

**Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations
2016-2017 Performance Report
Oklahoma Office of Educational Quality and Accountability**

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The Office of Educational Quality and Accountability supports high level student performance by ensuring quality evidence based educator preparation, improving pre-kindergarten through post-secondary school efficiency and effectiveness, and providing comprehensive statistical information for all stakeholders.

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GOVERNANCE:

The Office of Educational Quality and Accountability is an administrative body composed of seven commission members, of whom all seven shall be voting members. All seven members are appointed by the Governor with the Secretary of Education serving as Chair. Of the remaining six members, one must be each of the following: parent of public school student, public school district administrator, K-6 teacher, 7-12 teacher, rep of higher education teacher education program, rep of business with 500 or less employees. These six additional voting members shall serve terms of four years.

Is the agency headed by a Governor appointee?

Yes

An appointee of an independent board?

No

Who selects the board?

See GOVERNANCE explanation above

Who are the current members of the commission?

See Attachment #1

Does the Board have any committees or subgroups?

No

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Please provide copies of the minutes for any Commission/Board meetings the agency has had since July 1, 2015 in electronic format (Only in PDF format)

Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners?

No

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Since consolidation July 1, 2014 the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability has undertaken a number of modernization initiatives:

- OEQA contracts with Agency Business Services, a division of Oklahoma Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), or agency financial services.
- OEQA continues to significantly increase the number of educator certification exams available at computer-based testing centers.
- OEQA contracts with OMES for all IT services, including telecommunications, hardware, software, server, and other technology services.
- OEQA has vastly expanded its utilization of technology. The agency now offers an on-line test registration system and received all assessment reports, data, surveys, etc. electronically. All teacher licensure exams are administered online (paper/pencil no longer offered). In addition, OEQA has developed a web-based assessment database for consumer access.
- OEQA with the assistance of OK.Gov has developed two additional web-based databases that serve Education Leadership Oklahoma/National Board Certified teachers and Educator Preparation programs.
- OEQA'S website is continually updated with links to other education agencies and entities.
- University teacher preparation accreditation pre-visits are accomplished electronically. In addition, much of accreditation training is now accomplished through webinars and electronically achieved offerings.
- OEQA routinely takes part in electronic webinars to save on travel costs and alleviate time constraints.
- OEQA has developed internal purchasing procedures that update the process and procedures by which staff makes purchases in order to optimize the use of state purchasing cards.
- OEQA complies with the use of the *Trip Optimizer* for all travel exceeding 100 miles per day.
- OEQA has updated employee handbook and emergency protocol in order to facilitate procedures for agency employees.

OEQA has taken the following steps to cut costs and/or eliminate waste.

- Through consolidation OEQA continues to seek cost saving measures by reducing and/or participating in the following:
 - IT costs
 - Office supply and material expenditures
 - Out of state travel
 - Communication methods (via webinars, conference calls, and live-feed).
 - Subscriptions
 - Conference fees
 - Printing costs
 - Postage costs
 - Professional memberships

CORE MISSION:

What services you are required to provide which are outside of your core mission?

None

Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency?

No

Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?

No

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma?

No

In other states?

No

Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for profit or non-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency?

No