



Paula M. Lewis

Paula is a native Oklahoman from Lawton. Upon graduation from Eisenhower High School, she attended Southwest Missouri State University where she played collegiate golf and completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Paula entered the Occupational Therapy program at OUHSC in 1992 and graduated in 1994. Paula has since enjoyed 25 years of practicing Occupational Therapy. The majority of Paula's OT career has been as an entrepreneur in the Outpatient sector. She initially specialized in pain management, postural assessment and work injuries as the owner of Oklahoma Therapy Institute. Currently, she is co-owner of Quest Pediatric Therapy, an outpatient clinic providing OT, PT and SLP services to children. Paula has been an active member of OKOTA for the past 8 years, she is a member of AOTA and has served on committees related to work and industry and the OT's role. She has taught adjunct at OCCC and OUHSC. She has presented posture and work safety topics to a variety of organizations.

Paula is currently serving in her first term as the Chair of the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education. Her work as the Chair has included, but has not been limited to, hiring and retaining Superintendent Sean McDaniel, bringing students and staff's mental wellness into focus through Embrace OKC, championing transparency and accountability by the district and board, creating a Student Experience and Equity committee to lead the district in adhering to a new Equity Policy, and supporting the development and passage of a robust non-discrimination policy to protect students and staff. Paula's proudest title is "mom." Her oldest son, Hunter, serves as Military Police in the US Army. Her youngest son, Reign, is in 4th grade in an OKCPS elementary school.