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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

REV. DR. LORI WALKE; JENNY)
BOBO and PRESTON BOBO, on behalf)
of themselves and on behalf of their)
child, P.B.; ROBIN CLYMER;)
CORTNEY CUNNINGHAM;)
MATTHEW DIXON; RACHEL HILL,)
on behalf of herself and on behalf of her)
minor children, F.H. and N.H.; AMBER)
HOOD, on behalf of herself and on)
behalf of her minor child, W.H.; MIKE)
HOWE; BRENDA LENÉ; MICHELE)
MEDLEY, on behalf of herself and on)
behalf of her children, R.M.1, R.M.2,)
and S.M.; MELISA MONS; REV. DR.)
MITCH RANDALL; TAMARA)
SANCHEZ, on behalf of herself and on)
behalf of her minor children, M.S. and)
J.S.; JAY WHITNEY; YULIA)
WHITNEY, on behalf of herself and on)
behalf of her minor child, D.S.; REV.)
DR. LISA WOLFE, on behalf of herself)
and on behalf of her minor children,)
A.M. and P.M.; and ERIKA WRIGHT,)
on behalf of herself and on behalf of her)
minor children, C.W. and V.W.,)

Petitioners,)

v.)

LINDEL FIELDS, in his official)
capacity as State Superintendent of)
Public Instruction; OKLAHOMA)
STATE DEPARTMENT OF)
EDUCATION; OKLAHOMA STATE)
BOARD OF EDUCATION; BRIAN)
BOBEK, BECKY CARSON, RYAN)

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Case No. 122,592

DEATHERAGE, JOHN WESLEY)
 NOFIRE, MIKE TENNEY, and)
 CHRISTOPHER VAN DENHENDE, in)
 their official capacities as Members of)
 the Oklahoma State Board of Education;)
 OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF)
 MANAGEMENT AND ENTERPRISE)
 SERVICES; DAVID OSTROWE, in his)
 official capacity as Interim Executive)
 Director of the Oklahoma Office of)
 Management and Enterprise Services;)
 AMANDA OTIS, in her official capacity)
 as State Purchasing Director of the)
 Oklahoma Office of Management and)
 Enterprise Services; and BRENDA)
 HANSEL, in her official capacity as a)
 Contracting Officer in the Oklahoma)
 Office of Management and Enterprise)
 Services,)
)
 Respondents.)

ORDER

The Court is in receipt of the status reports filed on October 28, 2025, by the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), the Oklahoma State Board of Education (OSBE), and its six new members and by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and its officers and employees. Those status reports supplied the names of newly appointed public officers who have replaced the public officers named in the Petitioners' Application for Assumption of Original Jurisdiction and Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and/or a Writ of Mandamus and/or Prohibition. In keeping with section

2025(D)(1) of the Oklahoma Pleading Code, those newly appointed public officers are hereby substituted as Respondents in this original action, all as reflected above in the new style for this case.

Furthermore, Superintendent Fields, the OSDE, the OSBE, and its members have moved to dismiss this original action as moot in view of Superintendent Fields's rescission and nullification of (1) the Bible Education Mandate appearing in the Memorandum entitled "Immediate Implementation of Foundational Texts in Curriculum" issued by former Superintendent Walters on June 27, 2024; (2) the "OSDE Instructional Guidelines for Teachers" issued by former Superintendent Walters on July 24, 2024; and (3) the Requests for Proposal (RFPs) concerning the purchase of Bibles (both of which were previously withdrawn) and the purchase of biblically-based character education materials (i.e., Solicitation #EV00000647). Petitioners have also filed their response to the motion to dismiss.

Upon review of the parties' arguments, the Court finds that the matter should be dismissed as moot.

Original jurisdiction is assumed. Okla. Const. Art. VII, § 4. Petitioners' petition for declaratory and injunctive relief and for writs of mandamus and

prohibition is dismissed as moot.

DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT this 24th day of November,
2025.


CHIEF JUSTICE

ROWE, C.J., and WINCHESTER, EDMONDSON, COMBS, DARBY, and KANE, JJ., concur.

GURICH and JETT, JJ., dissent.

KUEHN, V.C.J., recused.

JETT, J., with whom **GURICH, J.,** joins, dissenting:

“I would deny Petitioners’ application to assume original jurisdiction.”