

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

CHARTER FOR THE OSU/A&M SYSTEM COUNCIL OF IT OFFICERS

I. Introduction

The OSU/A&M System Council of IT Officers (CITO) is established to define, implement, and sustain a comprehensive, system-wide framework for the governance of information technology across the institutions governed by the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges (Board of Regents).

The CITO serves as the originating body responsible for establishing governance structures, processes, and standards necessary to ensure that information technology decisions are consistent, transparent, and aligned with systemwide and institutional strategy across the OSU/A&M System.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the CITO is to establish and maintain a unified IT governance framework that enables coordinated oversight, strengthens risk management, and ensures alignment of technology investments with the mission and strategic priorities of the OSU/A&M System.

In fulfilling this purpose, the CITO will:

- Establish a unified IT governance structure across all institutions
- Address audit findings and governance deficiencies through structured remediation
- Standardize policies, standards, and procedures to reduce fragmentation and risk
- Strengthen cybersecurity, compliance, and risk management alignment
- Ensure IT initiatives and investments support academic and administrative priorities

III. Role

The CITO operates within a multi-tier governance model and serves as the system-level body responsible for developing IT governance structures, recommending policies, and coordinating cross-institutional efforts.

The CITO works collaboratively with institutional leadership, IT leadership, and institutions within the system to ensure effective implementation and adoption of governance practices across the system.

IV. Independence and Authority

The CITO shall operate with appropriate independence to establish & maintain governance recommendations and evaluate system-wide IT risks, processes, and structures.

Authority is granted to the CITO to:

- Develop, review, and recommend system-wide IT policies and standards
- Establish & maintain governance processes, decision rights, and accountability structures
- Identify and escalate risks, compliance issues, and audit findings
- Coordinate governance-related activities across institutions

The CITO does not assume operational responsibility for institutional IT activities but provides oversight, coordination, and governance recommendations. The CITO will not have budget authority. In the event of budgetary impact, prior approval from the Board will be required.

All recommendations of the CITO are subject to review and approval by the Board of Regents, which provides executive oversight and establishes system-wide direction. All operational actions or decisions of the CITO must be reported to the Board monthly.

V. Responsibility

The CITO is responsible for advancing IT governance across the OSU/A&M System in the following areas:

- Governance structures, processes, and decision-making frameworks
- System-wide policy development and standardization
- Risk identification, mitigation, and audit response coordination
- Oversight of major IT initiatives and shared services
- Alignment of IT capabilities with institutional mission and priorities

The CITO shall also serve as a coordinating body to promote collaboration, reduce duplication, and improve efficiency across institutions.

VI. Membership

The CITO will consist of senior IT leadership from across the OSU/A&M System. Membership will be comprised of at least one individual from each institution as well as membership at the System level. Membership of the CITO shall include representatives with appropriate knowledge, experience, and authority to support system-wide governance objectives. The Chair of the CITO will be appointed by the Board of Regents. The following institutions will provide at least one member to serve on the CITO:

- Connors State College
- Langston University

- Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
- Oklahoma Panhandle State University
- Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
- Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
- Oklahoma State University Oklahoma City
- Oklahoma State University Stillwater/Tulsa

VII. Planning and Implementation

The CITO shall develop and maintain a comprehensive IT governance framework that is scalable across all OSU/A&M institutions.

This includes:

- Establishing governance structures and operating models
- Defining roles, responsibilities, and decision rights
- Developing and prioritizing governance initiatives
- Supporting implementation and continuous improvement efforts

The CITO shall meet and review governance effectiveness and recommend adjustments periodically or as needed to address evolving risks, regulatory requirements, and strategic priorities.

VIII. Reporting

The CITO shall provide periodic updates to system leadership and the Board regarding:

- Progress toward governance framework implementation
- Status of policy development and standardization
- Identified risks, compliance issues, and mitigation efforts
- Alignment of IT initiatives with strategic priorities

Significant risks, governance gaps, or compliance concerns shall be escalated as appropriate to ensure timely review and action.

IX. Professional Standards

The CITO shall conduct its activities in accordance with:

- Applicable Board policies and procedures
- Recognized IT governance and risk management frameworks
- Relevant regulatory and compliance requirements

Activities shall emphasize transparency, accountability, consistency, and alignment with best practices in IT governance.

X. Continuous Improvement

The CITO shall promote continuous improvement of IT governance processes by:

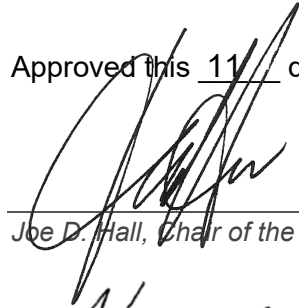
- Evaluating governance effectiveness across institutions

- Identifying opportunities to enhance efficiency and reduce risk
- Supporting collaboration and knowledge sharing across campuses
- Incorporating lessons learned from audits, assessments, and operational experience

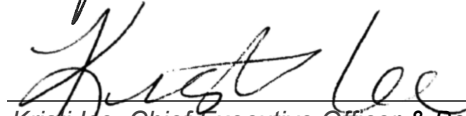
XI. Review and Approval of Charter

This charter shall be reviewed periodically to ensure that its purpose, authority, and responsibilities remain aligned with the strategic direction of the OSU/A&M System and the expectations of the Board.

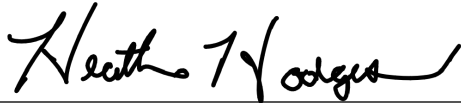
Approved this 11 day of September, 2026.



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