



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
EST 1959

MINUTES OF THE ABLE COMMISSION MEETING
June 26, 2026

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 September 22, 2025. The agenda was posted on June 24, 2026, on the front and back doors of the 50 Northeast 23rd Street building in Oklahoma City, the door of the ABLE Commission's office reception area, and the ABLE Commission website.

Commissioner Bob Usry started the meeting with agenda Item #1 and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at the office of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission at 50 Northeast 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Commissioner Bob Usry directed Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs to move forward with agenda Item #2, and a roll call of the following ABLE Commissioners were announced: Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry; Commissioner Jonathan Brooks; Commissioner Keith Mitchell; and Commissioner Austin Benton.

Assistant Attorney General, Joe Dewey, addressed agenda Item #3 and acknowledged that the ABLE Commission is compliant with the Open Meeting Act. He also stated that there were enough Commissioners present to complete a quorum for the current meeting. A quorum was then established for the ABLE Commission meeting on June 26, 2026. 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.

Agenda Item #4, recognition of visitors with possible discussion. The visitors that were in attendance were: Lauren Kidwell, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Robert Jernigan and Dirk Van Veen, Oklahoma Retail Liquor Association; Collin Graham, Oklahoma Restaurant Association; Todd Cox, Traditions Hospitality Group; Gwendolyn Caldwell, Southern Glaziers/Caldwell & Associates; Steven Barker, Cornerstone Government Affairs; Sidney Lee, Quorum Call; David Oakley, Legis OK; and Ellen Spiropoulos, Phillips Murrah Law Firm.

The following ABLE Commission employees in attendance were: Executive Director Brandon Clabes; Assistant Director/General Counsel/Public Information Officer Lori Carter; Chief Operating Officer (COO) Andrea Fielding; Chief Law Enforcement Agent Todd Peck; Assistant Attorney General Joe Dewey, from the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma; Prosecuting Attorney Sara Wray, Captain Erik Smoot; Lieutenant Todd Anthony; Licensing Program Manager Jessica Brence; Administrative Technician Lizzie Carter; Legal Research Assistant Amanda Lynne Faulkner; Legal Intern Karsen Ballard; and Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs.

Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry moved to agenda item #5, review, discussion and possible action to approve, amend or reject the minutes from the May 15, 2026, regular meeting of the ABLE Commission. Commissioner Benton made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2026, regular commission meeting. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry – Yes
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes
Commissioner Jonathan Brooks – Yes

Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry moved on to Items #6, recognition of the new ABLE employees: Lizzie Carter - Administrative Technician | Enforcement; Amanda Lynne Faulkner - Legal Research Assistant | Legal; and Karsen Ballard - Legal Intern | Legal. All were welcomed to the agency.

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry moved on to Item #7, review, discussion and possible action on the following employee training to program applicants’ curriculum of instruction pursuant to Oklahoma Administrative Code 45:15-3-1. Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the following applicants: Alcohol Server Training: Oklahoma – #1 Premiere Continuing Education (Re-Certification), Event Bartender Training Course – ByWay Training and Skills Services (New Certification) and Raise the Bar: Responsible Alcohol Service Certification - Heather Farmer (New Certification). Commissioner Benton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes
Commissioner Jonathan Brooks – Yes

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT FOR MAY 2026:

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry moved on to Item #8 on the agenda, presentation of Executive Director’s report with possible discussion. The reports are a review of administrative and operational activities for May 2026. Executive Director Brandon Clabes provided the following information to the ABLE Commission:

- Director Clabes met with many different entities, committees, agencies and conferences including: meetings with Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS); Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI); attended the Rose State College Regents meeting; attended a meeting with Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD); meeting with representatives from Oklahoma Restaurant Association (ORA); meeting with Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES); meeting with Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (DPS); Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) conference in Durant, Oklahoma; met with many Oklahoma State Senators and Representatives as well as met with members of the media, several constituents and concerned citizens of the public.
- Director Clabes provided an update regarding the Commissioners inquiries from the last meeting regarding the agency’s new Amazon Web Services system and the legal department’s reconciliation project.
- Director Clabes participated in the interview process for the City of Harrah to identify a new police chief.
- The ABLE Commission will be providing office space for a Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) field representative.
- Director Clabes attended the Metro Law Enforcement Networking group which includes federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies.
- Director Clabes provided an update of the agency’s new security system.
- Director Clabes, Assistant Director Carter and Captain Erik Smoot attended the National Conferences of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Director Clabes, Assistant Director Carter and COO Fielding met with Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell and Human Resources Director Christine Chalmers on finance and human resource issues.
- The next regular ABLE Commission meeting will be in 3 weeks on Friday, July 17, 2026.

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry moved to agenda item #9, the enforcement report by Chief Law Enforcement Agent Todd Peck with possible discussion. Chief Peck presented an overview of completed and ongoing enforcement activities since the last Commission meeting which included the following topics:

- May Statistic Numbers for: Licensing Assignments Completed; Event Licenses Issued; Regulatory Inspections; Underage Alcohol/Tobacco Investigations; Educational Visits; Total Charge; Arrests; Warnings; and Trace Investigations Initiated.
- Community, Partner Engagements and Networking: Visits to Outside Law Enforcement Agencies; Public Engagements; Outside Agency Trainings; Agency Assists; and Hosted Trainings.
- The statistic numbers for May case status’ 2026: cases initiated; cases closed; cases open; unfounded; closed by arrest; cases closed by citation; and cases referred to other agencies.
- The statistic numbers of complaints by district for January – May of 2026.
- May Statistic Numbers for: underage sales; underage in bar area; overservice; employees drinking on duty; after hours service; unlicensed employees; discrimination; 6% price violations; purchase from other than a wholesaler; refilling bottles; illegal gambling; nudity and other.
- Information was provided regarding enforcement’s strategic approach to different topics and what ABLE can do to address certain issues.
- Agents participated with assisting during the Special Olympics event and also rifle training and qualifications.
- Chief Peck also provided information regarding several other investigations and activities that occurred throughout the State.

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry moved on to Item #10 on the agenda, Assistant Director’s operational, docket and legislation report with possible discussion. Assistant Director/General Counsel/Public Information Officer Lori Carter presented the following legislative and legal report to the Commission:

- The docket report for the month of May 2026 consists of: 27 alcohol cases settled; 32 tobacco cases settled; 7 open records requests; 4 hearings and 1 district court action; and 2 licenses surrender in lieu of a fine.
- The docket report, thus far, for the month of June 2026 consists of: 26 alcohol cases settled; 48 tobacco cases settled; 7 open records requests; and 8 hearings and 1 district court action.
- Assistant Director Carter provided a PowerPoint presentation that provided information for the following topics:
 - The administrative rules report consists of: key dates for administrative rules; accounts receivable report including a synopsis of the current case audit; monetary totals related to the current cases audit; and Accounts receivable totals related to the current case audit.
 - Legislative report that includes deadline submissions and a brief description of the alcohol bills that currently may affect the ABLE Commission.
- Assistant Director Carter reminded the public to follow the ABLE Commission’s social media pages: Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly known as Twitter).

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry moved on to item #11, presentation of the Chief Operating Officer’s report with possible discussion:

- A status update was given regarding the agency’s FDA grant inspections completed and the compliance checks that have been completed that were funded by the grant from TSET.
- An update of statistics with descriptive charts were provided with information regarding tobacco compliance checks by product type and tobacco compliance checks by retailer type results reported through June 17, 2026.
- COO Fielding also provided an update on several miscellaneous projects that are currently in progress with the ABLE Commission such as:
 - GovPath business review
 - Accela update
 - citations review process
 - recruiting and hiring
 - policy updates
 - strategic planning meeting

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry moved on to item #12, consideration, discussion and possible action to adopt, amend or reject the following proposed emergency rules which address new event venue bartender license effective July 1, 2026. Assistant Director Lori Carter provided a synopsis of the following rules:

- a. OAC § 45:15-1-1, Training Required;
- b. OAC § 45:15-3-1 Application for Certification of Program;
- c. OAC § 45:15-3-2 Minimum Standards of Curriculum;
- d. OAC § 45:15-3-3 Additional Requirements for Online Training Programs; and
- e. OAC § 45:15-3-4 Requirements for Certified Trainers.

Commissioner Benton made a motion to approve the amendment of subchapter 1 and approve the remaining emergency rules as presented. Commissioner Usry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes
Commissioner Jonathan Brooks – Yes

Assistant Director Lori Carter also provided a timeline as to when the rule changes will take effect.

Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry moved to Item #13 on the agenda, comments from the public, limited to items on the agenda for meeting date Friday, June 26, 2026:

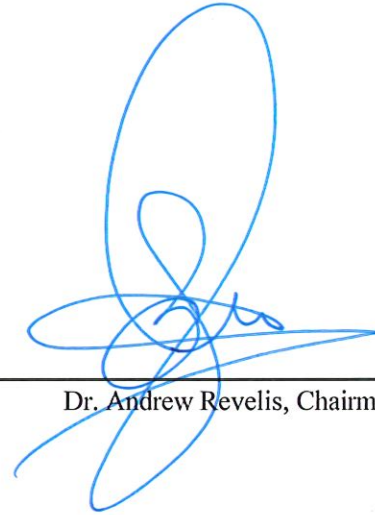
- Robert Jernigan with the Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma made a statement regarding House Bill 3530.
- Collin Graham with the Oklahoma Restaurant Association (ORA) made a statement regarding the training pertaining to the new event venue bartender license effective July 1, 2026.

Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry moved to Item #14 on the agenda, new business in any matter not known about or, which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the posting of the agenda. There was no new business to discuss.

Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry moved on to Item #15 on the agenda, announcement of the next meeting schedule date and adjournment. Commissioner Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry – Yes
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes
Commissioner Jonathan Brooks – Yes

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



Dr. Andrew Revelis, Chairman