center.

April

- 1 – Director’s meeting on Pre-Ets.
- 2 – VR/SBVI Performance Team meeting.
- 3 – State Plan for Independent Living meeting.
- 5 – Human Services Cabinet Meeting
- 6-10 – Council of State Administrators for VR Spring Conference, Bethesda, Maryland.
- 11 – Workforce Partnership meeting.
- 12 – Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) meeting.
- 15 – Oklahoma Works website update meeting.
- 16 – DRS Executive Team Meeting; Retirement Celebration for Janie Ball.

Beyond Hope Academy – Tonya Garman, Executive Coordinator

Beyond Hope Academy had its first meeting on February 7, 2024 and is expected to wrap up on May 29, 2024. This is a 4-month immersion into *The Science and the Power of Hope*, with the purpose of finding innovative pathways to utilize Hope theory at DRS.

Interested employees completed an application process which included an explanation of why they were interested in attending. Our first Cohort has 7 participants and is meeting for multiple sessions. The cohort has already visited with DHS Hope Ambassador, Tammy Williams, to hear firsthand how their agency infused

the Hope mindset into their everyday work. Another session brought us a 'leadership studio interview' with Dr. Angela Pharris, from OU's Hope Research Center. Future meetings include a tour of the Workforce Community Hope Center and further development of the group's project.

Participants have created a project goal and are developing pathways by outlining how Hope can be integrated into DRS culture. In May, the group will pitch their ideas, in Shark Tank® fashion, to members of the DRS E-team.

In March, the Beyond Hope Academy was spotlighted as an example of 'Hope in Action' on the Oklahoma Hope Navigator Team's channel. We are excited to be acknowledged for the continuing work at DRS.

The next 6-hour individual *Science and Power of Hope* training is scheduled for May 21, 2024. In addition, unit specific trainings are available with dates being scheduled throughout 2024. For more information contact Hope@okdrs.gov or use the link below for enrollment.

[The Science and Power of Hope Enrollment Link](#)

Administrative Rules Cycle – VR/SBVI – Tonya Garman, Executive Coordinator

The Administrative Rules Process is active again for the 2025 Rules Cycle. The VR and SBVI Division Administrators and Field Coordinators are developing a list of the policy that will be discussed this year. Field staff were invited to submit any issues that they have identified as needing revision, as well as additional suggestions from our federal partners at RSA. Assigned work groups will be amending the current policy through the summer and final draft versions of the changes will be submitted to Tina Calloway before October 1.

During November, we will be working with ORC to host an "overview" where this year's selections will be clarified and explained as needed to our partners and stakeholders.

Any VR/SBVI Administrative Rules revision suggestions can be referred to Tonya Garman for consideration.

SILC and IL Network – Tonya Garman, Executive Coordinator

The Oklahoma State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is currently in development to be submitted to the Administration for Community Living by June 30, 2024. The 2025-2027 SPIL is a 3-year blueprint for the independent living network in the state. It is developed jointly by the Oklahoma Statewide Independent Living Council, the Centers for Independent Living and the Designated State Entity, which DRS serves as.

The network is now seeking public input on the development of the Plan. If you are a resident of Oklahoma and have a disability or are a family member or a caregiver of a person with a disability, we want to hear from you. Please complete the public survey to provide input on the State Plan for Independent Living at:

<https://forms.gle/34JnUcXhEwBdm3CF8>



Process Improvement (PI) – Lyuda Polyun AWARE

The project for transitioning management reports from Tableau to Power BI, is underway.

The Missouri Pre-ETS portal project advances into the testing phase in early April, while the AWARE team is manually entering Pre-ETS data for the quarter beginning January 1 for reporting on the RSA-911.

We are collaborating with the VRTAC-QM team to tailor AWARE to enhance Period of Performance and Pre-ETS reporting, aligning with the agency's Corrective Action Plan.

An upgrade for AWARE to its latest version is scheduled for Thursday, March 28.

Case Review

The QA team for the month of March is conducting an Open case audit. QA staff continue to have bi-weekly meetings to discuss issues that arise.

The QA team continues to research and develop a series of pre-ETS questions to be audited in the future.

The QA team is working with the Change Team to isolate areas for improvement based on QA reports.

Program Standards, Statistical Research, Data Dashboards

The research staff drafted a counselor survey for the Statewide Needs Assessment and sent it to agency leadership for feedback and approval.

The staff are working on transition BI reports and updating the source information for previously published BI reports with the new server name, and the Statistical Research Specialist is continuing his SQL training for BI.

Provided requested ACS data on individuals with disabilities in Oklahoma to the State Senate Communications office.

The staff remotely attended the 2024 Annual Disability Statistics Conference.

***Respectfully submitted by
Melinda Fruendt, Executive Director***



Legislative Report

4/17/24 – DRS Commission Legislative Report

by Jennifer Hardin

Report Submission Date: 04-05-2024 - 12:39:27

- **Total Pending Bills - 1,331** (Session started with 4,778)
- **04/11/24** – Deadline for bills to pass out of committee in opposite chamber.

DRS Request Bills

[SB 154](#)

[Stanley, Brenda](#)
[Lawson, Mark](#)

This is a carry-over bill from the '23 session. Provides an exception for Braille reading and ASL students from the Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA). The current testing methods used for the RSA do not address an infrastructure that ensures equity practices for students who are hearing and visually impaired. **Note: This is a joint request with the OK. Dept. of Ed.**

Bill History: **2/08/24** – Title Restored.

2/23/24 – Request made to place bill on floor agenda.

3/12/24 – Second request made to place bill on floor agenda.

3/14/24 – FLOOR DEADLINE: BILL DEAD PURSUANT TO THE RULES.

[SB 1339](#)

[Seifried, Ally \(F\)\(R\)](#)
[Hefner, Ellyn \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Creates the Oklahoma Access and Achievement Act which provides financial assistance to students with intellectual disabilities pursuing studies through a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program (CTP). **This is a joint request with the OK. State Regents for Higher Education & the OK. IPSE Alliance (Inclusive Post-Secondary Education).**

THIS IS A DUPLICATE BILL OF HB3792 NOTED BELOW.

Bill History: **3/14/24** – Unanimously Passed Senate Floor (Vote: Y: 41/N:0)

3/25/24 – Bill heard in House Higher Education & Career Tech. Committee: Unanimously passed.

Ready to be heard on House Floor.

[HB 3792](#)

[Hefner, Ellyn \(F\)\(D\)](#)
[Seifried, Ally \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Creates the Oklahoma Access and Achievement Act which provides economic assistance to students with intellectual disabilities to pursue higher education.

Bill History: **3/05/24** – Passed House Floor (Vote: Y: 94/N: 1).
3/19/24 – Bill Received in Senate. *Doubled assigned to Education and Appropriations Committee.*
3/26/24 -Heard in Senate Education Committee (Unanimously Passed).
4/03/24 -Scheduled for Senate Appropriations Committee @ 10:30 a.m. (Meeting Cancelled; bill not heard).

- The DRS legislative monitoring list will continuously be updated as bills are reviewed or amended. I will distribute a bill status report on a weekly basis.
- Please don't hesitate to contact me if you become aware of a specific bill you would like to be monitored.



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Bill Status Report

Submission Date/Time: 04-05-2024 - 12:39:27

'24 - DRS Request Bills

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Creates the Oklahoma Access and Achievement Act which provides financial assistance to students with intellectual disabilities pursuing studies through a CTP Program.

Bill History: **3/14/24** – Passed Senate Floor
(Vote: Y: 41/N:0)

3/18/24 – Bill Received in House.

3/25/24 – Heard in House Higher Education & Career Tech. Committee: Unanimously passed.

Ready for presentation on House Floor.

Direct DRS Impact Bills

HB 1407	Culver, Bob Ed(R) Stewart, Jack (F)(R)	Provides for two one-time increases to state employee flexible benefit allowances in 2024 and 2025. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 1570	Stark, Marilyn(R) Bullard, David(R)	Provides that any individual that does not have a disability or is not a trained assistant of someone with a disability, that uses a service animal attempting to gain special treatment shall be subject to being convicted of a misdemeanor. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2027	Wolfley, Max(R) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Exempts the sales of hearing aids from the state sales tax; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2716	Hefner, Ellyn (F)(D) Kirt, Julia(D)	Requires the Dept. of Human Services to report to the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency on payments made to providers for certain services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and plan for serving more individuals; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2722	Hefner, Ellyn (F)(D) Montgomery, John(R)	Requires certain governmental organizations and future contacts to provide or make accessible information about ABLE accounts and programs; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2854	Wallace, Kevin(R) Thompson, Roger(R)	Terminates the state defined contribution plan, transferring participants into the standard Public Employees Retirement System with service credits to be purchased, such changes to be defined as non-fiscal under legislative requirements. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 3167	Kerbs, Dell(R) Hall, Chuck(R)	Creates an Accessibility of Government Services Task Force to study and make recommendations to improve the accessibility of state services; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 03-28-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate General Government

HB 3197	Hilbert, Kyle(R) Jech, Darcy(R)	Provides for an income tax credit on donations to vision research institutes meeting certain standards. Bill History: 03-19-24 S And also Referred to Senate Finance
HB 3238	Lawson, Mark(R) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Establishes standards for the oversight and management of programs of all inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) by the Health Care Authority, directing alignment with certain federal standards. Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Health & Human Services
HB 3317	Bashore, Steve(R) Green, Grant (F)(R)	Requires certain teams conducting investigations into abuse of vulnerable adults or the elderly include a member who has received dementia-specific training. Bill History: 04-04-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Health & Human Services
HB 3328	Roe, Cynthia(R) Stanley, Brenda(R)	Requires criminal history checks from applicants for certain nursing licenses and allows the Board of Nursing to require such checks for the renewal of licenses. Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Health & Human Services
HB 3622	Hill, Brian(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Creates the Oklahoma Enterprise Task Force to make a report on best practices to support infrastructure development; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 04-08-24 S Meeting set for 2:00 p.m., Room 4S.9 - Senate Business & Commerce
HB 3667	Miller, Nicole(R) Gollihare, Todd (F)(R)	Permits courts in guardian and ward cases to compel potential guardians to complete certain training courses before being awarded guardianship. Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Judiciary
HB 3668	Miller, Nicole(R) Rosino, Paul(R)	Sets a statute of limitations on the sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult and adjusts the standards and penalties for Medicaid fraud. Bill History: 04-02-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Judiciary
HB 3793	Hefner, Elynn (F)(D) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Sets an age requirement for residents of standard nursing homes and establishes a secondary license for any such establishments which intend to house persons under the age of eighteen. Bill History: 03-27-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Health & Human Services

HB 3794	Hefner, Ellyn (F)(D) Kirt, Julia(D)	Requires any inpatient and residential-based facilities providing services to disabled children and vulnerable adults to post certain abuse and neglect reporting information in a public area. Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Health & Human Services
HB 3797	Hefner, Ellyn (F)(D) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Includes references to the Protection and Advocacy System in statutes related to the elderly and other vulnerable adults. Bill History: 03-27-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Health & Human Services
HB 3912	Caldwell, Chad(R) Seifried, Ally (F)(R)	Provides for a sales tax exemption on the sale of hearing aid devices; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 03-19-24 S And also Referred to Senate Finance
HB 3930	Deck, Jared (F)(D) Green, Grant (F)(R)	Raises the value of state construction contracts which are exempt from certain bidding requirements from \$10,000 to \$25,000; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate General Government
SB 534	Rosino, Paul(R) West, Tammy(R)	Changes the maximum adjusted gross income to 300 percent of the federal poverty level for the purpose of qualifying for assistance for a child that is severely developmentally disabled; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 G Carried Over
SB 1310	McCortney, Greg(R) Sneed, Chris(R)	Transfers authority over state employee benefits plans from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to the Health Care Authority; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 04-09-24 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 5S.2 - House General Government
SB 1380	Bergstrom, Micheal(R) Lepak, Mark(R)	Directs the Commissioner of Health to update rules governing intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities relating to direct care staff training, qualifications, and ratios. Bill History: 04-09-24 H Meeting set for 1:30 p.m., Room 5S.2 - House Health Services & Long-Term Care
SB 1385	Stanley, Brenda(R) Lawson, Mark(R)	Allows the use of remote technology for certain home and community-based support services and

establishes vetting standards for DHS to perform related background checks.

Bill History: 04-08-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

SB 1430 Hall, Chuck(R)
Wallace, Kevin(R)

Creates a new Central Purchasing Dept. for state government and transfers various powers and duties related to central purchasing from OMES and others to it.

Bill History: 03-25-24 H Referred to House Committee on House Appropriations & Budget

SJR 19 Bergstrom, Micheal(R)

Approves certain proposed permanent rules of various state agencies.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

Disability Oversight Bills

HB 2741 Duel, Collin (F)(R)
Weaver, Darrell(R)

Creates the Oklahoma Elder Exploitation and Abuse Act to protect incapacitated and vulnerable adults via civil action, outlines certain proceedings to halt abuse and neglect.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

HB 3238 Lawson, Mark(R)
Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)

Establishes standards for the oversight and management of programs of all inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) by the Health Care Authority, directing alignment with certain federal standards.

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HB 3794 Hefner, Elyn (F)(D)
Kirt, Julia(D) Requires any inpatient and residential-based facilities providing services to disabled children and vulnerable adults to post certain abuse and neglect reporting information in a public area.

Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Health & Human Services

HB 3797 Hefner, Elyn (F)(D)
Garvin, Jessica (F)(R) Includes references to the Protection and Advocacy System in statutes related to the elderly and other vulnerable adults.

Bill History: 03-27-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Health & Human Services

SB 1709 Rosino, Paul(R)
Echols, Jon(R) Transfers the Office of Client Advocacy and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman from the Dept. of Human Services to the Dept. of Health.

Bill History: 03-25-24 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules

Education Bills

HB 1028 Talley, John(R)
Rader, Dave(R) Prohibits school district personnel from using corporal punishment on any student with significant cognitive disabilities as identified by the Dept. of Education.

Bill History: 02-08-24 S Senator Floyd removed as sponsor, replaced by Senator Rader

HB 1035 Rosecrants, Jacob(D)
Pemberton, Dewayne(R) Provides exemptions for school absence requirements to students missing class for mental health assessments and therapy sessions; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

HB 1081 Rosecrants, Jacob(D)
Garvin, Jessica (F)(R) Creates the Right to Recess Act which requires schools to incorporate physical activity into school days and directs teachers to minimize the reduction in play for disciplinary reasons; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Education

HB 1277	McCall, Charles(R)	Provides for a 2% cost of living adjustment to benefits of various state retirement systems, with greater benefits available for participants whose systems are funded above the 80% threshold. Bill History: 03-18-24 S Received in the Senate
HB 1424	Vancuren, Mark(R) Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)	Creates an Education Employee Assistance Program within the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to provide mental health services support to school district employees and their families; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 1426	Vancuren, Mark(R) Stanley, Brenda(R)	Protects accumulated teacher sick leave from being lost due to any break in employment and ensures it is transferrable; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 1936	McCall, Charles(R) Pugh, Adam(R)	Requires teachers that complete certain competency exams to be reimbursed for the cost of the exam by their school district, adjusts requirements of mentor teachers receiving stipends; EMERGENCY Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
HB 2009	Davis, Dean(R) Stephens, Blake (F)(R)	Adjusts class size specific provisions relating to state funding for school districts and provides for a stipend for teachers responsible for classes over the size limit; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 04-02-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Appropriations
HB 2139	McDugle, Kevin(R) Bullard, David(R)	Permits authorized school personnel possessing handgun licenses to carry firearms onto school property; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2162	Lowe, Dick(R) Pemberton, Dewayne(R)	Adds ten additional years to the top end of the certified school employee salary schedule, commensurate with experience of up to 35 years; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over
HB 2320	Hilbert, Kyle(R) McCortney, Greg(R)	Removes certain limitations on teachers accessing monthly retirement benefits when reemployed by another public school after retirement; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-03-24 S And also Referred to Senate Appropriations

HB 2528 Lepak, Mark(R)
Garvin, Jessica (F)(R) Modifies school employee applications to the Teachers' Retirement System, adjusts membership requirements, benefits, options, and repeals provisions relating to prior service credits and unclassified positions heading the System; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

HB 2555 McBride, Mark(R)
Thompson, Roger(R) Creates the Critical Industries Scholarship Program to institute a four-year pilot program to encourage high school graduates to pursue post-secondary education in critical economic growth areas; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

HB 2558 McBride, Mark(R)
Pugh, Adam(R) Provides an annual salary bonus and test expenses reimbursement for certain teachers holding National Board Certification; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

HB 2562 McBride, Mark(R)
Murdock, Casey(R) Increases the membership of the Board of Education to include appointees by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Education

HB 2672 Baker, Rhonda(R)
Pugh, Adam(R) Makes an appropriation to the Dept. of Education for teacher and support staff pay increases, raises the teacher minimum salary schedule and directs the establishment of a qualitative bonus pay program for school staff; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

HB 2673 Baker, Rhonda(R)
Pugh, Adam(R) Authorizes the Dept. of Education to distribute funds to certain schools to pay for teacher salary increases; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 03-18-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

HB 2676 Baker, Rhonda(R)
Thompson, Roger(R) Modifies several requirements for individualized programs of professional development of the School District Empowerment Program and allows

local school district boards to adopt alternative evaluation programs and schedules; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

HB 3274 Baker, Rhonda(R)
Pugh, Adam(R) Adds additional optional modules to the statewide student assessment system designed to test college and career-readiness as well as the military ASVAB test; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-02-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Education

HB 3278 Baker, Rhonda(R)
Pugh, Adam(R) Adjusts high school graduation requirements to provide flexibility for student individual career pathways; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 03-27-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Education

HB 3386 McCall, Charles(R)
Treat, Greg(R) Requires schools to accept transfer students from within the same school district unless at capacity, publish anticipated limits on total yearly transfers, and creates related appeal process for students with disabilities; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-02-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Education

HB 3510 Johns, Ronny(R)
Rader, Dave(R) Adjusts calculations for total student graduation rate and removes references to chronic absenteeism in certain school site reporting systems.

Bill History: 04-02-24 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Education

HB 3952 Blancett, Meloyde(D) Adds requirements for an audiologist and a vision expert to the Literacy Instruction Team.

Bill History: 02-20-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Common Education

HB 3974 Echols, Jon(R)
Daniels, Julie(R) Expands a tax credit on contributions to scholarship-granting organizations to include contributions to the educational infrastructure funds of schools.

Bill History: 03-26-24 S Not heard in committee Senate Education

HB 4015 McBride, Mark(R)
Stanley, Brenda(R) Directs the Dept. of Education to develop and implement a program to assist school personnel

with threat detection and early intervention to reduce violence and deescalate potential incidents.

Bill History: 03-19-24 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Education

HB 4016 McBride, Mark(R)
Stanley, Brenda(R)

Creates the School Safety Training Program Revolving Fund to develop crisis management solutions in schools.

Bill History: 03-19-24 S And also Referred to Senate Appropriations

SB 39 Stanley, Brenda(R)
Vancuren, Mark(R)

Includes school support employees under provisions which protect school personnel from punitive actions when reporting or disclosing information they reasonably believe relate to a violation of law or constitutional rights; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 99 Daniels, Julie(R)
Lepak, Mark(R)

Establishes certain notice requirements for school employees authorizing payroll deductions for professional organizations and requires annual reauthorization.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 244 Seifried, Ally (F)(R)
Martinez, Ryan(R)

Adjusts the timing on elections and filing windows for school boards of education, establishing such elections in November and August rather than April.

Bill History: 03-25-24 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules

SB 332 Dossett, Jo Anna (F)(D)
Vancuren, Mark(R)

Adjusts the definition of a career teacher to include those who have taught for the requisite amount of time but across several different districts; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 358 Daniels, Julie(R)
Echols, Jon(R)

Removes requirement that recipients of the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program spend the year prior enrolled in a public school and exempts certain students from other eligibility requirements.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 359 Pugh, Adam(R)
Lowe, Dick(R)

Removes consideration of protested ad valorem tax revenue when calculating the Foundation Program Income and Salary Incentive Aid, further

requires the Dept. of Education to include said protested revenue in its annual budget request.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 362 Pugh, Adam(R)
Baker, Rhonda(R)

Removes certain exemptions for teachers and prospective teachers from submitting to criminal background checks, both state and national, when applying to new positions both in and out of their current school district; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 364 Pugh, Adam(R)
Baker, Rhonda(R)

Provides that certain school employees shall be eligible for eight weeks of paid maternity leave upon childbirth, to expire after twelve months of childbirth, in addition to existing sick and pregnancy leave; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 428 Montgomery, John(R)
Wallace, Kevin(R)

Directs public school districts to develop and implement security alert and response systems; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 482 Pugh, Adam(R)
McBride, Mark(R)

Adds ten additional years to the top end of the certified school employee salary schedule, commensurate with experience of up to 35 years; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 489 Thompson, Roger(R)
Hilbert, Kyle(R)

Makes an appropriation to the Public Common School Building Equalization Fund from the Medical Marijuana Authority Fund for redbud school grants; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 522 Pugh, Adam(R)
Baker, Rhonda(R)

Requires the State Board of Education to allocate funds to school districts for mentor teachers providing guidance and support to a new teacher; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 525 Pugh, Adam(R)
Hasenbeck, Toni(R)

Requires teachers that successfully complete certain competency exams to be reimbursed for the cost of the exam by their employing school district; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over

SB 526	Pugh, Adam(R) Echols, Jon(R)	Removes provisions relating to the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System and related incentive pay plans; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 527	Pugh, Adam(R) Martinez, Ryan(R)	Provides the definition of an English learner, adjusts the school funding formula's factor for transportation and adjusts weights for certain student categories and grade levels; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 528	Pugh, Adam(R) Davis, Dean(R)	Creates the Early Childhood Literacy Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the teaching of literacy to students in early childhood and elementary grade levels; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 926	Jett, Shane (F)(R) Vancuren, Mark(R)	Places certain maximum limitations on credits for salary increments and retirement that teachers may be granted based on military service history; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 11-17-23 H Carried Over
SB 1256	Pugh, Adam(R) Baker, Rhonda(R)	Sets fixed pay increases for certain teacher certifications paid from the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund and removes requirement that school districts match those pay increases; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 04-01-24 H Returned to full committee House Appropriations & Budget
SB 1257	Pugh, Adam(R) Lowe, Dick(R)	Removes penalties against State Aid to school districts based upon carryover in the general fund of a district; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 04-08-24 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 450 - House A&B Sub: Education
SB 1258	Pugh, Adam(R) McBride, Mark(R)	Removes requirement that capital expenditures by school districts paid from the district's general fund be approved by the State Board of Ed. or State Board of Career and Technology Ed.; EMERGENCY. Bill History: 03-26-24 H Sent to subcommittee House A&B Sub: Education
SB 1307	Stanley, Brenda(R) Moore, Anthony(R)	Removes state assessment and certain testing requirements upon adult students pursuing a high

school diploma or similar completion program;
EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-09-24 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 206
- House Common Education

SB 1319 Seifried, Ally (F)(R)
Newton, Carl(R)

Creates a Public School Vision Screening
Modernization Fund for the Dept. of Health to
provide grants and collect data to improve vision
screening equipment and processes in public
schools; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-08-24 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room
4S.5 - House A&B Sub: Health

SB 1513 Daniels, Julie(R)
Hasenbeck, Toni(R)

Prohibits school districts from requiring employees
to participate in certain union-related activities or
distributing informational materials, as well as
from allowing teacher unions to access school
facilities or equipment; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-02-24 H Not heard in committee House Rules

SB 1520 Pemberton, Dewayne(R)
Hays, Neil (F)(R)

Raises the various limits on allowed earnings for
members of the Teachers' Retirement System
when calculating retirement benefits;
EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 03-25-24 H Referred to House Committee on
House Rules

SB 1768 Thompson, Kristen (F)(R)
Baker, Rhonda(R)

Creates certain requirements upon virtual
instruction days for schools and requires schools
that take emergency virtual days submit decisions
to the Dept. of Education for audit and review;
EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-09-24 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 206
- House Common Education

SB 1895 Thompson, Kristen (F)(R)
Lowe, Dick(R)

Allows virtual schools and charter schools to
participate in the statewide alternative education
program under certain standards and allows
existing alternative education programs to include
a hybrid or virtual component; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-08-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

SB 1904 Pugh, Adam(R)
Stinson, Preston(R)

Sets standards and requirements for statewide
virtual charter schools to administer certain
required assessments in a virtual setting;
EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-09-24 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 206
- House Common Education

SB 1906 Pugh, Adam(R)
 Baker, Rhonda(R) Renames the Reading Sufficiency Act to the Strong Readers Act, creates the Statewide Literacy Revolving Fund, and thoroughly modifies various related provisions, standards and priorities; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-08-24 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 450
- House A&B Sub: Education

General Government Bills

[HB 1391](#) [Cantrell, Josh \(F\)\(R\)](#)
 [Alvord, Jerry \(F\)\(R\)](#) Reduces the period prohibiting retired state employees from returning to work from one year to six months, as it relates to certain retirement benefits and the employee's enrollment in the Public Employees Retirement System; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 04-03-24 S Not heard in committee Senate Appropriations

[HB 2376](#) [Kannady, Chris\(R\)](#)
 [Hall, Chuck\(R\)](#) Adjusts provisions related to state employee benefits, providing a maximum of 640 hours of carryover leave and clarifying services which qualify for inclusion in benefits calculations; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

[HB 2777](#) [McCall, Charles\(R\)](#)
 [Treat, Greg\(R\)](#) Creates the Oklahoma Public Finance Protection Act which sets certain limitations and standards on the authority of fiduciaries for state government funds.

Bill History: 11-17-23 S Carried Over

[SB 1264](#) [Stanley, Brenda\(R\)](#)
 [Miller, Nicole\(R\)](#) Requires state health benefit plans, including the OK Employees Insurance Plan, include coverage for certain genetic testing and screening for cancer.

Bill History: 04-01-24 H Returned to full committee House Appropriations & Budget

SB 1399	Hall, Chuck(R) McBride, Mark(R)	Creates the Oklahoma Long-Range Capital Planning Legacy Fund and related Commission, requires the State Treasurer to appoint investment managers, and creates an annual apportionment to the fund and an appropriation; EMERGENCY.
		Bill History: 03-25-24 H Referred to House Committee on House Appropriations & Budget
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SB 1525	Gollihare, Todd (F)(R) Lawson, Mark(R)	Adjusts membership requirements for an advisory committee to the Director of Human Services on matters relating to persons with developmental disabilities.
		Bill History: 04-08-24 H Set on the House Floor Agenda
SB 1856	Stewart, Jack (F)(R) Osburn, Mike(R)	Allows a low performance evaluation to be used as a factor in deciding certain reduction-in-force implementation plans for state employees.
		Bill History: 03-26-24 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House General Government

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Proposed Internal Policy Amendments Report

Summary of DRS Internal Policy Amendments

Chapter 3. Management Services Division

Subchapter 3. Human Resources Unit

Part 3. Department of Rehabilitation Services – Promotion and Compensation Plan

DRS:3-3-31. Skill-based pay [NEW] = new policy provides instruction for DRS skill-based pay. Skill-based pay requests must be approved by the Director and includes: description of training or education required, explanation of how skill-based pay benefits the agency, proposed salary adjustment, job profile the program applies, and other information that assists in evaluating. Pay adjustments are provided as a differential over and above an employee's base pay, with payments beginning after submission of documentation verifying the credential. Differentials shall be limited to 5% of employee's monthly salary. Multiple skill-based pay differentials may be received as long as the combined total of all skill-based differentials does not exceed 15%. Skill-based pay differentials shall not be included in the base salary and shall be paid only during the period the employee occupies the position the skill is applicable.

1 **DRS:3-3-31. Skill-based pay [NEW]**

2 (a) **Purpose and considerations.** Skill-based pay programs are intended to reward
3 the acquisition or possession of additional skills and abilities which can be applied to the
4 work to be performed and which will increase the value of the employee to the agency.

5 (b) **Skill-based pay plans.** Requests to establish skill-based pay programs must be
6 approved by the DRS Director and shall include a plan which contains the following:

7 (1) complete description of the training or education required,

8 (2) an explanation of how the skill-based pay program will benefit the agency,

9 (3) the proposed salary adjustment,

10 (4) the job profile or profiles which the program will apply, and

11 (5) any other information that will assist in evaluating the request.

12 (c) **Form and timing of pay adjustments.** Skill-based pay adjustments shall be
13 provided as a differential over and above an employee's base pay, and payment shall
14 begin after submission of documentation verifying the awarding of the certificate,
15 license, diploma, or other appropriate credential.

16 (d) **Limitations.** Differentials shall be limited to 5% of an employee's monthly salary.
17 An employee may receive multiple skill-based pay differentials so long as the combined
18 total of all skill-based pay differentials does not exceed 15%. All eligible employees of
19 an agency in jobs affected by a skill-based pay adjustment shall be given uniform
20 treatment. A skill-based differential will not be awarded for possession of a certification
21 or licensure which provides or enhances the same skills or abilities as another
22 certification for which the employee is currently receiving a differential.

23 (e) **Discontinuance.** Skill-based pay differentials shall not be included in the
24 employee's base salary and shall be paid only as long as the employee occupies a
25 position to which the skill is applicable in accordance with the skill-based pay plan.



Chief Financial Officer's Report

Department of Rehabilitation Services Financial Status Report FY 24

As of February 29, 2024

All Programs Agency Summary						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	96,935,137.00	52.4%	54,750,957.17	56.5%	41,322,806.22	99.1%
Travel	1,293,450.00	0.7%	722,546.44	55.9%	47,078.71	59.5%
General Operating	29,446,113.00	15.9%	9,455,243.56	32.1%	9,545,094.03	64.5%
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,662,168.50	0.9%	581,888.20	35.0%	93,185.63	40.6%
Client / General Assistance	44,345,862.00	24.0%	16,987,789.98	38.3%	23,315,096.28	90.9%
Indirect Cost	11,270,854.00	6.1%	6,659,524.82	59.1%	4,611,329.18	100.0%
Total	184,953,584.50	100.0%	89,157,950.17	48.2%	78,934,590.05	90.9%

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All Programs						
Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	30,477,753.00	36.7%	16,234,111.55	53.3%	13,835,091.80	98.7%
Travel	882,950.00	1.1%	528,695.15	59.9%	664.56	60.0%
General Operating	10,004,704.00	12.1%	4,514,526.77	45.1%	4,506,268.07	90.2%
Office Furniture & Equipment	736,508.00	0.9%	316,840.75	43.0%	50,102.60	49.8%
Client / General Assistance	36,371,862.00	43.9%	12,253,315.86	33.7%	20,321,454.50	89.6%
Indirect Cost	4,471,299.00	5.4%	2,556,974.77	57.2%	1,914,324.23	100.0%
Total	82,945,076.00	100.0%	36,404,464.85	43.9%	40,627,905.76	92.9%
<i>Vocational Rehabilitation Grant</i>						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	27,758,218.00	35.5%	14,608,951.27	52.6%	12,756,890.50	98.6%
Travel	864,000.00	1.1%	515,323.14	59.6%	664.56	59.7%
General Operating	9,263,446.00	11.8%	4,250,431.97	45.9%	4,175,883.61	91.0%
Office Furniture & Equipment	543,960.00	0.7%	179,821.34	33.1%	50,102.60	42.3%
Client / General Assistance	35,655,667.00	45.6%	11,986,510.45	33.6%	19,981,629.54	89.7%
Indirect Cost	4,160,619.00	5.3%	2,360,049.14	56.7%	1,800,569.86	100.0%
Total	78,245,910.00	100.0%	33,901,087.31	43.3%	38,765,740.67	92.9%

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All Programs						
Oklahoma School for the Blind						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	7,437,421.00	72.1%	4,719,836.74	63.5%	2,683,841.96	99.5%
Travel	107,000.00	1.0%	40,509.62	37.9%	0.00	37.9%
General Operating	1,628,187.00	15.8%	702,604.77	43.2%	652,784.27	83.2%
Office Furniture & Equipment	285,127.00	2.8%	188,455.18	66.1%	32,589.03	77.5%
Client / General Assistance	76,000.00	0.7%	21,764.07	28.6%	0.00	28.6%
Indirect Cost	784,440.00	7.6%	511,473.19	65.2%	272,966.81	100.0%
Total	10,318,175.00	100.0%	6,184,643.57	59.9%	3,642,182.07	95.2%

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All Programs						
Oklahoma School for the Deaf						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	9,200,943.00	41.8%	4,988,817.34	54.2%	4,172,642.79	99.6%
Travel	133,000.00	0.6%	89,880.37	67.6%	17,940.90	81.1%
General Operating	10,646,767.00	48.4%	1,057,532.14	9.9%	1,178,047.43	21.0%
Office Furniture & Equipment	558,322.50	2.5%	64,236.35	11.5%	0.00	11.5%
Client / General Assistance	448,000.00	2.0%	107,927.33	24.1%	148,424.50	57.2%
Indirect Cost	1,007,110.00	4.6%	595,033.93	59.1%	412,076.07	100.0%
Total	21,994,142.50	100.0%	6,903,427.46	31.4%	5,929,131.69	58.3%

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All Programs						
Disability Determination Division						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	41,243,263.00	71.1%	23,774,206.03	57.6%	17,269,630.68	99.5%
Travel	94,300.00	0.2%	25,208.93	26.7%	28,473.25	56.9%
General Operating	4,177,654.00	7.2%	1,981,134.40	47.4%	1,908,867.84	93.1%
Office Furniture & Equipment	34,213.00	0.1%	2,400.62	7.0%	0.00	7.0%
Client / General Assistance	7,450,000.00	12.8%	4,604,782.72	61.8%	2,845,217.28	100.0%
Indirect Cost	5,000,570.00	8.6%	2,992,183.24	59.8%	2,008,386.76	100.0%
Total	58,000,000.00	100.0%	33,379,915.94	57.6%	24,060,575.81	99.0%

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All Programs						
DRS Support Services						
	Budget	% of Total Budget	Expenditures	% Expended	Encumbrances	% Used
Personnel	8,575,757.00	73.3%	5,033,985.51	58.7%	3,361,598.99	97.9%
Travel	76,200.00	0.7%	38,252.37	50.2%	0.00	50.2%
General Operating	2,988,801.00	25.6%	1,199,445.48	40.1%	1,299,126.42	83.6%
Office Furniture & Equipment	47,998.00	0.4%	9,955.30	20.7%	10,494.00	42.6%
Client / General Assistance	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.0%
Indirect Cost	7,435.00	0.1%	3,859.69	51.9%	3,575.31	100.0%
Total	11,696,191.00	100.0%	6,285,498.35	53.7%	4,674,794.72	93.7%

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Personnel

Salary Expense

Insurance Premium -Health-Life, etc

FICA-Retirement Contributions

Travel

Travel - Agency Direct

Travel - Reimbursements

General Operating

AFP Encumbrances

Bond Indebtness and Expenses

Buildings-Purchase, Construction and Renovation

General Operating

Inter/Intre Agency Payment for Personal Services

Maintenance & Repair

Miscellaneous Administration Fee

Professional Services

Production, Safety, Security

Refunds, Indemnities, Restitution

Rent Expense

Scholarships, Tuition and Other Incentive-Type Payments

Shop Expense

Specialized Supplies & Materials

Office Furniture & Equipment

Library Equipment & Resources

Office Furniture & Equipment

Client / General Assistance

Social Service and Assistance Payments

Indirect Cost



Communications Report

DRS COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

The Communications Team completed these projects in Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (10/01/22-09/30/23).

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS	QUANTITY PRODUCED
	FFY 2023
Media Releases/Publicity/Campaigns	133
Publications/Graphics	85
Oklahoma News Target	246
Social Media	919
Special Projects	117
Videos/PSAs	15
Inquiries	7,365
Website	119
Mass Communications	89
Photo Portraits	14

The Communication Team members are:

Brett Freeman, Customer Service Representative

Jody Harlan, Communications Director

Brett Jones, Communications Officer III

Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant

Rachel McLemore, Communications Officer II

Dana Tallon, Communications Manager II



Human Resources Report

PERSONNEL ACTIVITY REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

FILLED AND VACANT POSITIONS

Personnel Activity = 6 vacant positions filled / 64 positions in Announcement or Selection Process

Division	Title/PIN	Date Vacated	Location	Begin date	End date	Ann. #	Action/Incumbent	Date Filled
EXEC	Executive Administrative Asst / P105493	05/01/2024	EXEC	03/25/2024	Continuous	24-070	Currently Open	
FSD	Budget Analyst / 0983	04/13/2022	FSD	03/29/2024	Continuous	24-077	Currently Open	
FSD	Accountant / 1063	08/31/2023	FSD	02/09/2024	02/29/2024	24-060	In Selection Process	
OSB	Teacher (K-12 Physical Ed) / 0425		OSB	03/29/2024	Continuous	24-073	Currently Open	
OSB	School Transition Coordinator / 1089		OSB	03/26/2024	04/01/2024	24-067	Currently Open	
OSB	Transportation Officer/Student Aide / 1084	01/08/2024	OSB	02/09/2024	Continuous	24-061	Currently Open	
OSB	Construction/Maintenance Technician / 0819	02/01/2024	OSB	02/13/2024	Continuous	24-063	Currently Open	
OSB	Principal / 0537	08/01/2024	OSB	02/29/2024	Continuous	24-065	Currently Open	
OSB	Construction/Maintenance Technician / 0256	12/01/2023	OSB	01/12/2024	Continuous	24-054	Currently Open	
OSB	Direct Care Specialist / 0552, 0844, 0610, 0378	01/09/2024 07/01/2015 02/29/2024 04/01/2024	OSB	01/17/2024	Continuous	24-057	Samantha Larkin Lynzi Smith	03/04/2024 03/11/2024
OSB	Independent Living Instructor / 0164	10/19/2023	OSB	11/15/2023	Continuous	24-040	Currently Open	
OSB	School Psychologist, 2045 / 0463	07/31/2023	OSB	10/26/2023	Continuous	23-095	Currently Open	
OSD	Administrative Assistant / 0172	03/04/2024	OSD	03/01/2024	Continuous	24-066	Currently Open	
OSD	Construction/Maintenance Technician / 0245	02/01/2024	OSD	03/11/2024	Continuous	24-068	Currently Open	
OSD	Food Service Specialist / 0655							
OSD	Teaching Assistant / 0648	11/01/2023	OSD	01/11/2024	Continuous	24-038	Currently Open	
OSD	Housekeeping/Custodial Worker / 0542	01/09/2024	OSD	01/17/2024	Continuous	24-058	Currently Open	
OSD	Construction Maintenance Technician / 0190	11/30/2023	OSD	12/07/2023	Continuous	24-042	Steven O'Neal	03/11/2024
OSD	Director of Outreach and Accessibilities, 4966 / P104791	New PIN	OSD	08/07/2023	Continuous	24-017	Currently Open	
OSD	Teacher, 2083 / 0050	07/31/2023	OSD	08/16/2023	Continuous	24-022	Currently Open	
OSD	Sign Language Specialist, 2308 / 1090	07/20/2023	OSD	08/17/2023	Continuous	24-023	Currently Open	

OSD	Principal, 1854 / 0081	02/01/2010	OSD	09/06/2023	Continuous	23-082	Currently Open
OSD	Direct Care Specialist / 0578, 0824, 0620, 0642, 0803	08/19/2021 10/22/2012 01/01/2024 03/10/2024 03/07/2024	OSD	10/24/2023	Continuous	23-032	Shane Nevins 03/04/2024
OSD	Teacher, 2083 / 0022, 0569, 0890, 0871	07/31/2023 04/30/2020 08/01/2021 08/01/2024	OSD	10/04/2023	Continuous	23-079	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0044	02/28/2024	VR67 – Tulsa	03/21/2024	Continuous	24-074	
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0087	02/05/2024	VR45 – Tulsa	02/07/2024	Continuous	24-062	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0821	02/11/2024	VR13 – McAlester	02/12/2024	Continuous	24-064	Currently Open
VR	Secretary / 1065	01/31/2024	VR Admin – OKC	01/04/2024	Continuous	24-051	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0021	11/06/2023	VR67 – Tulsa	01/04/2024	Continuous	24-052	Currently Open
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0071	02/01/2024	VR86 – Ada	01/12/2024	Continuous	24-056	Lori Hurst 03/04/2024
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0949	12/18/2023	VR22 – Norman	12/08/2023	Continuous	24-043	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0710	12/14/2023	VR12 – Lawton	12/05/2023	Continuous	24-044	Currently Open
VR	Business Services Liaison / 0814	07/22/2022	VR86 – Ada	12/04/2023	12/18/2023	24-045	In Selection Process
VR	Job Placement Specialist / 0925	05/31/2023	VR47 – OKC	12/04/2023	12/18/2023	24-046	In Selection Process
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0659	02/28/2023	VR38 – Okmulgee	12/19/2023	Continuous	24-048	Currently Open
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0553	10/24/2023	VR80 – Tulsa	11/20/2023	Continuous	24-041	Currently Open
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0577	08/07/2023	VR63 – Alva	09/22/2023	Continuous	24-032	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 1190	06/09/2023	VR08 – Enid	06/05/2023	Continuous	23-096	Currently Open
VR	Programs Field Representative / 1195	11/21/2022	TBD	09/13/2023	Continuous	23-098	Currently Open
VR	Behavioral Health Clinician / 0467	04/14/2023	VR23 – OKC	10/27/2023	Continuous	23-083	Currently Open
VR	Rehabilitation Technician / 0079	04/13/2023	VR23 – OKC	10/27/2023	Continuous	23-085	Connie Coombs 03/11/2024

VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0646	08/01/2022	VR41 – Ponca City	01/24/2024	Continuous	23-038	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0948	11/08/2022	VR05 – Weatherford	03/20/2024	Continuous	23-040	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0776	07/15/2022	VR86 – Ada	10/17/2023	Continuous	23-021	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0073	06/20/2022	VR13 – McAlester	09/26/2023	Continuous	23-003	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0904	06/17/2022	VR80 – Tulsa	07/20/2022	Continuous	23-008	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0793	07/26/2022	VR05 – Weatherford	03/19/2024	Continuous	22-105	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0752, 0955	11/01/2021 10/31/2022	VR80 – Tulsa	11/03/2022	Continuous	23-037	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0567	09/01/2020	VR67 – Tulsa	12/22/2020	Continuous	21-028.1	Currently Open
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0627	07/08/2020	VR18 – Muskogee	08/18/2021	Continuous	21-007.2	Currently Open
SBVI	Administrative Assistant / 0395	02/16/2024	SBVI33 – OKC	03/15/2024	Continuous	24-071	Currently Open
SBVI	Rehabilitation of the Blind Specialist / 0679	04/01/2024	SBVI90 – OKC	03/20/2024	Continuous	24-072	Currently Open
SBVI	Assistive Technology Trainer / 0654	01/03/2023	TBD	03/25/2024	Continuous	24-075	Currently Open
SBVI	Rehabilitation Technician / 0760	04/15/2024	SBVI90 – OKC	03/29/2024	Continuous	24-079	Currently Open
SBVI	Rehabilitation Technician / 0711	12/01/2023	SBVI64 – Tulsa	01/02/2024	Continuous	24-050	Currently Open
SBVI	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 1033	12/15/2023	SBVI73 – OKC	01/24/2024	Continuous	24-059	Currently Open
SBVI	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0094	05/08/2023	SBVI59 – Enid	10/10/2023	Continuous	23-084	Currently Open
SBVI	Assistive Technology Specialist / 0091	07/01/2020	SBVI – TBD	02/02/2024	Continuous	22-066	Currently Open
SBVI	Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist / 0669	05/29/2021	SBVI 69 – Weatherford	10/09/2023	Continuous	21-080.5	Currently Open

DISCHARGES/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS = 5

As of March 31, 2024

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (Executive/MSD/FSD)

Resignation = 1

1 = 5 years 10 months

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Resignation = 1

1 = 6 years 3 months

SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED DIVISION

Trial Period Discharge = 1

1 = 9 months

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Resignation = 1

1 = 18 years 6 months

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Trial Period Discharge = 1

1 = 1 month

DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES

CURRENT FTE STATUS FY 2024

FTE as of March 31, 2024

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>BUDGETED FTE</u>	<u>FILLED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>	<u>EXEMPT FTE</u>	<u>TOTAL FILLED PLUS PENDING MINUS EXEMPT FTE</u>
Support Services (Executive/MSD/FSD)	77.8	72.00	3.00	0.00	75.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	229.0	194.00	25.00	(1.00)	218.00
Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired VR/SBVI-DP	108.0	93.00	9.00	(2.00)	100.00
Oklahoma School for the Blind	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Oklahoma School for the Deaf	100.0	95.00	10.00	0.00	105.00
	129.0	112.00	17.00	(1.00)	128.00
Total (NON-EXEMPT)	646.8	569.00	64.00	(4.00)	629.00
Disability Determination Services (EXEMPT)	350.0	321.00	0.00	(321.00)	321.00
TOTAL NON-EXEMPT & EXEMPT	996.8	890.00	64.00	(325.00)	950.00

FY 24 Budgetary Limit = 1255

*** Authorized agency FTE limit does not include Executive Fellow and SWIP appointments**

ROUTING TO: Melinda Fruendt, Director
 Kevin Statham, Chief Financial Officer
 Randy Weaver, Chief of Operations
 Tom Patt, Human Resources Program Director
 Dana Tallon, Public Information Manager II
 Kathleen Arrieta, Executive Assistant
 Brett Jones, Public Information Officer III



Commission Minutes

February 14, 2024

**Oklahoma Commission for Rehabilitation Services
Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
In-Person and Videoconferencing
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Commissioner Hilliard with a quorum present.

PRESENT

Wes Hilliard, Commission Acting Chair
Theresa Flannery, Commission Member
Dr. Janet Barresi, Commission Member

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Commission Assistant Kathleen Arrieta confirmed the Commission for Rehabilitation Services follows the Open Meetings Act.

PRESENTATION OF LONGEVITY CERTIFICATES

Commissioner Hilliard presented a longevity award to Marqueta Culver, who has worked 30 years at the Oklahoma School for the Blind.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Fruendt introduced Secretary Dr. Deborah Shropshire, the Director of Dept of Human Services. She thanked Secretary Shropshire for her constant and continued support of DRS.

Report highlights:

- The Christmas programs at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and the Oklahoma School for the Blind were both outstanding, and Director Fruendt encouraged others to attend the plays next year.
- Attended DRS's Senate Pre-Budget Hearings along with Jennifer Hardin, Kevin Statham, Senator Garvin and Representative Lawson.
- Met with the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) regarding Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI) programs. Over the summer, DRS had a monitoring completed, focusing mainly on financials, and recently received the draft Monitoring Report. DRS has been in conversations with the RSA and DRS, and some of the changes are reflected in the Administrative Rules process under Employment Support Services. DRS is in the process of responding to the draft Monitoring Report.
- Attended the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency (LOFT) meeting, along with Jennifer Hardin and Stephanie Roe, at the State Capitol to hear the reports on the workforce and budget outlook.

- The AWARE (Accessible Web-Based Activity Reporting Environment) Team collaborated with the Financial Services Division staff to furnish data for end-of-quarter and end-of-year financials and is also testing a new version of AWARE.
- The Quality Assurance Review Specialists attended a webinar about including Pre-ETS in the quality assurance case file review process, and how to utilize the results to help identify program performance and Pre-ETS trends for strategic planning. The team continues to work with field staff on case audits and closed cases.
- The Program Standard Statistical Research Group is training in Power Bi, the new platform which DRS is moving to for data.

After Director Fruendt completed her report, Commissioner Flannery asked if the Pre-ETS portal and Transition Services might improve the online portal for adults for self-referral. Director Fruendt answered that those are two different, distinct portals, and also noted that the Pre-ETS portal and Transition Services portals were delayed over the summer due to staff changes at Oklahoma University, who contracted with University of Missouri to develop the portal. DRS is in conversations with the University of Missouri team and the portal is moving forward. Commissioner Flannery asked that a definition of the portals be given at the next meeting.

SUCCESS STORY

Sandra Evans, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist and Will Lambley

Ms. Sandra Evans introduced Mr. Lambly, who spoke about becoming blind in high school due to Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy. He then engaged with DRS Transition Services, where he learned to live independently and use assistive technology so that he could go to college. He's now set to graduate in May 2025, and has a podcast "Rise Above."

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jennifer Hardin, Legislative Liaison

- As of 2/14/24 there are 4,778 bills, with 2245 bills rolled over from the '23 session.
- SB 154, a carry-over bill from the '23 session, provides an exception for the Braille reading and ASL students from the Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA) because the current RSA testing methods don't address an infrastructure that would ensure equity practices for hearing and visually impaired.
- SB 1330 creates the Oklahoma Opportunity Scholarship Act which provides financial assistance to students with intellectual disabilities (these students are currently not included in the existing scholarship program language) pursuing studies through a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) program. This is expected to pass unanimously.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Kevin Statham, CFO

Financial Status Reports for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

- Financial Status Report FY 23 – As of December 31, 2023 the agency had spent \$128M of the \$168M budget, with remaining encumbrances of \$6.8M.
- Financial Status Report FY 24 – As of December 31, 2023 the agency had spent \$64.2M of the \$184.8M budget, with remaining encumbrances of \$102.5M.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (VR) REPORT

Mark Kinnison, Division Administrator and Yasmin Avila Guillen, Business Services Coordinator

VR Report highlights:

- Federal Performance year totals for 2023 were final on September 30, 2023. The totals for VR/SBVI are 4,262 applications, 2,212 plans for employment and 1,071 employment outcomes.
- VR/SBVI staff attended the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) conference in October. The conference presented 2022 performance measures, and the VR/SBVI divisions compared favorably to the national averages. DRS is 2nd in the nation regarding the measurable skill gain rates, with a 75.1% credential attainment rate.
- The VR/SBVI programs saw 283 individuals earn wages high enough to go off Social Security Income and Social Security Disability Income. DRS is one of the national leaders in this area.
- Priority Group Update: Priority group 1 is open. Priority groups 2 and 3 are closed. On 2/7/24, 202 individuals were released from Priority Group II. As of 2/14/24, the agency has 940 individuals on the Priority Group II waitlist, and 227 on the Priority Group III waitlist, which leaves 1167 individuals on the waitlist.
- Portal Update: So far, 192 applications have been taken on 750 total individuals who self-referred. Three hundred and seventy-four (374) applications have been closed without a case being taken. One hundred and eighty-four (184) applications are still active or pending.

Commissioner Flannery asked if DRS had tracked the measurable skills gain rate data long enough to see if the data shows higher wages and full-time employment. Mr. Kinnison answered that there is 5 years of data and the wages have increased every year. Employment has also increased, and Mr. Kinnison will provide more data after the CSAVR conference in April. Commissioner Barresi asked for a definition of the Priority Groups and the Portals.

2023 Business Services Program (BSP) Report highlights:

- Partnered with Mercy Hospital to host an event focusing on occupations in healthcare.
- Initiated partnerships to boost job opportunities with Langston University, Randstand International, CVS, Ditch Witch, and Mercy Hospitals.

- The BSP team attended several trainings and events including Oklahoma Human Resources State Council (OKHR); OKC Chamber of Commerce, Claremore Chamber of Commerce, Green County Business Advisory Council (BAC), and Employers in Action, a coalition of HR and employment professionals led by The State Chamber.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Tom Patt, HR Director

- Personnel Activity report as of January 31, 2024: 22 vacant positions were filled; 57 positions are open.
- Current Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status – There are currently 949 FTE positions.

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL REPORT

Kevin Nelson, Attorney, SILC

SILC is seeking legislation through the Attorney General’s office to resolve ongoing issues with the Open Meetings Act. Currently there are no provisions for accommodations for board members with disabilities to attend meetings virtually (as an accommodation), which makes achieving quorum difficult.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) STATE PLAN, VOCATION REHABILITATION SERVICES PORTION REPORT

Stephanie Roe, Project Coordinator

- DRS is in the process of updating the State plan, currently in draft status, for 2024 – 2027, which is a combined state plan for the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission as well as the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (Career Tech).
- The draft State Plan is currently in the thirty-day public comment period, which will close on February 16th. So far, there are no public comments for the plan. The plan is due to the Department of Education on March 4th.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATION

Jody Harlan, Director of Communications

A video titled “In Our Own Words” was shown which featured Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI) clients speaking about the services they have received. This PSA will be shown on several television stations.

ACTION ITEMS

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING

Wes Hilliard, Acting Chair

A motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Commissioner Barresi to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 Regular Commission meeting as submitted. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVISIONS

Tina Calloway, Rulemaking Liaison

Highlights of the rule revisions include:

- 612:10-7-1 (b)17 Correction. The word “support” is inserted between term and from, with the final phrase reading: “...who require short term support from an employment counselor...”
- 612:10-13-20 (b) DRS is withdrawing these corrections and will leave policy section (b) as it currently reads. This section will be reviewed and reworked later considering comments that were received during the open comment period. Tonya Garman said that public commenters noted that doubling the continuing education units needed for interpreters from 10 hours to 20 hours would be a hardship for interpreters both because of a perceived lack of training and the increased cost. DRS is also looking at the possibility of providing some free training opportunities for interpreters.
- 612:1-3-10 (2) Commissioner Barresi asked for an explanation of the Final Signature Authority rule revision. It was explained that the cost of goods and services have risen exponentially since the pandemic, therefore the rule has been revised to give the Chief of Staff, Chief Operations Officer and the Chief Financial Officer signing authority for contracts up to \$250K (revised from \$100K), in the case that Director Fruendt is unavailable to sign contracts. Additionally, each approval has several steps before being finally signed, including a structure for fiscal accountability for the auditor.
- 612:1-3-10 (3) Division Administrators also have a revised contract signing authority due to increased costs. They can now sign contracts up to \$200K (revised from \$100K).

A motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Commissioner Hilliard to adopt the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Administrative Rules with two modifications. Commissioners Flannery and Hillard voted in the affirmative and Commissioner Barresi abstained. The motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Rita Echelle, Superintendent

The donations for December 2023 totaled \$18,141.50, and the donations for January 2024 totaled \$5467.43.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilliard and seconded by Commissioner Flannery to approve the December and January OSB donations. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR DEAF

Dr. Heather Laine, Superintendent

Donation Report: The donations for December 2023 totaled \$1682.60, and the donations for January 2024 totaled \$100.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Commissioner Hilliard to approve the December 2023 and January 2024 OSD donations. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO THE OKLAHOMA LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Kevin Treese, Program Manager III, SBVI

The donations for December 2023 totaled \$750.00 and the donations for January 2024 totaled \$40.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Commissioner Hilliard to approve the December 2023 and January 2024 OSB donations. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE OKLAHOMA COMMISSION FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES.

Wes Hilliard, Acting Chair

A motion was made by Commissioner Barresi and seconded by Commissioner Flannery to nominate Commissioner Hilliard for Chair and Commissioner Flannery as Vice-Chair through the end of the 2024 fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2024. All three Commissioners voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON REHABILITATION SERVICES AWARD.

Wes Hilliard, Acting Chair

Commissioner Hilliard asked for a motion to convene into an Executive Session for the purpose to review and discuss 2023 Commission Award from nominees submitted to the Commission, as authorized by 74 O.S. 2011, 166.8 and the Open Meeting Act 25 O.S. 307 (B) (7).

Motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Commissioner Barresi to convene into an Executive Session. All three Commissioners voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

VOTE TO RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Hilliard and seconded by Commissioner Barresi to convene into Regular Session. All three Commissioners voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Flannery and seconded by Commissioner Hilliard to select Numbers 22 and 29 on the list of nominees for the recipient of the Oklahoma Commission for Rehabilitation Services 2023 Award. All three Commissioners voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Commission for Rehabilitation Services is Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 10:30 AM, DRS State Office, 3535 NW 58th Street, 2nd Floor, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

The April 10th Commission meeting will be rescheduled to April 17th and will be DRS State Office, 3535 NW 58th Street, 2nd Floor, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Commissioner Hilliard requested that occasional meetings resume at sites such as the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.



Oklahoma School for the Deaf Report

OSD Donation Report

March 2024

Donations Under \$500.00

Date	Name	Cash	Fund	Explanation	Property Value
3/14	Rose Crouch		JR. Prom	JR. Class Prom	\$ 29.15
3/14	Anonymous		JR. Prom	JR. Class Prom	\$ 110.35
3/27	Chad Lowery		Recreation Dept.	Recreation Items	\$ 296.50
3/27	Crossway Church		Dorms	Personal Items Needed For Dorm Students	\$ 247.38
Subtotal Cash Under \$500.00				Subtotal Property Under \$500.00	\$ 683.38

Donations Over \$500.00

3/14	Kimberly Gardea	\$ 900.00	70100	Donation to pay for 60 yearbooks for OSD students	
3/14	Rochester Institute of Technology	\$ 16,861.10	21600	Stem Project and materials	
3/26	E. M. Woody Fund for the Aged, LLC	\$ 125,000.00	21600	Grant for Hearing Aid Program	
Subtotal Cash Over \$500.00		\$ 142,761.10		Subtotal Property Over \$500.00	\$ 683.38

Subtotal Cash Combined

Subtotal Property Combined

Total donation for March 2024

\$143,444.48



Oklahoma School for the Blind Report

OSB DONATION REPORT

March 2024 Donations

Donations under \$500

Date	Name	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
3/11/2024	Ladies Oriental Shrine Bahiti 112 / 5K	\$ 100.00	701		
3/26/2024	ESA State Council / Easter candy for students			candy	\$ 25.00


Subtotal of Cash (under \$500) donated in March 2024	\$ 100.00		Subtotal prop.	\$ 25.00
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Donations \$500 and over

		\$ -	
3/27/2024	Cherokee Nation Tag proceeds / Recreation	\$ 4,089.35	701
3/*27/2024	Lawton Council of the Blind Inc/scholarships	\$ 500.00	701

Subtotal of Cash (\$500 and over) donated in March 2024	\$ 4,589.35		Subtotal prop.	\$ -
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TOTAL DONATION AMOUNTS March - 2024	\$4,714.35			
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Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Report

Donations under \$500

Date	Name	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
03/11/2024	New View Oklahoma	\$100			

Subtotal of Cash (Under \$500) Donated: \$100

Donations \$500 and over

Date	Name	Cash	Fund	Property	Value
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Subtotal of Cash (over \$500) Donated

TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT: \$100