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How the Pandemic followed them to Langston University, Oklahoma's only HBCU

By GARY LEE, THE OKLAHOMA EAGLE
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'NOT THEIR JOB': LEGISLATURE TIES UP \$600 MILLION FOR HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

By TRES SAVAGE, NONDOC

In a move further underscoring tension about separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government, the Oklahoma Legislature's Joint Committees on Appropriations and Budget advanced a bill today that functionally

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BOARD DISAPPROVES CATHOLIC CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION, FOR NOW

By BENNETT BRINKMAN, NONDOC

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board disapproved an application from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa to operate a virtual Catholic charter school at their meeting Tuesday afternoon. The entities are expected to

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DESPITE CALLING HIM 'GUILTY,' AG DRUMMOND DROPS CHARGES AGAINST REP. O'DONNELL

By TRES SAVAGE, NONDOC

Even though he believes Rep. Terry O'Donnell "violated the law," Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond today dismissed all charges against an influential legislator who ran a bill changing the law and legalizing his wife's ability to inherit

REP. TERRY O'DONNELL On A9



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. CAROLYN SUE THOMAS CHAPPELL'S FAMILY

STATE

DR. CAROLYN SUE THOMAS CHAPPELL REMEMBERED AS THE OKLAHOMA EAGLE'S FORMER MANAGING EDITOR

By THE OKLAHOMA EAGLE

Dr. Carolyn Sue Thomas Chappell's daughters, Dr. Lisa Chappell and MaQua "Missy" Chappell announced her passing with great sorrow. Dr. Chappell was a kind, brave, caring, loyal, supportive, creative, talented and generous mom, sister and friend who was surrounded by loved ones at home in Texas when she passed away on March 31, 2023.

CAROLYN CHAPPELL On A10

NATION

NASHVILLE COUNCIL VOTES TO RETURN JUSTIN JONES TO STATE HOUSE

By STACY M. BROWN, WORD IN BLACK

In a unanimous vote and a rebuke of Tennessee Republicans, the Nashville Metropolitan Council on Monday voted to reappoint Justin Jones to the state House of Representatives.

Jones returns as an interim representative and will again act on behalf of House District 52.

The 36-0 vote came after the council suspended its rule that disallowed an individual from being nominated and appointed to

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NATION

Prostate Cancer on the Rise for Black Men

By JOANN WEAVER, WORD IN BLACK

Black men are 70% more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer than white men, according to a report from the American Cancer Society. This is one of the largest disparities in cancer incidence and mortality.

1 in 6 Black men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime.

Dr. Arnold Bullock, an Alan A. & Edith L. Wolff Distinguished Professor in Urology at Washington University, says mortality rates for prostate cancer depend on where you live in the St. Louis region.

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JASILYN SPIVEY, sophomore, Langston University, discussing the importance of working together with peers throughout her COVID-19 experience. PHOTO SAM LEVRAULT MEDIA

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TULSA – The coronavirus pandemic may be waning across much of the globe. However, for many students at Langston University – the only Oklahoma historically Black college and university – the aftereffects still impact their lives at its campuses in Langston, Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

For Jasilyn Spivey, a sophomore from Lawton, the COVID-19 pandemic’s long shadow has put a damper on her energy for engaging in academics. “It really affected my motivation to do schoolwork,” the 19-year-old student told the Eagle. When the pandemic hit in 2020, her school, MacArthur High School in Lawton, Oklahoma, switched to remote classes and eventually to hybrid learning. Due to pandemic-related issues, by Spivey’s account, she lost a step or two in her academic regime.

“Now I have to sit here, look through a book and try to get back into the swing of things – of how school is actually supposed to be,” she explained. “And I really struggled my first semester with the schoolwork and everything. It wasn’t necessarily that it was hard. It was just that it was not always easy to get into it.”

For Aniyah Robinson, a sophomore from Wichita, Kansas, the most significant effect of the pandemic has been the challenges it has created for her to engage in campus activities.

“I find it hard to socialize with people now,” Robinson told the Eagle. “COVID was a year and a half or more of not having to socialize with people in person. So, I really struggle with that. And that’s something that I’ve been trying to work on.”

For Joseph Dickson, the influence of the struggles with the COVID-19 era have been different. When he was attending Plano West High School in Plano, Texas, near Dallas, the virus hit his family with such a devastating force, that his grandfather was unable to survive it and ultimately died. That tragedy, in turn, has given the 19-year-old Langston freshman a stronger drive to achieve as much as he can as a college student.

Krystal Butler, a sophomore from Victorville, California, said she also has tried to take away positive lessons from the pandemic. It has made her put spirituality at the center of her campus life. “It taught me the importance of self-care,” she told the Eagle.

Students of the Pandemic

These Langston underclassmen are part of the America’s lost generation of COVID-19-era students. While many social sectors of populations worldwide have been negatively affected by the pandemic, school children and students are among those who are

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JASILYN SPIVEY, Sophomore (Lawton, Oklahoma), Langston University

suffering the most detrimental long-term effects

The pandemic threw an unexpected obstruction into the homes and school lives of many students who are currently in their first and second years of attending college physically in-person.

Many students were forced to stay in their homes, stuck in front of their computers to participate in crowded online classes, texting their classmates and scanning social media apps – like Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Facebook – into the wee hours of the night. When the pandemic hit in March 2020, they were just teenagers trying to finish high school.

According to BestColleges, an online resource for information about colleges, and other educational watch groups, the pandemic brought about a range of negative consequences for students at institutions of higher learning nationwide. Many colleges have reported decreased enrollment and retention of students and declining test scores due to the pandemic. The studies show that Black and Brown students have taken an especially brutal hit.

The pandemic has also taken a toll on student performance. According to a 2021 BestColleges survey, more than 90 percent of U.S. college students reported experiencing negative mental health consequences due to COVID-19 related circumstances. Among the factors cited were struggles with isolation, anxiety and lack of focus. Three years into the pandemic, these trends seem to be carrying forward.

To probe the extent to which the trends affect Oklahoma students, The Eagle interviewed a half dozen Langston students. We focused on questions about how COVID-19 came to play in their high school years, and how those experiences have affected their lives at Langston. The students we profile are all African Americans. They come from different backgrounds, from as near as Lawton, Oklahoma, and as far off as Southern California.

This article is part of an ongoing series the Eagle is publishing about the impact of COVID-19 on K-12 education, partially on Black, Indigenous and people of color

communities in Oklahoma. In our last segment, published in December 2022, we detailed the learning and social gaps that COVID-19 created for Black and Brown students in Tulsa Public Schools.

This article explores how those gaps affect students’ ability to show up, perform and engage in their first college years. As Oklahoma’s only HBCU, Langston seemed to be a logical focal part for our reporting.

COVID-19 impacted students differently during their high school years. All went to high schools that were racially mixed. In all cases, either the students or some members of their close families were infected with the COVID-19 virus at some point during the past three years.

Their COVID-19 era school experiences reflected a mix of remote and in class learning. Several of them took on jobs to help the families make ends meet. Most favored the COVID-19 vaccines. One who described her family as “more Republican” and critics of the vaccine.

Whatever the students’ high school experiences were, they clearly had a ripple effect in their college years.

Struggles With Virtual Learning

For almost all her last two years of high school, Aniyah Robinson was in a virtual learning mode. Soon after the pandemic hit in March 2020, her school, Wichita East High School, pivoted to remote classes. Toward the end of her senior year, the school offered some in-person classes. But Robinson opted to stick with virtual courses. Her mother and grandmother had fragile health concerns, and she did not want to risk bringing the virus home. Robinson also held down two jobs for most of the pandemic to help make ends meet at home. Juggling the work with in-person classes would have been tough.

Computer-based learning posed obstacles for Robinson.

“Going from pulling yourself out to school every day to just having to roll over and turn on the computer was definitely a culture shock,” she said in an interview. “Switching over to Zoom wasn’t easy. I felt like I couldn’t get in as in-depth as my learning as I wanted to.”

She noted that dealing with technical difficulties – such as either slow or no Wi-Fi, confusing passwords, etc. – added to the stress.

But the biggest issue, Robinson feels, is that the classes or teachers – or both -- were ill-suited for remote learning. Her anatomy class proved to be the most formidable challenge.

“In the first place, I’m already not really good at science,” she said. “And then, to be online, and not really be able to see the bone structures in person or learn about it in person made it all that much harder.”

But there were also some issues with the approach the teacher took, Robinson said.

“He presented lectures,” she said. “There was no time for us to ask questions or talk about what he was presenting. It was just him copying and pasting stuff he found online and then having us try and understand it.

“I’m a visual learner and a lit-up audio learner. So, to not be able to have that visual side and just be in his face on the camera, I felt like I wasn’t learning enough. And I completely failed that class.”

Calculus was another challenging class to engage in remotely. “For one, the teacher was soft-spoken,” Robinson recalled. “And the class was in the early morning. So, I tried to listen, but I fell asleep a lot. I would wake up, and the Zoom would have just ended. So then, once it came time for tests or different homework assignments, I was stuck trying to figure out what was going on.”

Robinson confessed to bowing out of the remote classes some days.

“I was like, ‘Do I need to go to class?’ Some days I pushed myself to go. On other days, I just said ‘No, I’m not going. I’m asleep.’ In the end, it was all about holding myself accountable. I didn’t want this to draw my GPA down to where I couldn’t get into the colleges. I just needed the motivation to push through.”

Robinson feels that the challenges of high school years have hampered her ability to show up as well as she should have in classrooms at Langston.

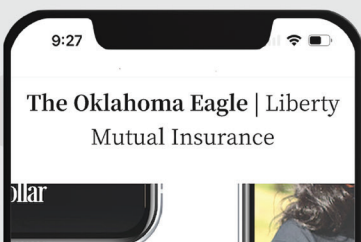
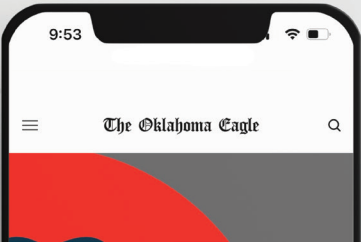
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JOSEPH DICKSON, Langston University student, discussing how his COVID-19 experience compelled him to leave Texas to attend the Oklahoma HBCU. PHOTO SAM LEVRULT MEDIA

The long-term impacts of COVID-19 are often understated, but lasting

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days with her mother and sister also had a lingering impact. “After a year and a half of not being with anybody, I can see the toil on my communication and socialization skills. Because even nowadays, I struggle with trying to talk to people, or I’ll avoid conversation any chance I get.

“My public speaking has also been impacted,” she said. “Before all this happened, my ability to speak in public was good. And I got good at talking over Zoom in front of a camera. But if you put me in front of a roomful of people, I tend to freeze up a lot. So that’s something I’ve seen happen as an effect of COVID. I just got unused to appearing before groups. It’s not easy to relearn that.”

The Biggest Challenge: Making Lasting Friendships

At Jasilyn Spivey’s alma mater, MacArthur High School in Lawton, just as in most schools, the pandemic hit with a jolt. The school district made all classes remote during the spring of 2020, Robinson’s sophomore year. She opted for in-person courses at the school for her junior and senior years. By Spivey’s account, classes during those years were for the most part easy. But there were a few issues.

“There was a lot of rules,” she said. “We had to wear masks and try to stay apart. Our lunch was kind of like blocked off like everyone was everywhere. Classes all ended up being online a lot. We were in person and not in person. It was easy work but still it was kind of a struggle for me.”

Her math classes were the toughest. Algebra was a particular challenge. “I was already struggling in that class as it was,” she said. “So, the pressures of the pandemic kind of just added more to that difficulty.”

Even though she did not hit many bumps at MacArthur, Spivey feels that the pandemic created definite challenges to her classroom experience at Langston.

“My motivation to do schoolwork is sometimes not there,” she said. “Maybe because I am coming from high school that was easy. So here, I ask myself, can I knock it out all the way? Now I have to sit here, look through a book and try, you know, get back into the, like, swing of things of how schools actually supposed to be here. And so, it’s affected my motivation. And I struggled my first semester with the schoolwork and everything. It wasn’t necessarily that it was hard. It was just that motivation is not always there. Maybe it’s because high school was so easy.”

Spivey’s challenges with math in high school have carried over to Langston. She took a math class in her first semester. “Maybe because it was more of stuff we learned before

“My public speaking has also been impacted,” she said. “Before all this happened, my ability to speak in public was good.”

ANIYAH ROBINSON, Student, Langston University

COVID, it was not that bad,” she said. “But it wasn’t the easiest either.”

For Spivey, more taxing than the academics at Langston is forming close ties with her classmates. While in high school, she worked at Tropical Smoothie and a few other places. Most of the time, she was among an older generation of co-workers.

Against that background, being among her peers at Langston is tough.

“I live in the freshman village,” Spivey said. “We’re all 18 to 19 years old, maybe 20. It is different. And not everyone has been through the same thing. And we’re all from other places. So, adjusting to that has been a shock.”

“It’s not so much the social part of it that’s hard,” she explained. “I’m very outgoing. The problem is trying to form friendships. That’s the hard part. Everyone has been inside. So, they haven’t had that social contact or anything of that stuff that long-lasting friendships are made of.”

Motivated by a COVID-19 tragedy

In Joseph Dickson’s case, the challenges of the pandemic were dire. The first-year student had two relatives who got the COVID-19 virus. His grandmother was infected at least three times and suffered severe symptoms but survived. For his grandfather, Joseph Dickson Sr., the outcome was tragic. After a brutal COVID-19 infection, he died in 2021.

The loss hit Joseph hard. As a result, his academics faltered at Plano West



ANIYAH ROBINSON, Langston University student, discussing how her family navigated the challenge of experiencing COVID-19 and completing high school throughout the pandemic. PHOTO SAM LEVRULT MEDIA

Senior High School.

“Seeing him in the casket hit me for a little while,” Dickson recalled. “I was slacking in school, especially junior year. Having to deal with his death definitely impacted my school life. It affected my grades. It was definitely a struggle in the classroom.”

Dickson pinpointed English as one class in which he hit the highest hurdles. “The grammar kept messing me up,” he said. “So, the teachers didn’t give me the best grades.”

“But I got through it,” he added. “And my senior year was in-person, and I definitely got a lot happier. I connected with my teachers a lot more and built relationships with them. And I saw my friends again. And all of that helped improve my drive and determination to want to finish with a high GPA and finish high school the

way it should be finished.”

Now as a second semester college freshman, the challenges the COVID-19 era posed have given him a renewed drive to succeed at Langston.

“I would say after my grandpa’s death, my college journey became easier because I knew I was doing it for him,” Dickson said. “And I’m still doing it for him to this day. I kept a picture of him on display. It shows me that he’s here with me, seeing me through this.”

Highlighting Self-Care

In contrast to her Langston schoolmates, Krystal Butler maneuvered the COVID-19 era with minimal stress. Butler was in high school at the Cobalt Institute of Math and Science during the peak of the pandemic. The small public school

in her hometown of Victorville, California, shifted to remote learning when the pandemic started. All of Butler’s classes were online for the rest of her time there through her junior and senior years.

In many ways, Butler found learning from home more of a synch than in person. “I’m a homebody. I’m pretty introverted,” she told the Eagle. “It wasn’t a bad transition” to pivot from going to school every day to learning from home.

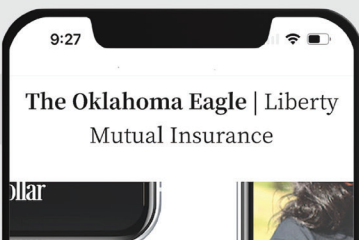
“It was pretty easy. The only difficulty I would say was getting up in the morning and trying to stay awake during classes. I had five classes, all on Zoom. I really didn’t mind. In fact, it was kind of good, staying to myself in my own space.”

As someone skilled with computers,

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Clearview: Historic All-Black Town, Oklahoma

By LARRY O'DELL, THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF OKLAHOMA HISTORY AND CULTURE

Located in Okfuskee County eight miles southeast of Okemah



Clearview is one of more than fifty All-Black towns of Oklahoma and one of only thirteen still existing. The town was founded in 1903 along the tracks of the Fort Smith and Western Railroad. J. A. Roper, Lemuel Jackson, and John Grayson platted the town site and formed the Lincoln Townsite Company to attract settlers and advertise the settlement. The post office was originally designated Lincoln, but in 1904 a postal service order changed it to Abe Lincoln. This, however, was rescinded a month later. From its beginning the community supported a newspaper, the Lincoln Tribune, which evolved

into the Clearview Patriarch. Grayson and Roper also organized the Abe Lincoln Trading Company to operate a general store, deal in farm produce, and buy and sell real estate. Grayson also became the town's first postmaster, and Roper owned a sawmill and lumberyard. By 1904 the town boasted a two-story hotel and a print shop. Very early in its existence Clearview residents enjoyed a brick school building and two churches. Around 1911 Roper and Jackson departed, and J. E. Thompson moved to Clearview. In 1914 at a Negro Business League meeting, he announced to Booker T. Washington that he owned or managed

a total of 5,800 acres of land in Okfuskee County. From 1916 to 1920 J. C. Leftwich operated Creek and Seminole Agricultural College northeast of town. The 1907 population figure of 618 declined to 420 by the late 1930s. The Great Depression and the falling price of cotton had severely crippled the town. The 1990 census recorded only 47 inhabitants of Clearview. At the turn of the twenty-first century the community still hosted an annual rodeo and supported 56 residents. The 2010 U.S. Census counted 48 living there.

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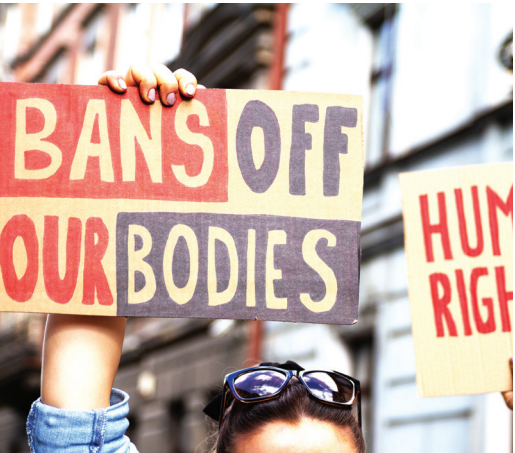
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the Zoom classes did not pose the issues for her that they did for other students. Math, a subject that has vexed Butler, was somehow more straightforward online. “Doing it remotely, I will say it was a lot easier because it was strictly on the computer,” she said. “So, it was way faster for me to look up videos or tutorials on how to do it in case my teacher didn’t get back to me fast enough or it wasn’t clear.”

Butler said she, her mother and her sister were all infected with COVID-19 at different times. But they managed to maneuver through the virus with minimal health setbacks, by her account.

Butler said her relatively stress-free high school experiences have carried on to her first two years at Langston.

For her, the positive benefit of COVID-19 was to be appreciative of prioritizing her mental and physical well-being. “COVID taught me how to care for myself, mentally and physically,” she said. “I have learned how to ground myself and keep myself focused on school and my priorities.”

She has developed various techniques to keep her directed amid classes and all the other obligations of Langston campus life. One of her techniques is keeping up her relationship with God through prayer. She also practices yoga and receives regular manicures and pedicures.

Next Steps

Charged with the formidable task of ushering students out of the COVID-19 pandemic and into a stable college environment, the administrators at Langston are doing well, most of the students we interviewed reported. They continue to maintain COVID-19 protocols. Students who are infected are quarantined until they are able to re-enter campus life.

Perhaps more important is the nurturing pro-Black environment that the faculty and staff work hard to maintain on campus.

Aniyah Robinson summed it up best. “What makes getting through all of this easier is the culture of Langston,” she said. “As a small college, everybody kind of knows everybody else, and we all help one another deal with the ups and downs of the pandemic and everything else.

“We’re really one big family here. The staff, the teachers and professors really care about you. And that makes a big difference.”

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stops the Oklahoma Health Care Authority from spending \$600 million without lawmakers’ input.

The Legislature’s budget chairmen expressed frustration that OHCA had been speaking with various public and private stakeholder groups about how they might use the money, which has been accumulated thanks to the federal government’s pandemic-related enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for Medicaid funding.

“It’s the Legislature’s responsibility to appropriate money. So we didn’t take it away from them, but we just appropriated it for Fiscal Year 2024 and tied up the money (until July 1) and said, ‘Let us look at it,’” Senate Appropriations and Budget Chairman Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) said Wednesday. “But let’s go through the appropriations process, and it will be the Legislature’s drive behind that on how it’s going to be spent.”

Earlier this week, House Appropriations and Budget Chairman Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) expressed similar frustration with how OHCA has handled conversations about the funding.

Asked to describe OHCA’s proposals for the \$600 million, Wallace said his conversation with the agency’s leaders involved “interesting” ideas.

“Strategic planning that is ‘transformational for the state.’ Those are their words, I don’t know,” Wallace said. “Something big, you know? From what I saw, not all of it even has to do with health care.”

Christina Foss, OHCA’s deputy chief of staff, also used the word “transformational” in a statement to NonDoc, although specific programmatic concepts were not mentioned.

“Throughout the public health emergency, OHCA has provided the Legislature with regular status updates regarding the enhanced FMAP funds received through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and has discussed with legislative leaders potential opportunities to use the uncommitted funds for transformational and sustainable investments to improve health outcomes in Oklahoma,” Foss said. “OHCA will continue to work with the Legislature to improve health care access and quality across Oklahoma.”

Thompson said “there were all kinds of plans out there,” including capital projects and even some sort of concept involving food as medicine.

“They were shopping around how we spend this money, how best we can use it,” Thompson said. “That’s not their job. That’s our job to do that.”

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lawmakers essentially told OHCA that “it’s not your money to spend this fiscal year,” Thompson said. The bill specifies that the \$600 million will be available for use in Fiscal Year 2024 or Fiscal Year 2025. In Oklahoma, fiscal years begin July 1 and end June 30.

Legislators have about seven weeks left to craft their FY 2024 budget agreement. During those negotiations — currently complicated by an ongoing chamber-to-chamber feud over a massive education funding and school choice proposal — the Senate and House will determine how OHCA should proceed with the FMAP carryover funds.

“There’s all kinds of people saying, ‘What are we going to do with this \$600 million that we have as extra money at the Health Care Authority?’” Thompson said. “I even had an outside group come in that said, ‘There’s \$600 million. What can we do for rural health care with that \$600 million?’”

Thompson confirmed that the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University had also been involved in the Health Care Authority’s discussions.

“I’ve had visitors from both OU and OSU saying, ‘Hey, if there’s \$300 million you had, what would you do for rural health?’ Well, when did they get to make those decisions? I mean, that’s a legislative thing,” Thompson said. “Now, if they want to come have a conversation, I love conversations. But whenever you start looking at how to appropriate money at an executive-branch agency, that’s what we do. We can’t get over into the executive branch and tell them how to execute what the legislative body has done, but we ought to have the right to at least legislate.”

Budget leaders feeling better about OU Health situation

Thompson said the Oklahoma Health Care Authority has also had conversations with OU Health, the state-supported hospital enterprise that partners with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and the OU College of Medicine to operate a fully integrated academic health system.

OU Health’s massive debt load and recent restructuring efforts have been of interest to both Wallace and Thompson as they craft the FY 2024 budget. Although Wallace previously said he had heard rumors about OHCA offering OU Health additional financial support, Kevin Corbett, the Health Care Authority’s CEO, said that is not the case.

“OHCA has not discussed any sort of bail out of OU Health and have communicated that to legislators who inquired,” Corbett said in a March 14 email to NonDoc.

This week, both Wallace and Thompson said they believe OU Health has stabilized its financial situation and will achieve its goal of having 45 days cash on hand by June 30.

To that end, OU Health leaders and lobbyists attended separate meetings Wednesday morning with Wallace and Thompson, which Thompson said involved a financial review he had been looking forward to.

“I want to do comparative finances of where they are today to where they were last year. The plan they have in place seems to be working, which I am very thankful for,” Thompson said. “Their contract labor is way down. They laid off the 100 people, which is saving them a lot of money. So I feel like we are on a very positive track.”

Asked if the Legislature is considering additional appropriations to support OU Health through the University Hospitals Authority and Trust, Thompson noted a difference between operational support and programmatic or capital project funding.

“As far as on their business plan, I do not intend to add any funds to it for their business plan,” Thompson said.

Asked about funding to support service of OU Health’s more than \$1 billion in debt, Thompson expressed less certainty. He gave a similar response when asked about potential capital projects or programs involving OU Health.

“Those things, I think they’ve got in mind,” Thompson said. “There are some areas we may look at as far as enhancing what OU is doing, maybe in their engineering program or something like that.”

NOT THEIR JOB *continued on A7*

“It’s the Legislature’s responsibility to appropriate money. So we didn’t take it away from them, but we just appropriated it for Fiscal Year 2024 and tied up the money (until July 1.)”

- ROGER THOMPSON, (R-Okemah), Senate Appropriations and Budget Chairman

HOUSE JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHAIRMAN KEVIN WALLACE presents SB 1130 on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. PHOTO TRES SAVAGE





HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHAIRMAN KEVIN WALLACE, left, speaks with Senate Appropriations and Budget Chairman Roger Thompson, right, before a meeting of the Oklahoma Board of Equalization on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022. PHOTO TRES SAVAGE

Fy 2022 was a transition year due to the merger to create OU Health in June 2021

NOT THEIR JOB *from A6*

Earlier this week, prior to Wednesday’s meetings with OU Health leaders, Wallace said it’s too soon to tell whether the organization will need additional support to cover its debt obligations and achieve the cash on hand required to avoid further bond rating downgrades.

“We’ll see where they’re at,” Wallace said. “They haven’t asked for anything.”

On March 23, two weeks after the publication of an article outlining OU Health’s debt obligations, a University of Oklahoma spokesperson responded to a series of questions NonDoc had asked Jan. 20.

Melissa Caperton, OU’s acting chief communications officer, provided clarity about a previously unspecified loan involving OU Health, the OU Foundation and the OU Health Sciences Center. The \$135 million loan originated in 2018 when OU Health — then branded as OU Medicine — paid nearly \$1 billion to buy out HCA Healthcare, the private hospital management company that had operated OU’s hospital system since 1998.

Although the \$135 million loan technically involves OU Health borrowing funds from the OU Foundation, Caperton said the money loaned to OU Health actually comes from public assets of the OU Health Sciences Center that had previously been dedicated for investment at the OU Foundation.

“OUHSC investment assets already being managed by the OU

Foundation under an investment services agreement were directed by the OU Board of Regents to fund a \$135 million loan agreement with OU Medicine, Inc. (OU Medicine),” Caperton wrote. “The effective date of the funding was Jan. 31, 2018.”

Caperton noted that more information about the loan can be found in the OU Foundation’s consolidated financial statements, specifically under “Note 7 – Assets Held for Others.” The document describes the arrangement:

On January 31, 2018, as directed by the Board of Regents, the Foundation entered into a \$135,000,000 loan agreement with OU Medicine, Inc. (OU Medicine). OU Medicine, a not-for-profit corporation, is affiliated with the university and is not a subsidiary or affiliate of the foundation. The investment by OUHSC in OU Medicine is being facilitated by the foundation based on the amended investment services agreement. (...)

Interest accrues on the note at an interest rate of 5 percent, and the transactions consist of collection of various payments based on certain operating conditions being met by OU Medicine. Initial payments began during the year ended June 30, 2021, and will continue annually through December 15, 2032. As stated within the loan agreement, the maximum annual payment from OU Medicine in a single period cannot exceed \$17,500,000. This separate investment vehicle is included in the foundation’s non pooled investments and is considered an alternative investment.

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The described “amended investment services agreement” was approved at an Oct. 24, 2017, meeting of the OU Board of Regents. That meeting’s official minutes make no mention of a \$135 million loan of OUHSC assets to OU Medicine, instead referring to “strategic investment opportunities” supporting OUHSC’s mission:

Through the University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc. (Foundation), the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is seeking approval to participate in strategic investment opportunities that will support the mission of the Health Sciences Center to educate students, residents and other trainees, advance research and deliver exceptional patient care across the full breadth of adult, women’s, and children’s specialties. Funds contemplated for this investment are excess, expendable funds currently invested in an intermediate term fund managed by the Foundation, as authorized under current investment policies.

President Boren recommended the Board of Regents approve an amendment to the Investment Services Agreement with the University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc. to include additional mission driven strategic investments options for the Health Sciences Center and authorize the Vice President for Administration and Finance at the Health Sciences Center to do all things reasonably necessary and convenient to consummate the action contemplated herein. An executive session may be proposed

in regards to property pursuant to Section 307B.3

The motion passed unanimously.

After learning the details of the OU Health loan from the OU Foundation using OUHSC assets, Wallace said “it does” muddy the waters regarding the potential for additional legislative financing of OU Health.

“I still believe they have a strategic plan. They’ve made a lot of the tough decisions already,” Wallace said. “I do believe that when they tell me they’ll be over 45 days cash on hand by the end of this fiscal year, I think they will make it.”

Asked if OU Health made its payments on the loan to the OU Foundation last year, Caperton, the OU spokesperson, said “OU Health upheld its academic support payments to the university in FY 2022.”

“These arrangements, often called mission support, are a common feature in academic health systems across the country and provide funding from the clinical enterprise to support a university’s academic and research missions,” she wrote. “FY 2022 was a transition year due to the merger to create OU Health in June 2021, and OU Health is living up to its mission support obligation in FY 2023.”

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STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS chat before their meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. PHOTO BENNETT BRINKMAN

LACK OF CLARITY *On Its Pedagogical Approach &* CONCERNS OVER *Its Funding Structure*

CATHOLIC CHARTER SCHOOL *from AI*

modify elements of their application and seek board approval again within 30 days.

With state Superintendent of Public Instruction Ryan Walters — no longer Secretary of Education — in attendance, members discussed the merits of the Catholic Church’s application and the legality of granting approval to a religious charter school despite state law prohibiting such an occurrence. Questions about whether the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution allows a religious organization to operate a charter school have been hotly debated across the nation over the past year.

Stating that they were trying to address the merits and legality of the matter, board members ultimately voted 5-0 to disapprove the application for the proposed St. Isidore of Seville virtual charter school for eight reasons:

1. Concerns over the proposed school’s special education program
2. Lack of clarity on its pedagogical approach
3. Concerns with its proposed governance and management structure
4. Concerns about its ability to provide connectivity and IT support to rural students
5. Concerns over its funding structure
6. Miscellaneous consistency issues throughout the application
7. Legal issues prohibiting religious charter schools
8. Concerns with the proposed school’s ability to improve overall student outcomes.

“(The board’s decision was) not a surprise to us,” said Catholic Conference of Oklahoma executive director Brett Farley. “This is a fairly normal part of the application process. It gives us more time to address their concerns, and so we’ll do that and come back and present those and see where we go.”

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Diocese and Tulsa now have 30 days to correct the deficiencies in the application as identified by the SVCSB. In recent years, a variety of factors have challenged the finances of Catholic schools around the country.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State’s president and CEO, Rachel Laser, celebrated the board’s vote in a press release.

“It’s hard to think of a clearer violation of the religious freedom of Oklahoma taxpayers and public-school families than the state establishing the nation’s first religious public charter school,” Laser said. “This would be a

“This is an incredibly important decision in the state of Oklahoma... I will stand by every one of you in a vote to protect religious liberties and more opportunities for kids.

- RYAN WALTERS, Oklahoma Superintendent of Public Instruction

sea change for American democracy.”

Caution urged during public comment period

Board members’ biggest issue at Tuesday’s meeting seemed to be the legality of the proposed school itself.

Currently, Oklahoma statute requires charter schools to be nonreligious and nonsectarian. Additionally, potential charter school sponsors, such as the SVCSB, cannot sponsor charter schools that would be affiliated with religious or sectarian organizations.

In December, then-Attorney General John O’Connor issued an official opinion arguing that the nonreligious and nonsectarian sections of the statute “likely violate the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and therefore should not be enforced.”

But shortly after taking office, new Attorney General Gentner Drummond withdrew the opinion, saying the guidance “issued by my predecessor misuses the concept of religious liberty by employing it as a means to justify state-funded religion.”

In his withdrawal letter, Drummond also encouraged members of the SVCSB to reject the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City’s application.

“Unfortunately, the approval of a charter school by one faith will compel the approval of charter schools by all faiths, even those most Oklahomans would consider reprehensible and unworthy of public funding,” Drummond wrote.

Others made a similar argument during public comments to the board at today’s meeting, including restaurant owner Sean Cummings, a graduate of Oklahoma Catholic schools.

“Today, I’m a little embarrassed to say I’m a Catholic because we’re willing to violate the actual state Constitution,” Cummings said. “If you vote ‘yes,’ you are not a victim, you are a volunteer when Lucien Greaves of the Satanic Temple wants to apply for a religious charter school.”

Each of the six people who spoke in the public comments section of the meeting opposed approval of the proposed Catholic

school. Many of them touted their own religious backgrounds before urging board members to reject the application.

The Rev. Shannon Fleck, who works as executive director of the Oklahoma Faith Network, said approving the application and giving state funds to a religious institution would hurt religious freedoms in the state.

“The faith leaders I’ve worked with every day in secular interactions and faith-based (interactions) are highly concerned about the removal of this freedom,” Fleck said. “This decision will grow legs, and it will walk, and at some point, it will run.”

‘May or may not really be truly settled law’

But in his February letter, Drummond also admitted that “the law is currently unsettled” on the question of whether charter schools are state actors.

Other SVCSB members seemed to feel the same way, and they discussed the application and legal implications of their decision for more than an hour.

“It’s hard for me to accept it’s settled law and therefore then expose myself — theoretically — to immunity for something that may or may not really be truly settled law,” new board member Scott Strawn said.

Board members seemed to be expecting a lawsuit regardless of what decision they ultimately make on the Catholic Church’s the application owing to the law’s “unsettled” nature. As a result, members expressed concern over whether they would qualify for legal “immunity” if they were individually named in a lawsuit.

The board’s legal counsel, who works for the Attorney General’s office, said board members could generally be considered immune from personal liability in a suit, as long as they followed their counsel’s advice and upheld the law of Oklahoma.

This advice did not reassure Strawn or Nellie Tayloe Sanders, a new board member who cited the conflicting AG opinions as evidence that state law is not settled on this issue.

“It sounds like it’s a conflict of interest to the AG’s office who has had contradictory

opinions for us,” Sanders said.

Walters, who serves on the board as an ex-officio, non-voting member, attempted to assuage members’ fears.

“This is an incredibly important decision in the state of Oklahoma,” Walters said. “I will stand by every one of you in a vote to protect religious liberties and more opportunities for kids. Whatever I can do, I’ll be there to help any way that I can.”

In the same speech, Walters also called those who made public comments to the board opposing approval of the proposed Catholic charter school “radical leftists.”

“I know that you all heard from a lot of different folks, and you heard from some radical leftists that their hatred for the Catholic Church blinds them in doing what’s best for kids,” Walters said. “Their hatred for the Catholic Church has caused them to attack our very foundational religious liberties in attacking this school.”

Robert Franklin, the board’s chairperson, pushed back on Walters’ assertion.

“No disrespect to you, but I didn’t hear a radical position, nor did I hear an attack to the Catholic Church,” Franklin said. “So just from the chair’s perspective, I just want to go on record and say that I didn’t hear that from these comments today.”

Walters quickly responded.

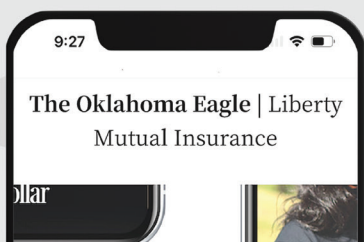
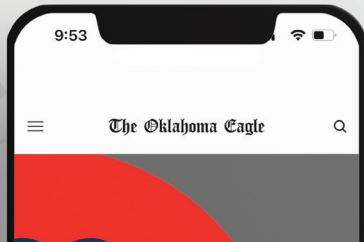
“I’m sorry, Dr. Franklin. The attacks have been really clear that they do not want religious entities involved in education, and so they have come up and they have said it to you directly,” Walters said. “I’ve seen the letters, I’ve seen the emails, I’ve heard from these folks time and time again, and I think that we should distance ourselves from allowing radicals to inject their way into this and overly politicize this decision.”

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STILL, QUESTIONS OF ACCOUNTABILITY LINGER... WITH NO CLEAR ANSWERS AVAILABLE

REP. TERRY O'DONNELL *from AI*

her mother's state-appointed tag agency.

Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) and his wife, Teresa, were indicted in December 2021 by an Oklahoma County grand jury. The convened body of citizens heard days of testimony from 27 witnesses and voted to indict Terry O'Donnell on eight criminal counts and Teresa O'Donnell on four of them.

The counts included conspiracy, violation of a law regulating official conduct as a legislator, perjury, and obtaining a thing of value greater than \$15,000 by false pretense.

Terry O'Donnell pushed legislation in 2018 and directly authored the 2019 bill that, in combination, allowed his wife's mother — Catoosa's long-time tag agent — to name her daughter, Teresa, as a state motor license agent shortly before she died. During the same 2019 session, O'Donnell clashed over the state's opioid litigation with then-Attorney General Mike Hunter. It was ultimately Hunter who asked then-Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater to investigate O'Donnell's tag agent legislation because Hunter said he had a conflict.

Despite saying he believes Prater investigated the case independently without Hunter's involvement, Drummond told NonDoc on Thursday that Hunter's beef with O'Donnell became his justification to dismiss the charges.

"I think he violated the law, but I think because he was targeted, I am not going to tolerate the prosecution of a legislator who has the audacity to hold accountable the attorney general. That's just wrong," Drummond said. "He was targeted for what I believe is loosely a common practice at the Capitol. The letter (I wrote O'Donnell today) admonishes him and says that you did wrong, but it didn't rise to the level of a felony, nor do I feel the need to prosecute."

Prater: 'This was an important indictment'

Drummond said his office did not announce the O'Donnell dismissal with a press release because "frankly, it's an elected official's status."

"You may consider it newsworthy, I just consider it an appropriate action of my office. We've looked at the facts, and we've declined to prosecute," Drummond said. "I'm not suggesting that Mr. Hunter influenced David Prater. I'm not suggesting that at all."

Drummond then incorrectly described a series of events regarding the O'Donnell investigation's timeline.

"I'm suggesting that Hunter targeted O'Donnell and made him the subject of a multi-county grand jury, and then (subsequent Attorney General John) O'Connor passed it off to Prater based on the conflicts of interest, and Prater did his prosecutorial thing," Drummond

No individuals were indicted by the multicounty grand jury, and so far no charges have stemmed from the investigation.

said.

But it was actually Hunter who had asked Prater to take on the case, which Prater did first in front of the state multi-county grand jury, which is based in the Attorney General's Office. After Hunter resigned abruptly in May 2021 — two months after the MCGJ's presiding judge resigned amid a sex scandal — Prater said staff in the AG's office declined to allow him to call additional witnesses in front of the multi-county grand jury. Prater subsequently convened his own Oklahoma County grand jury, read testimony from the MCGJ into evidence, and called several additional witnesses — including House Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) — before the Oklahoma County grand jury issued its indictments of the O'Donnells.

Reminded that it was Hunter, not O'Connor, who had asked Prater to handle the matter, Drummond clarified himself.

"I'm out of order on that," Drummond said. "Hunter passed it off to Prater, you're right."

Prater, who left office after not running for reelection in November, took issue with Drummond's decision and defended his own actions in the case, which Drummond took over from the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office in February under statutory authority granted to the attorney general.

"The O'Donnell investigation was completely independent of any outside influence, and an independent Oklahoma County grand jury indicted Rep. O'Donnell for the felony he committed," Prater said. "This was an important indictment because it held an elected official responsible for wrongdoing that occurred due to the power that that legislator had to pass legislation to benefit himself and his family."

Despite dismissing the charges, Drummond said he believes O'Donnell "violated the law."

"Terry's guilty," Drummond said. "He was targeted."

An attorney himself, O'Donnell did not respond to a text message seeking comment prior to the publication of this article. Hunter also did not respond to a text message seeking comment.

Drummond's chief of staff: "No reason to do him any favors"

O'Donnell's charges had loomed over his legislative tenure for nearly a year and a half, initially causing him to resign his leadership



GENTNER DRUMMOND speaks during a Republican primary debate for Oklahoma attorney general Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Oklahoma City Community College. PHOTO MICHAEL DUNCAN

post as House speaker pro tempore, the second highest-ranking position in the House. One of McCall's closest friends in the Legislature and his former roommate at an OKC apartment during session, O'Donnell rejoined House Republican leadership this year as majority whip, a position that involves coordinating the teams of legislators that whip vote counts ahead of key bills.

McCall was one of the final witnesses called before the grand jury that indicted O'Donnell, and another member of legislative leadership and Gov. Kevin Stitt said O'Donnell's 2019 tag agent bill was articulated as a House "priority" during annual negotiations.

Underscoring that allegation, Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat (R-OKC) allowed O'Donnell's 2019 tag agent bill to be heard and passed, even though he personally voted against it and had removed the operative language from a prior bill in 2018.

"I am from Catoosa, Oklahoma. I was aware of who [Terry O'Donnell's] mother in law was," Treat said of the bill, referencing a high-profile robbery, murder and prison escape that made national headlines.

One of McCall's other close friends is Trebor Worthen, a long-time political consultant for the House speaker. Drummond made Worthen his chief of staff at the Attorney General's Office after Worthen helped Drummond win election in 2022.

Worthen said Thursday that he never worked on any of O'Donnell's campaigns, although he does know him personally.

"He was never a client of mine. I never worked for Terry O'Donnell, and while we have a collegial relationship, I certainly have no reason to do him any favors," Worthen said. "Charles McCall was a client, and I consider him to be a great friend, but he wasn't involved in this. You know? This didn't have to do with Charles McCall."

Asked about McCall's testimony before the grand jury that indicted O'Donnell, Worthen said "I'm not aware of that," even though it is listed on the indictment document.

"He's not a party to this matter," Worthen said.

Hunter, McCall, O'Donnell and the fate of SB 984

Despite Worthen's statements, McCall and other members of House leadership were parties to the drama and unusual circumstances

surrounding a separate piece of significant legislation that O'Donnell filed in 2021 and ultimately passed into law last year.

SB 984 established transparency requirements and contingency fee caps on state legal contracts, and O'Donnell ran the measure partially out of his frustration with the lucrative contract that Hunter had signed with influential attorneys Michael Burrage and Reggie Whitten for assistance with Oklahoma's opioid lawsuits. Burrage and Whitten ultimately made tens of millions of dollars in contingency fees related to the cases and settlements, which O'Donnell and Drummond have both criticized.

With O'Donnell's SB 984 awaiting a hearing in a House committee in 2021, McCall said Hunter asked his office to delay the measure. In spring 2022, Prater received an allegation that Hunter had made some sort of threat to McCall that O'Donnell could be prosecuted. The person — who also told NonDoc that McCall and O'Donnell had each articulated this to them — said Hunter's comments resulted in the decision not to advance SB 984 in 2021.

Less than a week after the publication of an April 2022 story outlining that allegation, O'Donnell's SB 984 appeared on a House committee agenda, advanced and ultimately became law last session.

"Regarding the former attorney general requesting of the speaker of the House that the bill be killed or else Terry O'Donnell would be indicted, I was told that it had occurred," Prater said in April 2022. "I have not been able to confirm it even after receiving a statement from the speaker of the House's office."

Prater said McCall "expressly denied that it had occurred."

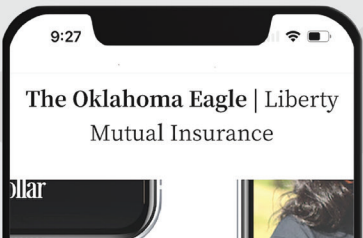
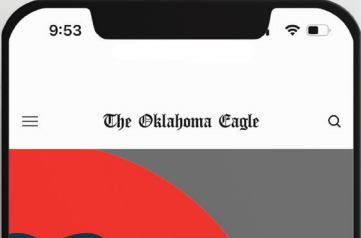
Drummond referenced SB 984 on Thursday.

"Effectively, based on our investigation, it appears as though O'Donnell was targeted by Hunter because he had the audacity of promoting legislation that would restrict the attorney general's ability to issue noncompetitive bids to friends and family without caps on attorney fees," Drummond said.

Munson: 'The decision by the AG is disappointing'

Drummond wrote a letter to O'Donnell on Thursday alerting him to the decision to dismiss charges:

REP. TERRY O'DONNELL *continued on A11*



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PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. CAROLYN SUE THOMAS CHAPPELL'S FAMILY

CAROLYN CHAPPELL *from AI*

Born on May 2, 1951, in Tulsa, Dr. Chappell was the daughter of Josephine Washington Thomas and Arthur Lee Thomas. Her mother was a sweet and caring person who looked after her children while still working, and her father was an entrepreneur who owned Thomas and Son's Barbershop and Dairy and was a photographer for large events in Tulsa and surrounding areas.

Dr. Chappell was a member of Booker T. Washington High School's Class of 1969.

Dr. Chappell moved to California early in life to start her career as an actress and writer. She loved writing and started her career as a writer. She was a singer in the Sound Band and wrote songs for other artists, unfortunately, she didn't always get the credit she deserved.

She returned to Tulsa with her two daughters, Lisa and Missy, and husband Carl Vester Chappell.

Dr. Chappell had a love for children, writing and education. She wrote plays for her grandparents the Rev. O D Washington and Pauline Washington's church and sang in the choir with her family.

In the late 1980s, Dr. Chappell and her Great Aunt Lilly Steed Zaheer created the Steed and Chappell Preparatory Academy, which provided a well-rounded curriculum for 2, 3, and 4-year-old children. Graduates of the academy typically skipped kindergarten due to the quality of education they received.

After hearing about an amazing church called Higher Dimensions, she began singing in the choir and working in the Children's Church. Pastor Carlton Pearson asked her to bring students to his church for a demonstration of what her students could do. Another reason she loved Higher D is that she wrote plays with her writing partner Darrin Applegate. After one of her plays, a man came up to her with his two beautiful daughters and told her he was going to commit suicide that night, but her play saved his life.

In 1992, she founded "America's Most Beautiful Baby Pageant," which helped children win savings bonds for their college education. This was a huge success, and Dr. Chappell went on to create "America's Most Beautiful Teen" and "America's Most Beautiful Pre-Teen" pageants. When she returned to Tulsa, she ran into one of the pageant winners, who told her she used her savings bonds to help pay for college.

In 1993, Dr. Chappell decided to attend college with her daughters, and she graduated from Northeastern State University in 1996 with her daughter Lisa. She finished her bachelor's degree in two years, her master's in one year, and then received a full scholarship for her doctorate degree at Oklahoma State University. She received recognition from President Bill Clinton, and even Oprah Winfrey's producers reached out for a story.

In 1996, she started writing for the Oklahoma Eagle, where she was later promoted to managing editor. She also won a journalism award during this time. During this time, she also worked two

jobs, including at Tulsa Community College as a writing specialist and an adjust professional of speech and journalism.

In 1999, Dr. Chappell and her two daughters moved to Texas to pursue careers in education.

They began teaching students in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and in 2011, they founded Texas Success Academy (TSA), a fully accredited online school for K-12 and adult learners. TSA currently has students in almost all 50 states and internationally in Iceland, Africa and the Middle East. Dr. Chappell helped thousands of students earn credits and graduate with an accredited high school diploma that allowed them to attend any college or university. TSA was featured in a Facebook Watch TV show-SKAM AUSTIN. April 18, 2023, will mark TSA's 12th year anniversary.

Dr. Chappell also loved real estate and owned several rental properties in Tulsa, where she provided owner financing to help people achieve the dream of homeownership. She worked with her daughters in real estate in Texas, as well.

In 2019 she and her daughters opened two businesses: CML Wellness Spa, the first Spa in Arlington, Texas, to offer red light therapy wellness pods; and Scared Leaf Arlington, a CBD store.

Dr. Chappell loved people, family and laughter. She enjoyed movie nights, traveling, and going to the Walnut Creek Country Club's "Ladies Who Lunch" outing and events with her daughters. She believed everyone should enjoy life, so she started a nonprofit, Hope for a Better Future Outreach. The organization allows teachers to work with students one-on-one and help them achieve academic success.

Despite major health issues, including a car accident in 2004, which lead to subdural hematoma that required emergency surgery 10 months later, Dr. Chappell survived and continued to inspire others. In 2012, after seven years of dialysis, she had a successful kidney transplant that worked like her own kidney until her passing.

Dr. Chappell is survived by her daughters, Dr. Lisa Chappell (partner retired Navy Chief Ward Wixon) and Missy Chappell; stepsons Carl Lee Chappell and Kenneth Chappell; Great Aunt Lilly Zaheer; best friends Cheryl Richardson and Dr. Oleta Whibbey; her puppy Bentley Giuseppe Gelato; and other relatives and caring friends.

In honor of Dr. Chappell's legacy of helping children, the family requests that in lieu of flowers or cards, memorial donations be made to Hope for a Better Future Outreach (www.hfbfoutrreach.org), where 99% of donations go directly to benefit children and teachers.

Dr. Chappell will be remembered as a "hometown hero," who touched the lives of many through her work in education, real estate, and nonprofit organizations. Her dedication, generosity and passion for helping others will continue to inspire and impact countless lives for years to come.

Her celebration of life was held on April 6 at the Gazebo at Crown Hill Cemetery.

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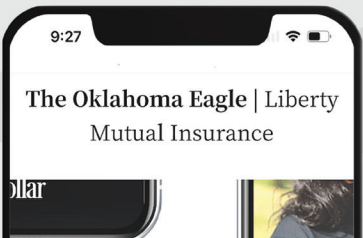
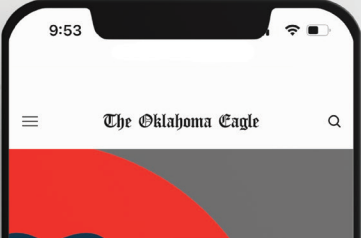
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FLANKED BY PROSECUTOR CHARLES ROGERS AND OKLAHOMA COUNTY COURT CLERK RICK WARREN, rear, Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater files a copy of a grand jury indictment of Rep. Terry and Teresa O'Donnell on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021. PHOTO TRES SAVAGE

THE AG SEEMS TO SUGGEST [O'DONNELL] *has broken the law, but is choosing not to press charges.*

REP. TERRY O'DONNELL from A9

I have concluded that former Attorney General Mike Hunter referred you for investigation not in the interest of serving justice, but for the purpose of political retribution. It was no secret then, and it is well established now, that the former attorney general had ample motive to target you. He concealed this motive from the District Attorney's Office, resulting in a series of events that culminated in criminal indictments.

This is not to say that I find you blameless or endorse your conduct. I question your judgment in authoring legislation that resulted in a benefit for your family. Your decisions contributed significantly to the consequences you have endured. However, it appears that [Article 5, Section 24 of the Oklahoma Constitution] has not been aggressively or equally enforced. The fact that you were singularly referred for prosecution guides my decision to dismiss the charges against you. In doing so, I make clear that this law, and all others, will be fairly and fully enforced in the future against all members of the Legislature.

House Minority Leader Cyndi Munson (D-OKC) expressed disappointment with Drummond's decision.

"The AG seems to suggest [O'Donnell] has broken the law, but is choosing not to press charges. I'm not sure what his goal is there, but the decision by the AG is disappointing — anyone who breaks the law should be held accountable, regardless of political position," Munson said. "Oklahomans do not want corruption ruling the day at the State Capitol when there is so much at stake right now — our schools are underfunded, we have a severe teacher shortage, and we can't recruit companies that offer higher wage jobs because of partisan extremism. We need leaders who are solely focused on their constituents, not how they can pass legislation for personal financial gain."

In his interview with NonDoc on Thursday afternoon, Drummond emphasized his belief that, "but for Mike Hunter's interference and targeting, Terry O'Donnell would never have been charged."

"If I do anything like that, I hope the successor AG dismisses any action," Drummond said. "If I'm going to exploit my office because you've irritated me or crossed me, that's just not appropriate. There's too much power vested in the Attorney General's Office to have an AG exploit it, and I'm not going to tolerate it. That's the basis."

WILLIAM W. SAVAGE III (TRES) has served as the editor in chief of NonDoc since the publication launched in September 2015. He holds a journalism degree from the University of Oklahoma and covered two sessions of the Oklahoma Legislature for eCapitol.net before working in health care for six years. He is a nationally certified Mental Health First Aid instructor.

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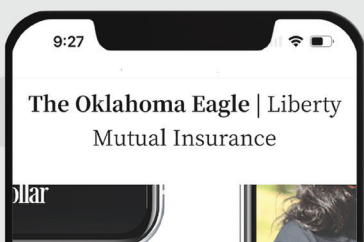
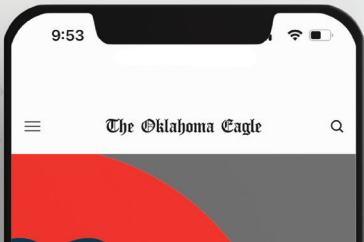
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SEALED BIDS FOR
PROJECT NO. 2023 - 2024

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PROJECT NO. 2023 – 2024 CITYWIDE
INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION
AND IMPROVEMENTS

The entire cost of the improvement
shall be paid from

Account No. 2036N0001Z.Streets.
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Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is MANDATORY. Bids will not be received from contractors who did not attend the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bids will be accepted by the City Clerk from the holders of valid pre-qualifications certificates from the City of Tulsa in one or more of the following classifications: A or C

Drawings, specifications and contract documents for construction of said public improvements of the said project have been adopted by the Mayor of said City. Copies of same may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Engineering Services at the City of Tulsa Engineering Services, 2317 South Jackson, Room 103, North Building, for a non-refundable fee in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to the City of Tulsa by check or money order.

Contract requirements shall include compliance as required by law pertaining to the practice of non-discrimination in employment.

The overall aspirational Small Business Enterprise utilization goal for this project is ten (10) percent.

Attention is called to Resolution No. 18145 of August 23, 1988, requiring bidders to commit to the goal of employing on the project at least fifty percent bona fide residents of the City of Tulsa and/or MSA in each employment classification.

Attention is called to Resolution 7404 of November 8, 2006, requiring bidders, their subcontractors and their lower-tier subcontractors to hire only citizens of the United States.

The City of Tulsa itself is exempt from the payment of any sales or use taxes, and pursuant to Title 68 O.S. Section 1356(10), direct vendors to the City are also exempt from those taxes. A bidder may exclude from his bid appropriate sales taxes, which he will not have to pay while acting for and on behalf of the City of Tulsa.

A Certified or Cashier's Check or Bidders Surety Bond, in the sum of 5% of the amount of the bid will be required from each bidder to be retained as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails, neglects or refuses to enter into said contract for the construction of said public improvements for said project and furnish the necessary bonds within thirty days from and after the date the award is made.

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All bids will be opened and considered by the Bid Committee of said City at a meeting of said Committee to be held in the City Council Room of City Hall in said City at 9:00 a.m. on the 28th day of April 2023.

Dated at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 31st day of March 2023.

(SEAL)
Christina Chappell
City Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SEALED BIDS FOR
PROJECT NO. 2036N9038Z

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PROJECT NO. 2036N9038Z
NON-ARTERIAL STREET REHABILITATION MAINTENANCE ZONE
9038

The entire cost of the improvement shall be paid from Account No. 2036N9038Z.StreetsNAr-tRhb.4282.4282312-541106

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held through video conferencing with Microsoft Teams, invitation presented on the City of Tulsa's website at this link:

<https://www.cityoftulsa.org/government/departments/engineering-services/construction-bids/>

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Drawings, specifications and contract documents for construction of said public improvements of the said project have been adopted by the Mayor of said City. Copies of same may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Engineering Services at the City of Tulsa Engineering Services, 2317 South Jackson, Room 103, North Building, for a non-refundable fee in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to the City of Tulsa by check or money order.

Contract requirements shall include compliance as required by law pertaining to the practice of nondiscrimination in employment.

The overall aspirational Small Business Enterprise utilization goal for this project is ten (10) percent.

Attention is called to Resolution No. 18145 of August 23, 1988, requiring bidders to commit to the goal of employing on the project at least fifty percent bona fide residents of the City of Tulsa and/or MSA in each employment classification.

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A Certified or Cashier's Check or Bidders Surety Bond, in the sum of 5% of the amount of the bid will be required from each bidder to be retained as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails, neglects or refuses to enter into said contract for the construction of said public improvements for said project and furnish the necessary bonds within thirty days from and after the date the award is made.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish public liability and workmen's compensation insurance; Performance, Statutory, and Maintenance bonds acceptable to the City of Tulsa, in conformity with the requirements of the proposed contract documents. The Performance, Statutory, and Maintenance bonds shall be for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

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Dated at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 31st day of March 2023.

(SEAL)
Christina Chappell
City Clerk

NOTICE

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SEALED BIDS FOR
TULSA METROPOLITAN UTILITY
AUTHORITY PROJECT NO. SP 22-15

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order by the Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority, a Public Trust, sealed bids will be received in Room 260 of the Office of the City Clerk, City of Tulsa, 175 E. 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103 until 8:30 a.m. the 5th day of May, 2023 for furnishing all tools, materials and labor and performing the work necessary to be done in the construction of the following:

PROJECT NO. SP 22-15 ROOF REPLACEMENT MOHAWK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The entire cost of the improvement shall be paid from Account No. 2334B00016.Buildings. Water.7400.74003122-541101 2131W0017Z.Buildings.Water.7400.74003122-541101 2 0 3 3 1 0 0 1 7 Z . B u i l d - i n g s . 7 4 0 0 . 7 4 0 0 3 1 2 2 - 5 4 1 1 0 4

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held through video conferencing with Microsoft Teams, invitation presented on the City of Tulsa's website at this link: <https://www.cityoftulsa.org/government/departments/engineering-services/construction-bids/>

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is MANDATORY. Bids will not be received from contractors who did not attend the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bids will be accepted by the City Clerk from the holder of valid pre-qualification certificates from the City of Tulsa in one or more of the following classifications: A, B or S.

Drawings, specifications and contract documents for construction of said public improvements of the said project have been adopted by the Mayor of said City. Copies of same may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Engineering Services for the City of Tulsa, 2317 South Jackson, Room 103, North Building, for a non-refundable fee in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to the Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority by check or money order.

Contract requirements shall include compliance as required by law pertaining to the practice of non-discrimination in employment.

Attention is called to Resolution No. 18145 of August 23, 1988, requiring bidders to commit to the goal of employing on the project at least fifty percent bona fide residents of the City of Tulsa and/or MSA in each employment classification.

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The Authority, acting on behalf of the City of Tulsa, is exempt from the payment of any sales or use taxes, and pursuant to Title 68 O.S. Section 1356(10), direct vendors to the Authority are also exempt from those taxes. A bidder may exclude from his bid appropriate sales taxes which he will not have to pay while acting for and on behalf of the Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority. See Contract Article IIB.

A Certified or Cashier's Check or Bidder's Surety Bond, in the sum of 5% of the amount of the bid will be required from each bidder to be retained as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails, neglects or refuses to enter into said contract for the construction of said public improvements for said project and furnish the necessary bonds within thirty days from and after the date the award is made.

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Dated at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 7th day of April 2023.

(SEAL)
Rick Hudson, Chairperson Tulsa
Metropolitan Utility Authority

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SEALED BIDS FOR
PROJECT NO. 2035X001Z Phase
2 2036X001Z Phase 3

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PROJECT NO. 2035X001Z, Phase 2 2035X001Z, Phase 3 BUILD GRANT/LINK ADA UPGRADES VARIOUS LOCATIONS, AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT STATIONS LINK TULSA - TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES

The entire cost of the improvement shall be paid from Account No. 2238FR0001.Capital. Infrst.2500.25003122- 541103

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Dated at Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 7th day of April 2023.

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(918) 834-4747

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Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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Rev. Emanuel L. Collier, Sr.
Pastor

Gethsemane Baptist Church

727 East 56th St. North
(918) 425-6613

Dr. W. T. Lauderdale

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

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11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship - 7:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer - 7:30 pm
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Rev. John W. Anderson

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6:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Robert R. Allen Turner

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Tulsa, Okla. 74106
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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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DR. ARNOLD BULLOCK, 2015 St. Louis American Foundation Salute to Excellence in Healthcare Lifetime Achiever, serves as the Alan A. & Edith L. Wolff Distinguished Professor in Urology at Washington University. Dr. Bullock says community outreach is a key in reducing the mortality rate for Black men with prostate cancer. PHOTO WILEY PRICE/ST. LOUIS AMERICAN

PROSTATE CANCER IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IN MEN

PROSTATE CANCER from AI

“It’s amazing how different the prostate cancer numbers are based on what zip codes you’re in a lot of major metropolitan cities across the country. There is a big difference in mortality rate or death rate based on your zip code,” Dr. Bullock said.

According to Dr. Bullock, if you live in the 63136 zip code, one has a “fivefold greater chance” or prostate cancer death compared to an individual who lives in the 63110 zip code. He goes on to explain why this is happening.

“In North County, there’s a higher percentage of African Americans, and African Americans have the highest rate of prostate cancer in the world, so in general, Blacks get prostate cancer diagnosed at two times the rate of whites, but that still doesn’t account for the higher mortality rate,” he said.

“The mortality rate is based on what stage of diagnosis, so unfortunately, there’s less screening for prostate cancer in the Black population than in the white population.”

The persistent problem in preventing or catching prostate cancer early enough to treat it in time, is screenings, according to experts like Dr. Bullock.

“If you have a population that’s more likely to get prostate cancer for unknown reasons anyway, and then you screen that population less, you’re going to end up with higher stage disease at the time of diagnosis, and the higher the stage or better stated, the more likely your cancer is already spread at the time of diagnosis, the more likely you die,” he explained.

From a historical standpoint, before prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screenings were available, two thirds of prostate cancer had spread by the time African Americans were diagnosed in the ‘50’s. By the ‘80s, one third of white Americans had cancer spread by the time they were diagnosed with the disease. However, these rates dropped in the mid-‘90s.

“By the mid-‘90s with PSA screenings, that rate had dropped down to less than 8% of Blacks and less than 2% of Whites had cancer spread at the time of diagnosis, so your chances of being diagnosed with localized cancer, curable cancer is based on your screening,” Dr. Bullock said. “In 2012, the US Preventive Task Force suggested that screenings did more harm than good, which makes no sense, but this is the same task force that suggested that women don’t need mammograms at such an early age.”

According to the urologist, these recommendations have a direct impact on people’s lives.

“Between 2012 and 2018, the percentage of Blacks who were screened for cancer dropped dramatically, and you would say, well it should have dropped in the whites, but just because the recommendation changed in some populations, that doesn’t mean the practice of the doctors changed, so in more well-to-do areas they continue to screen and in less well-to-do areas they quit screening,” he said.

When asked what’s being done to combat the lack of prostate cancer screenings, Dr. Bullock talked about the community outreach being done by him, his colleagues, and local health groups.

“We, including Dr. Lannis Hall who is a radiation oncologist, the members of the prostate Cancer Coalition, the Siteman Cancer Center and many other groups including the Empowerment Network and the Prostate Cancer Support Group, try to go into the community, churches and men’s groups to educate community on the fact that prostate cancer is a deadly disease,” he said.

“Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men, only behind lung cancer, and we can change that number through screening, but we must keep pushing this subject in community events like today.”

Pfizer and Their Questionable Solution

Pfizer recently released a study on the

combination of Talzenna/Xtandi to treat prostate cancer at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Genitourinary (GU) Cancers Symposium.

Data from the Pfizer study showed a 37% reduction in risk of disease progression or death in men with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer treated with TALZENNA plus XTANDI, their proposed treatment.

Dr. Aida Habtezion, Chief Medical Officer and head of Worldwide Medical and Safety at Pfizer, talked about the new drug that could be a game changer in treating prostate cancer.

“For reasons that we do not understand, there is a clear increase in terms of prostate cancer, diagnosis and also its incidents, certainly over the past decade there has been incredible amount of work that has led to better ways to diagnose the disease and also to treat the disease,” said Dr. Aida Habtezion, Chief Medical Officer, and head of Worldwide Medical and Safety at Pfizer.

According to data from the CDC, cases of advanced prostate cancer are on the rise for the first time in 20 years.

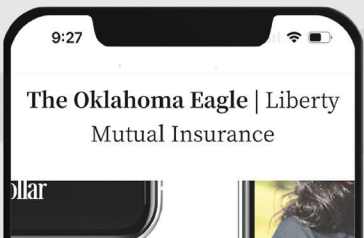
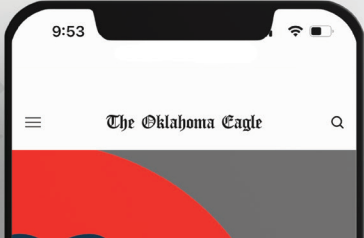
“We know that African ancestry also is a risk. Factor for prostate cancer and the development of more late-stage aggressive cancers,” Dr. Habtezion said. “I think as I mentioned why this disparity exists is we can think about access barriers because, regardless of race, if they could be diagnosed early, the outcome could be similar among the different ethnic groups.”

When asked about demographics and how many Black men participated in the study, a representative from Pfizer followed up by email to say, “Unfortunately, that information is not publicly available. Other than confirm that there were Black participants in both arms of the study, I am afraid there is no further details we can provide at this time.”



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JUSTIN JONES from AI

the seat in the same meeting.

A spokesperson for House Speaker Cameron Sexton said he’d go along with the council if they chose to send Jones back.

He also indicated that he’d also welcome back Justin Pearson if Memphis officials voted later this week to return him to the House.

“The two governing bodies will make the decision as to who they want to appoint to these seats,” the Speaker said in a statement.

“Those two individuals will be seated as representatives as the constitution requires.”

The Shelby County commission expects to take up a motion to return Pearson on Wednesday.

The expulsion of the two Democrats, who vociferously called on their colleagues to act on gun control after the latest school shooting in Nashville that claimed the lives of three elementary school students and three adults.

The reinstatement of Jones comes on the same day a gunman in Kentucky, believed to be a disgruntled ex-employee, killed five people at a bank in Louisville.

It’s the latest in a string of mass shootings that have rocked the nation in recent years, with gun violence continuing to be a divisive and contentious issue.

Some politicians and interest groups have pushed back against calls for stricter gun control. They say that doing so would violate their rights under the Second Amendment.

As the nation mourns the victims of the Louisville shooting and grapples with the ongoing issue of gun violence, many are left wondering when, if ever, meaningful action will be taken to address the issue.

Across the country and in Tennessee, the backlash has been palpable, and even some Republicans have expressed regret for the actions of party members and Sexton, who led the vote to oust Jones and Pearson.

“If my job, along with other members of the R.N.C., is to protect the brand of the Republican Party, this didn’t help,” Oscar Brock, a Republican National Committeeman from Tennessee, told the New York Times. “You’ve energized young voters against us. Worse than squandering support, you’ve made enemies where we didn’t need them.”

He continued:

“Even in Tennessee, we have swing districts in the State House and

Senate, and if you’ve angered tens of thousands of students and presumably their parents, you could theoretically expose yourself to a united front,” Brock demanded.

Rev. Mark Thompson, the host of Make it Plain and an NNPA contributor, returned to Tennessee on Monday for the vote to re-seat Jones, his longtime friend. On NNPA’s Let It Be Known, Thompson stated, “My understanding is that the Nashville National City Council will re-seat Jones, and I believe the Memphis Council will meet later in the week to discuss Pearson.”

Thompson noted that most, if not all, flights to Nashville have been sold out, signaling the large demonstrations ahead.

“This isn’t going away,” Thompson asserted.

“This is a movement. This is going to build and grow. You can’t do this; it’s not sustainable. I’m not sure that if the two Justins are re-seated, the movement will stop. This is bad for the national Republican party.” Phyllis Qualls, who’s covering the proceedings for the Tennessee Tribune, said the G.O.P. leadership miscalculated expelling Jones and Pearson.

“Republicans had no vision as to the aftermath of what they can do,” Qualls said. “Mom has always said, ‘What’s done in the dark will come out in the light.’ The Republicans took a major issue like gun control and reduced it to decorum. It’s almost like children in the car complaining that ‘Mom, he’s looking at me.’”

“The crimes don’t equate, and to do this during holy week, you crucified these men, and they are rising to a level that nobody expected. They have become leaders of the gun control issue, and it was the Republicans who caused that.”

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