

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Council of Business Officers (COBO)

October 2026 Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Location: **Regents Conference Room** (655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK) & Online via **Teams** (link provided)

I. Welcome, Call to Order, and Introductions (10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. (5 min))

- Welcome members and virtual attendees.
- Overview of Agenda

II. Higher Education Spend Analytics Project: Pilot Overview & Visibility (10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (10 min))

- Applied spend analytics proof of concept in partnership with the OSU Department of Management Science and Information Systems (MSIS).
- *Presenters:* Adam Lindsey, Seth Taylor, and Carson Peters (OSRHE Spend Analytics Project – Online)

III. Strategic Sourcing & Consortium Purchasing: Leveraging Collective Buying Power (10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. (10 min))

- Strategies for advancing multi-agency contracts and cooperative agreements across Oklahoma public higher education.
- Expanding the Oklahoma Higher Education Procurement Cooperative (OHEPC) model and establishing standardized contract vetting practices.
- *Presenter:* Scott Schlotthauer, Associate VP & Chief Procurement Officer, OSU / A&M System

IV. Workflow Modernization: Financial Data Intake (10:25 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. (10 min))

- Progress report on modernizing OSRHE fiscal data collection in response to COBO working group feedback.

- Opportunities to improve OSRHE and institutional processes and workflows using the latest technologies.
- **You will be asked** for **your best ideas** regarding institutional data workflows that can be improved with these tools. We want to ease the burden of providing OSRHE with institutional financial reports and data.
- *Presenters:* Mason Boutwell, Alex Landry, Ze Shi Li (OSRHE Agent Development Team)

V. Systemwide Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Initiative Update (10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (10 min))

- Status update on direct negotiations with Microsoft toward system consortium structure.
- *Presenter:* John Hennessey, Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology & CIO / CEO of OneNet

VI. The Oklahoma Real Property & Equipment Master Lease Program (10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. (10 min))

- Overview of best practices in the utilization of the State Master Lease Program.
- *Presenter:* James Vaughn, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, OSRHE

VII. OSRHE Executive Briefing: Legislative & Budget Forecast & Employee Health Benefit Strategies (10:55 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (20 min))

- **Legislative & State Budget Outlook:** Current state revenue trends, legislative initiatives impacting system funding, and FY28 budget cycle planning.
- **Health Benefit Cost Containment:** Proactive shared-service approaches to mitigate soaring medical and pharmacy benefit expenditures, data-sharing strategies, and collaborative risk-pooling.
- *Presenter:* Nick Hathaway, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, OSRHE

VIII. Open Discussion (11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)