



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE ABLE COMMISSION MEETING  
October 20, 2023

The filing of the meeting and posting of the agenda were in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on October 5, 2022. The agenda was posted on October 17, 2023, on the front and back doors of the 50 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street building in Oklahoma City, the door of the ABLE Commission's Office Reception area, and the ABLE Commission website.

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission at 50 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. A quorum was met with the presence of the following Commission members: Andrew Revelis; Robert "Bob" Usry; Keith Mitchell; A. Ainslie Stanford II; and Austin Benton.

The visitors that were in attendance were: Assistant Attorney General James Crawford, Office of the Attorney General; Stevi Hampton and Tiffany Cooper, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; Lauren Kidwell, Edward Tuya and Stephanie Montes, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Russell Thorpe, Oklahoma Distillers Guild; Colin Graham, Oklahoma Restaurant Association; J.B Jarboe, Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits; Brett Robinson, Beer Distributors of Oklahoma; Alex Adkins, Beer Distributors of Oklahoma; Todd Cox, Traditions Spirits; Bray Haven, Oklahoma Local Wholesalers Association; Donald Brain, Handcrafted Wine & Spirits; Justin Naifeh, Republic National Distributing Company; Samantha Guinn, Institute for Responsible Alcohol Policy; Robert Jernigan and Dirk Van Veen, Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma; Charles Outlaw, LegisOK; and Ellen Usry, Citizen.

The following ABLE Commission employees in attendance were: Director Brandon Clabes; Assistant Director/General Counsel Lori Carter; Chief Law Enforcement Agent Todd Peck; Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell; Captain Greg Bynum; Captain Kent James; Captain Michael Randol; Captain Scott Smith; Senior Agent Tania Rembert; Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs; and Legal Administrative Assistant Kimberly Yates.

A roll call of the following ABLE Commissioners was announced: Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis, Commissioner Robert "Bob" Usry, Commissioner Keith Mitchell, Commissioner A. Ainslie Stanford II, and Commissioner Austin Benton. A quorum was then established for the ABLE Commission meeting October 20, 2023.

Assistant Attorney General James Crawford acknowledged that the ABLE Commission is compliant with the Open Meeting Act. A notice of the meeting and agenda were posted 48 hours prior to the meeting and in accordance with Oklahoma statute 25 O.S. §311.

Vice Chairman Revelis moved to agenda item #5, recognition of Captain Michael Randol for 25 years of service to the State of Oklahoma. The Commission thanked and congratulated Captain Randol on this service.

Executive Brandon Clabes introduced the ABLE Commission's new Chief Law Enforcement Agent, Todd Peck. Chief Peck spoke about his previous experience with law enforcement and his mission for the ABLE Commission's Enforcement Division.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the regular monthly meetings for calendar year 2024. The regular monthly meetings will remain every third Friday of every month except in March 2024, moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday and December 2024, move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday. Commission Benton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Robert "Bob" Usry – Yes  
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
Commissioner A. Ainslie Stanford II – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

Commissioner Usry made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2023 commission meeting. Commissioner Benton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Robert "Bob" Usry – Yes  
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
Commissioner A. Ainslie Stanford II – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023:

Director Brandon Clabes provided the following information to the ABLE Commission:

- Director Clabes met with many different entities, committees, agencies and conferences including: ABLE Brand Registration Division, Oklahoma Department of Corrections (DOC), Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI), Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP), Oklahoma Department of Health (ODH), Oklahoma Chiefs' Association Meeting, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Rose State College Board of Regents meeting, Criminal Justice Advisory Council meeting, Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), Oklahoma Sheriff's Association conference, Medal of Valor Review Board meeting, a dedication ceremony of the new Midwest City Police and Fire Training Facility, Cabinet Secretary of Public Safety for the State of Oklahoma Tricia Everest, House Leader Jon Echols, Senators Weaver, Green, Thompson and Hall, and Representatives McBride, George, Worthen, Sims, Sterling, Pfeiffer, Ford, Harding and Humphrey, Oklahoma Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon with Governor Stitt, along with several constituents and concerned citizens of the public.
- Director Clabes mentioned that as of October 3, 2023, he celebrated his first full year as Executive Director for the ABLE Commission. He thanked the entire Commission for the unwavering support and conforming to change.
- Director Clabes gave an update of continued negotiations between OMES and the ABLE Commission regarding the implementation of Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) tracking for the ABLE agent vehicles.
- The ABLE Commission Enforcement District offices have conducted interviews for agent positions and forwarded their recommendations to OSBI for backgrounds checks. More information will be distributed once the positions have been confirmed as filled.

- Captain Smoot met with a lobbyist from a national tobacco company to discuss Oklahoma's new vape registration law. He is also coordinating the "Vape Registration and Attestations" as required by statute. ABLE currently has over 9,000 products registered.
- Director Clabes and Assistant Director Carter met with Robin Cheatwood from OMES on upgrading security measures for the ABLE headquarters building.
- The GeoSafe program has been approved by the OMES information technology department and is in the final stage of implementation. The ABLE Commission is currently in a 90 day test mode of the program to make sure it will work well for the agents. GeoSafe provides another layer of security for our agents by showing their location in real time.
- The ABLE Commission has invited ACCELA representatives to participate in the November commission meeting and present vital information for consideration.
- Director Clabes met with the Oklahoma County District Attorney on her new procedures regarding officer involved shootings.
- Assistant Director Carter and Director Clabes met with Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Treadwell on the fiscal year 2025 ABLE budget. It will be presented during the financial report.
- The ABLE Commission has received the Oklahoma Underage Access to Alcohol Report from the Oklahoma Department of Mental and Substance Abuses Services. A copy has been provided to the Commissioners.
- Director Clabes continues to work toward training in different areas for enforcement and civilian staff.
- The next ABLE Commission meeting will be in 4 weeks on November 17, 2023.

- The Licensing Supervisor and Project Manager, Carla Clanton, presented a PowerPoint presentation and covered the following topics: status of quotes for additional licenses/users for access to the administrative Accela account and additional event license types. She also provided a list of the top 5 issues with the Accela licensing system and their status and the dates that the issues were originally submitted. Ms. Clanton also provided to the Commissioners a copy of monthly applications services reporting contract for October 2023. She also attended the Accela Conference in Washington D.C. from September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup> to represent the ABLE Commission. The latest count of registered ABLE licensed users that have registered in the new online system is 157,963.

The Enforcement Report was presented to the Commissioners:

- The following ABLE Commission Captains presented an update of their respective departments and tasks that have been completed since the last Commission meeting: Captain Kent James, Tulsa District; Captain Michael Randol, McAlester District; Senior Agent Tania Rembert, Oklahoma City District; Captain Erik Smoot, Alcohol and Tobacco Education Unit; and Captain Greg Bynum, Trade Practices Unit and Brand Registration.

Assistant Director/General Counsel Lori Carter presented the following legal report to the Commission: Assistant Director Carter stated that there are 36 cases settled for September. For the month of October, there are 31 cases resolved with 19 cases remaining. There are 27 cases set for the month of November, thus far. Assistant Director Carter also gave an update from the Oklahoma Legislature about decisions that were made at the Capitol that may affect the agency. Assistant Director Carter stated that she worked with the Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell on the agency's budget information for fiscal year 2025 and that information will be relayed in the financial report. A new employment position has been posted, Deputy General Counsel, to assist with policies and procedures, digitizing the agency's historical documents and other legal assistance. Also, a new position will be created in the legal department for an agency prosecutor that will be responsible for settling the alcohol and tobacco related dockets as well as assist with coordinating training for the agents. Assistant Director Carter traveled to

Washington D.C. for the State Chamber Fly-In that provided congressional updates from the Legislative staff. She also attended the National Liquor Law Association Conference in Virginia Beach which provided vital training with different items including officer safety and wellness. She also had a very informational visit with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission. Assistant Director Carter also stated that she has provided a legislative update to the ABLE agents to keep them abreast of the new laws for when they receive inquires in the field. She continues to work with and the Licensing Supervisor, Carla Clanton and the Accela MAS team in resolving work orders and issues. She also continues to track bills and interim studies from the House and Senate that may affect the ABLE Commission.

Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell presented the financial report's PowerPoint presentation and covered the following topics: cash balances, cash balance comparison, revenue as of September 30, 2023, revenue comparison, transfer of revenue as of September 30, 2023, fiscal year 2023 expenditures as of September 30, 2023, fiscal year 2024 expenditures as of September 30, 2023, refunds for September 2023 and additional items to note. She also gave a synopsis of the budget request for fiscal year 2025.

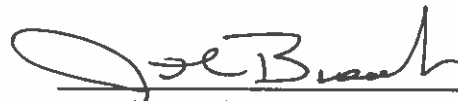
Vice Chairman Revelis moved on to Item #15, comments from the public:

- Colin Graham made a comment regarding the survey from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and how he is working with the industry in prevention of underage alcohol sales.
- Lauren Kidwell, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse made a statement regarding the alcohol survey conducted by her agency.
- Edward Tuya with Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse also made a statement regarding the alcohol survey conducted by their agency.

Commissioner Usry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes  
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
Commissioner A. Ainslie Stanford II – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:04 a.m.



Jonathan Brooks, Chairman