Emmett Shear:

- Birth: Born in 1983.
- Current Position: Interim CEO of OpenAI, appointed by the board on November 19, 2023.
- Predecessor: Took over the role following the ousting of former CEO Sam Altman two days earlier.
- Career at Twitch: Previously served as the chief executive officer of Twitch, a position held until March 2023. Twitch originated as a live video platform known as Justin.tv.
- Entrepreneurship and Investment: Recognized as an American internet entrepreneur and investor.
- Venture Capital Involvement: Served as a part-time partner at the venture capital firm Y Combinator.

Early Life and Education of Emmett Shear:

- Hometown: Emmett Shear was raised in Seattle.
- Educational Background: He attended the Evergreen School for Gifted Children in Seattle.
- Connection with Co-founder: At the age of 8, he met his future co-founder, Justin Kan, at the Evergreen School. They formed a bond through accelerated math classes and shared interests, including playing Magic: The Gathering.
- Academic Journey: Emmett Shear pursued his higher education at Yale University.
- Co-founders at Yale: At Yale, he studied alongside his eventual co-founder, Justin Kan, and another co-founder, Michael Siebel.
- Degree Earned: In 2005, Emmett Shear earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in computer science from Yale University.

Career Highlights of Emmett Shear:

Y Combinator:

- In 2005, Shear and Kan applied to the first class of Y Combinator.
- Developed a calendar application called Kiko, later sold on eBay for $250,000 after Google Calendar was introduced.

Justin.tv:

- In 2006, along with Kan, Seibel, and Vogt, started Justin.tv, a 24/7 live video feed of Kan’s life.
- Transitioned to providing a live video platform, launching Justin.tv in 2007.
- Became one of the largest live video platforms globally with over 30 million unique users monthly.
- Shear became CEO on August 29, 2011.

Twitch:

- Justin.tv spun off gaming content as TwitchTV in June 2011.
- Twitch officially launched on June 6, 2011, and became immensely popular.
- Amazon acquired Twitch for $970 million on August 25, 2014.

Resignation from Twitch:

- Shear resigned as CEO of Twitch in March 2023, with Daniel J. Clancy taking over.

Investor Activities:

- Shear became a part-time partner at Y Combinator in June 2011, advising new

startups.

OpenAI:

- On November 19, 2023, Shear was appointed as the interim CEO of OpenAI, succeeding Sam Altman.