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# Environmental Quality Board Meeting & Public Forum



Thursday, November 6, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.

Northeastern State University - Event Center  
Community Room  
1205 N. Grand Avenue  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464

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The public forum is your opportunity to comment and let us know if we are meeting your needs and providing timely responses to environmental issues. Sign-up on the forum register when you come to the Board meeting. You will be allocated time to speak to the Board about air quality, water quality, land protection, general environmental issues and other activities of the DEQ.



If you are unable to attend, but would like to submit comments about environmental issues, please contact Quiana Fields at the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1677.

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OKLAHOMA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

A Public Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 6, 2025  
Northeastern State University – Event Center, Community Room  
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A copy of this notice and agenda has been posted in a prominent location at the offices of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 31, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. A copy of this agenda is also available on DEQ's website at [oklahoma.gov/deq](http://oklahoma.gov/deq).

*Please turn off cell phones*

1. **Call to Order** – Alexandria Kendrick, Vice-Chair
2. **Announcements** – Alexandria Kendrick, Vice-Chair

Announcements will include the introduction of any new Board members or special meeting guests, as well as safety information for the current meeting venue and any other general housekeeping matters of interest to the Board. These announcements are for informational purposes only, and no action by the Board is required.

3. **Roll Call** – Quiana Fields, Secretary, Board & Councils
4. **Approval of Minutes** of the September 9, 2025, Regular Meeting
5. **Consideration of and Action on the Annual Environmental Quality Report**

The Oklahoma Environmental Quality Code requires DEQ to prepare an “Oklahoma Environmental Quality Report” and to submit it to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President Pro Tempore by January 1st of each year. The statutorily prescribed purpose of the report is to outline the DEQ’s annual funding needs for providing environmental services within its jurisdiction, reflect any new federal mandates, and summarize DEQ-recommended statutory changes. The Environmental Quality Board is authorized to review, amend (as necessary), and approve the report.

- Presentation – Madison Miller, Deputy Executive Director, DEQ
- Questions and discussion by the Board
- Questions, comments and discussion by the public
- Discussion and possible action by the Board, which may include a roll call vote on approval

6. **Executive Director's Report** – Robert Singletary, Executive Director, DEQ

Mr. Singletary's report may include significant agency accomplishments and activities since the last Board meeting, as well as information pertaining to budgetary and/or legislative matters. This report is for informational purposes only, and no action by the Board is required.

7. **Budget Update and Financial Overview (FY 2026)** – Kathy Aebischer, DEQ Director of Administrative Services

Ms. Aebischer's report will include an update and overview of DEQ's current budget for Fiscal Year 2026. This report is for informational purposes only. Although discussion may occur, no action by the Board is required.

8. **New Business** (Any matter not known about and which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the posting of agenda)

9. **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Board is scheduled to be held on January 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

10. **Adjournment**

**Public Forum – Following Adjournment** – The Board meets several times a year at different locations across the State to hear the views and concerns of all Oklahomans about environmental issues. This opportunity is informal, and we invite you to follow the instructions provided during and at the conclusion of the Board meeting if you would like to speak during the forum. If necessary to accommodate the public, the Board Chair may decide to conduct the Forum prior to the Call to Order.

**Should you desire to attend but have a disability and need an accommodation, please notify the DEQ three days in advance at 405-702-7100. For hearing impaired, the TDD Relay Number is 1-800-722-0353 for TDD machine use only.**

**DRAFT MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA**

Official EQB Approved  
On November 6, 2025

**Notice of Public Meeting** – The Environmental Quality Board (Board) convened for a Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m., at the Oklahoma State University SU 416 (Case Study 2) Student Union, 110 S. Hester Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma. This meeting was held in accordance with 25 O.S. Section 311, with notice of the meeting given to the Secretary of State on October 24, 2024. The agenda was mailed to interested parties on August 29, 2025 and was posted at the DEQ and the facility on September 5, 2025. Dr. Shannon Ferrell, Chair, called the meeting to order. Also, he went over safety and housekeeping rules. Ms. Fields called roll and a quorum was confirmed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Katlin Esteph  
Ken Hirshey  
Jimmy Kinder  
Alexandria Kindrick  
Brandi Lowry  
Mike Paque  
Kim Peterson  
Peter Schultze  
Sheldon Tatum  
Shannon Ferrell

**DEQ STAFF PRESENT**

Rob Singletary, Executive Director  
Madison Miller, Deputy Executive Director  
Jonathan Allen, General Counsel  
Ryan McIntosh, Legislative Liaison  
Gary Henry, Deputy General Counsel  
Mark Hildebrand, Chief of Staff  
Karen Steele, Water Quality Division  
Erin Hatfield, Office of Communications  
Kathy Aebischer, Administrative Services Division  
Kelly Dixon, Land Protection Division  
Kendal Stegmann, Air Quality Division  
Shellie Chard, Water Quality Division  
George Russell, State Environmental Laboratory Services  
Skylar McElhaney, Office of Continuous Improvement  
Dustin Davidson, State Environmental Laboratory Services  
Dakota McNeill, Environmental Complaints & Local Services  
Travis Mensik, Environmental Complaints & Local Services  
Nicholas Huber, Environmental Complaints & Local Services  
Malcolm Zachariah, Air Quality Division  
Owen Mills, PAPOT  
Rachel Hildebrand, Legal Secretary  
Quiana Fields, Office of the Executive Director/Board & Council Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Richard Auer  
Steve Mason  
Tim Munson

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Addison Gaut, Office of the Attorney General  
Michelle Wynn, Office of the Secretary of Energy & Environment  
Lacie Bradshaw, Court Reporter  
Bud Ground, Environmental Federation of Oklahoma  
Laura Lodes, Air Quality Advisory Council  
Marla Peek, Ok Farm Bureau

**Approval of Minutes** – Dr. Shannon called for a motion to approve the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Kinder moved to approve and Mr. Hirshey made the second.

*See transcript pages 4 – 6*

Katlin Esteph	Yes	Mike Paque	Abstain
Ken Hirshey	Yes	Kim Peterson	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	Peter Schultze	Yes
Alexie Kindrick	Yes	Sheldon Tatum	Yes
Brandi Lowry	Yes	Shannon Ferrell	Yes

**Rulemaking – OAC 252:110 Lead-based Paint Management**

### **Subchapter 3. Definitions**

#### **252:110-3-1. Definitions [AMENDED]**

#### **252:110-3-2. Terminology related to 40 CFR [AMENDED]**

### **Subchapter 5. Incorporation by Reference**

#### **252:110-5-1. Incorporation by reference [AMENDED]**

### **Subchapter 13. Additional Work Practice Standards**

#### **252:110-13-2. Conflict of interest prohibited [AMENDED]**

#### **252:110-13-7. Clearance levels [REVOKED]**

### **Subchapter 15. Additional Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Requirements**

#### **252:110-15-1. Definitions [AMENDED]**

Dr. Ferrell called upon Ms. Laura Lodes, Chair of the Air Quality Advisory Council (AQAC), to present the rule. Ms. Lodes stated that the Department is proposing to amend existing OAC 252:110, Lead-Based Paint Management: to update the incorporation by reference section (252:110-5-1); to remove an obsolete Section 252:110-13-7; and to make minor terminology revisions in Sections 252:110-3-1, 252:110-3-2, 252:110-13-2 and 252:110-15-1. The proposed updates are necessary to remain consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) updated LBP program requirements and maintain EPA approval for Oklahoma's LBP program. The practical result of this rulemaking is to replace obsolete rule provisions involving "clearance levels" by incorporating more up-to-date federal regulations by reference. Following a question from the Board and none by the public, Dr. Ferrell called for a motion. Mr. Paque moved to approve and Mr. Tatum made the second.

*See transcript pages 6 - 9*

Katlin Esteph	Yes	Mike Paque	Yes
Ken Hirshey	Yes	Kim Peterson	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	Peter Schultze	Yes
Alexie Kindrick	Yes	Sheldon Tatum	Yes
Brandi Lowry	Yes	Shannon Ferrell	Yes

**Executive Director's Report** – Mr. Rob Singletary, Executive Director of the DEQ, discussed agency accomplishments and activities since the last Board meeting, as well as information pertaining to budgetary and/or legislative or related matters.

*See transcript pages 11 – 54*

Dr. Ferrell proposed to take a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:50am and Dr. Ferrell entertained a motion to reconvene. Mr. Hirshey moved to approve and Ms. Kindrick made the second.

*See transcript pages 54 - 55*

Katlin Esteph	Yes	Mike Paque	Yes
Ken Hirshey	Yes	Kim Peterson	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	Peter Schultze	Yes
Alexie Kindrick	Yes	Sheldon Tatum	Yes
Brandi Lowry	Yes	Shannon Ferrell	Yes

**Budget Update and Financial Overview (FY 2026)** – Dr. Ferrell called upon Ms. Kathy Aebischer, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administrative Services Division. Ms. Aebischer gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget update. No action by the Board is required.

*See transcript pages 56 – 67*

**DEQ Operational Budget Request (FY 2027)** – Ms. Aebischer gave a presentation on the DEQ budget requests to the Governor through the Office of Management and

Enterprise Services (OMES) require approval of the Board. The operational budget request for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027 (beginning July 1, 2026) must be submitted to OMES by October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Hearing no questions or comments by the Board or the public, Dr. Ferrell called for a motion. Mr. Paque moved to approve and Mr. Kinder made the second.

*See transcript pages 67 - 70*

Katlin Esteph	Yes	Mike Paque	Yes
Ken Hirshey	Yes	Kim Peterson	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	Peter Schultze	Yes
Alexie Kindrick	Yes	Sheldon Tatum	Yes
Brandi Lowry	Yes	Shannon Ferrell	Yes

**Employee Disclosures** – Dr. Ferrell called upon, Mr. Jonathan Allen, General Counsel of the DEQ. Mr. Allen stated that the Environmental Quality Code requires DEQ employees involved in reviewing, issuing or enforcing permits to disclose financial interests they hold entities regulated by the DEQ. The DEQ is required to submit these disclosures to the Board and make them part of the minutes. This is for informational purposes only and no action by the Board is required.

*See transcript pages 70 - 71*

**Calendar Year 2026 Board Meeting Dates and Locations** – Dr. Ferrell opened the floor for discussion regarding Board meeting dates and locations: Wednesday, January 21 in Oklahoma City; Tuesday, June 9 in Oklahoma City; Wednesday, September 9 in Guymon and Tuesday, November 10 in Ada. Mr. Tatum moved to approve and Mr. Peterson made the second.

*See transcript pages 71 - 75*

Katlin Esteph	Yes	Mike Paque	Yes
Ken Hirshey	Yes	Kim Peterson	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	Peter Schultze	Yes
Alexie Kindrick	Yes	Sheldon Tatum	Yes
Brandi Lowry	Yes	Shannon Ferrell	Yes

**New Business** – None

**Next Meeting** – The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The meeting will be held in the Northeastern State University (NSU) in the Event Center Community Room, 1205 N. Grand Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464.

**Adjournment** – Dr. Ferrell called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kinder moved to adjourn and Ms. Kindrick made the second. Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

*transcript pages 75 – 77*

Katlin Esteph	Yes	Mike Paque	Yes
Ken Hirshey	Yes	Kim Peterson	Yes
Jimmy Kinder	Yes	Peter Schultze	Yes
Alexie Kindrick	Yes	Sheldon Tatum	Yes
Brandi Lowry	Yes	Shannon Ferrell	Yes

**Public Forum** – No public forum issues were raised.

**The transcript, sign-in sheet and annual ownership disclosure document become an official part of these Minutes.**

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 *****</p> <p>3 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</p> <p>4 REGULAR MEETING</p> <p>5 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD</p> <p>6 BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025</p> <p>7 IN STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA</p> <p>8 *****</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11 MEMBERS PRESENT: MEMBERS ABSENT:</p> <p>12 Katlin Esteph Richard Auer</p> <p>13 Kenneth Hirshey, Jr. Steve Mason</p> <p>14 James Kinder Tim Munson</p> <p>15 Alexandria Kindrick</p> <p>16 Brandi Lowry</p> <p>17 Mike Paque</p> <p>18 Kim Peterson</p> <p>19 Peter Schultze</p> <p>20 Sheldon Tatum</p> <p>21 Dr. Shannon Ferrell</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25 REPORTED BY: Lacie Bradshaw, CSR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 union in North America. This is the 75th anniversary of the</p> <p>2 Student Union, which we're really proud of. It's kind of</p> <p>3 the heartbeat and the living room of our university family</p> <p>4 here at OSU.</p> <p>5 From a safety standpoint, there is no severe weather</p> <p>6 forecast for today, but in the event that should occur, head</p> <p>7 downstairs to the basement. That's the shelter area for</p> <p>8 this part of the campus.</p> <p>9 If there is a fire, we have exits located here to the</p> <p>10 forward part of the room. Just head out either way there</p> <p>11 and take the stairwells down to the first level.</p> <p>12 (Indicating.)</p> <p>13 For comfort breaks, if you need those, head out those</p> <p>14 doors, go down to your left and the restrooms are located</p> <p>15 there for your convenience. Hopefully that has everyone</p> <p>16 comfortable and squared away. (Indicating.)</p> <p>17 And, with that, Ms. Quiana, would you please call the</p> <p>18 roll?</p> <p>19 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Auer, is absent.</p> <p>20 Ms. Esteph?</p> <p>21 MS. ESTEPH: Here.</p> <p>22 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Hirshey?</p> <p>23 MR. HIRSHEY: Here.</p> <p>24 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Kinder?</p> <p>25 MR. KINDER: Here.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 (Whereupon, the meeting convened at 9:30 A.M.)</p> <p>3 DR. FERRELL: The September 9, 2025, regular</p> <p>4 meeting of the Environmental Quality Board has been called</p> <p>5 according to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 311 of</p> <p>6 Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Notice was filed with</p> <p>7 the Secretary of State on October 24, 2024. Agendas were</p> <p>8 mailed to interested parties on August 29, 2025, and were</p> <p>9 posted at the DEQ and the facility on September 5, 2025.</p> <p>10 Only matters appearing on the posted agenda may be</p> <p>11 considered.</p> <p>12 If this meeting is continued or reconvened, we must</p> <p>13 announce today the date, time, and place of the continued</p> <p>14 meeting and the agenda for such continuation will remain the</p> <p>15 same as today's agenda.</p> <p>16 So, with that, welcome everyone to this meeting of the</p> <p>17 Environmental Quality Board. I will offer you an extra</p> <p>18 hearty welcome to the campus of Oklahoma State University,</p> <p>19 home of America's brightest orange. So if you are not</p> <p>20 familiar with the friendly confines here at OSU, we are</p> <p>21 Oklahoma's 1862 Morrill Act land grant university, but we</p> <p>22 were established officially by the State of Oklahoma on</p> <p>23 Christmas Day 1890. Merry Christmas, Oklahoma. This marks</p> <p>24 our 135th year.</p> <p>25 You're also having this meeting in the largest student</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Kindrick?</p> <p>2 MS. KINDRICK: Here.</p> <p>3 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Lowry?</p> <p>4 MS. LOWRY: Here.</p> <p>5 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Mason is absent and Mr. Munson is</p> <p>6 absent.</p> <p>7 Mr. Paque?</p> <p>8 MR. PAQUE: Here.</p> <p>9 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Peterson?</p> <p>10 MR. PETERSON: Here.</p> <p>11 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schultze?</p> <p>12 MR. SCHULTZE: Here.</p> <p>13 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Tatum?</p> <p>14 MR. TATUM: Here.</p> <p>15 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Ferrell?</p> <p>16 DR. FERRELL: Here.</p> <p>17 MS. FIELDS: We have a quorum.</p> <p>18 DR. FERRELL: Excellent. Thank you all for making</p> <p>19 the effort to be here today.</p> <p>20 With that, we'll move on to Agenda Item Number 4,</p> <p>21 which is approval of the minutes from our June 10th, 2025,</p> <p>22 Regular Meeting. Those will be in your board packet. If</p> <p>23 you haven't had a chance, please take a chance to review</p> <p>24 those. If you have had a chance to review those, we would</p> <p>25 entertain a motion to approve those.</p>



<p>Page 5</p> <p>1 MR. KINDER: Jimmy Kinder, I'll so approve.</p> <p>2 MR. HIRSHEY: Second, Ken Hirshey.</p> <p>3 DR. FERRELL: We have a motion and a second. Is</p> <p>4 there any discussion from the board?</p> <p>5 (No indications given.)</p> <p>6 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion?</p> <p>7 (No indications given.)</p> <p>8 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion?</p> <p>9 (No indications given.)</p> <p>10 DR. FERRELL: Seeing none, please proceed to the</p> <p>11 roll call vote.</p> <p>12 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Esteph?</p> <p>13 MS. ESTEPH: Yes.</p> <p>14 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Hirshey?</p> <p>15 MR. HIRSHEY: Yes.</p> <p>16 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Kinder?</p> <p>17 MR. KINDER: Yes.</p> <p>18 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Kindrick?</p> <p>19 MS. KINDRICK: Yes.</p> <p>20 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Lowry?</p> <p>21 MS. LOWRY: Yes.</p> <p>22 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Paque?</p> <p>23 MR. PAQUE: I'll abstain. I was absent last time.</p> <p>24 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Peterson?</p> <p>25 MR. PETERSON: Yes.</p>	<p>Page 7</p> <p>1 The clearance levels currently in Section 252:110-13-7</p> <p>2 are unnecessary following incorporation by reference of</p> <p>3 updated corresponding federal lead-based paint requirements.</p> <p>4 The proposed updates are necessary to remain consistent with</p> <p>5 EPA's updated Lead-Based Paint program requirements and</p> <p>6 maintain EPA approval for Oklahoma's Lead-Based Paint</p> <p>7 program.</p> <p>8 Notice of the proposed rule change was published in</p> <p>9 the Oklahoma Register on June 16th, 2025. The Department</p> <p>10 received no written comments during the 30-day comment</p> <p>11 period or any public comments during the Air Quality</p> <p>12 Advisory Council meeting on July 30th. The Council</p> <p>13 unanimously approved the proposal at its meeting.</p> <p>14 As chair of the Air Quality Council, I recommend the</p> <p>15 Board adopt the proposed changes to Chapter 110, Lead-Based</p> <p>16 Paint Management as a permanent rule.</p> <p>17 Any questions?</p> <p>18 DR. FERRELL: Any questions? I'm sorry.</p> <p>19 MS. LODES: Sorry.</p> <p>20 DR. FERRELL: Oh, sorry.</p> <p>21 MS. LODES: It's okay.</p> <p>22 DR. FERRELL: Any questions from the Board?</p> <p>23 MS. LOWRY: I have one. I just wanted to confirm</p> <p>24 there's no changes in the standards for child-occupied</p> <p>25 facilities? It's just changing -- it's removing the</p>
<p>Page 6</p> <p>1 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schultze?</p> <p>2 MR. SCHULTZE: Yes.</p> <p>3 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Tatum?</p> <p>4 MR. TATUM: Yes.</p> <p>5 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Ferrell?</p> <p>6 DR. FERRELL: Yes.</p> <p>7 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.</p> <p>8 DR. FERRELL: Very good.</p> <p>9 That takes us to Agenda Item Number 5, our one and</p> <p>10 only rulemaking item for today with respect to section --</p> <p>11 sorry, Chapter 252, Subchapter 110 on Lead-Based Paint</p> <p>12 Management. The floor is yours.</p> <p>13 MS. LODES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>14 Our only rule today, as you stated, is OAC 252,</p> <p>15 Chapter 110, Lead-Based Paint Management, Subchapter 3,</p> <p>16 Definitions; Subchapter 5, Incorporation by Reference;</p> <p>17 Subchapter 13, Additional Work Practice Standards;</p> <p>18 Subchapter 15, Additional Renovation, Repair, and Painting</p> <p>19 (RRP) requirements.</p> <p>20 The Department of Environmental Quality is proposing</p> <p>21 to amend Oklahoma Administrative Code 252:110, Lead-Based</p> <p>22 Paint Management; to update the Incorporation by Reference</p> <p>23 Section in 252:110-5-1; to remove Section 252:110-13-7; and</p> <p>24 to make minor terminology revisions to Sections 252:110-3-1,</p> <p>25 252:110-3-2, 252:110-13-2, and 252:110-15-1.</p>	<p>Page 8</p> <p>1 definition so that it is in alignment with the EPA?</p> <p>2 MS. LODES: That is correct.</p> <p>3 MS. LOWRY: Okay. That was my only question.</p> <p>4 DR. FERRELL: Any other questions from the Board?</p> <p>5 (No indications given.)</p> <p>6 DR. FERRELL: Any questions from the public?</p> <p>7 (No indications given.)</p> <p>8 DR. FERRELL: Any questions from the public?</p> <p>9 (No indications given.)</p> <p>10 DR. FERRELL: Seeing none, the Chair would</p> <p>11 entertain a motion to approve the rule as stated.</p> <p>12 MR. PAQUE: So move.</p> <p>13 DR. FERRELL: Thank you, Mr. Paque.</p> <p>14 Is there a second?</p> <p>15 MR. TATUM: I'll second.</p> <p>16 DR. FERRELL: Thank you, Mr. Tatum.</p> <p>17 Okay. Any discussion on the motion?</p> <p>18 (No indications given.)</p> <p>19 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion?</p> <p>20 (No indications given.)</p> <p>21 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion?</p> <p>22 (No indications given.)</p> <p>23 DR. FERRELL: Seeing none, we'll proceed to roll</p> <p>24 call vote.</p> <p>25 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Esteph?</p>

<p>Page 9</p> <p>1 MS. ESTEPH: Yes.</p> <p>2 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Hirshey?</p> <p>3 MR. HIRSHEY: Yes.</p> <p>4 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Kinder?</p> <p>5 MR. KINDER: Yes.</p> <p>6 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Kindrick?</p> <p>7 MS. KINDRICK: Yes.</p> <p>8 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Lowry?</p> <p>9 MS. LOWRY: Yes.</p> <p>10 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Paque?</p> <p>11 MR. PAQUE: Yes.</p> <p>12 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Peterson?</p> <p>13 MR. PETERSON: Yes.</p> <p>14 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schultze?</p> <p>15 MR. SCHULTZE: Yes.</p> <p>16 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Tatum?</p> <p>17 MR. TATUM: Yes.</p> <p>18 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Ferrell?</p> <p>19 DR. FERRELL: Yes.</p> <p>20 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.</p> <p>21 DR. FERRELL: All right. Thank you, guys.</p> <p>22 And I do want to take just a moment since we have some</p> <p>23 guests here today and I'm a professor by nature and we're at</p> <p>24 a university to, first off, express my appreciation for our</p> <p>25 advisory council -- all of our advisory councils. If you're</p>	<p>Page 11</p> <p>1 work those councils do to make our job easy.</p> <p>2 That brings us to Agenda Item Number 6, which is the</p> <p>3 Executive Director's Report. We have received numerous</p> <p>4 pledges from Mr. Singletary that our report won't be as long</p> <p>5 as it was in June, but I personally really enjoyed that one.</p> <p>6 All that to say, Mr. Singletary, the floor is yours.</p> <p>7 MR. SINGLETARY: Thumbs up. I may have been</p> <p>8 inaccurate when I made those pledges. It's all relative.</p> <p>9 In geologic time, it would be really, really short.</p> <p>10 But I thought -- this is, like, the first time I've</p> <p>11 had to wear -- my vision is, like, totally switched. Last</p> <p>12 week at ECOS I had to present some resolutions and I</p> <p>13 actually had to use my phone to light it up, so I could read</p> <p>14 it. Things are happening quick.</p> <p>15 So at last -- at the last meeting I talked quite a bit</p> <p>16 about the federal budget and some of the impacts on us.</p> <p>17 There's been some updates that have occurred since then. I</p> <p>18 wanted to fill you all in on that. First, I thought I'd</p> <p>19 give just a quick explanation of -- of, really, how the</p> <p>20 Agency is funded.</p> <p>21 So us, like many other state agencies, our primary</p> <p>22 funding is going to be state appropriations, the fees we</p> <p>23 collect, and then federal funding. Us states, definitely</p> <p>24 here in Oklahoma, we're not able, just through fees and</p> <p>25 appropriations, to run the programs that we implement. We</p>
<p>Page 10</p> <p>1 not familiar with the DEQ rulemaking process, all of our</p> <p>2 rules, with few exceptions, are primarily first vetted with</p> <p>3 one of our advisory councils that focus on our major</p> <p>4 environmental media, whether that would be air, water, solid</p> <p>5 waste, et cetera.</p> <p>6 Those committees are comprised of folks from the</p> <p>7 agency, but also folks in private industry that are part of</p> <p>8 the regulated community. They examine those rules to</p> <p>9 determine what the impact of those rules will be on the</p> <p>10 regulated committee -- regulated community, excuse me,</p> <p>11 before those rules are then referred to us for approval. So</p> <p>12 we are very grateful for the service of our advisory</p> <p>13 councils because they do the heavy lifting of evaluating the</p> <p>14 rules for us. It makes our job at the DEQ pretty easy.</p> <p>15 The other thing I would point out is that a lot of our</p> <p>16 rules and the reason that we have them adopted as they are</p> <p>17 is because we, at a state level, are being delegated</p> <p>18 enforcement authority for those rules from EPA. EPA would</p> <p>19 enforce those rules or they have the opportunity to delegate</p> <p>20 the enforcement of that to a state agency like DEQ. So that</p> <p>21 is why we occasionally have to make those rule changes to</p> <p>22 make sure that our rules are consistent with the federal</p> <p>23 rules and our regulated communities are dealing with the</p> <p>24 folks from Oklahoma versus the folks at the federal level.</p> <p>25 So we're very grateful for that structure and for all the</p>	<p>Page 12</p> <p>1 rely on those federal funds. These are federal funds that</p> <p>2 Congress promised to provide when these statutes were put</p> <p>3 into place. Whether it's the Clean Air Act, Clean Water</p> <p>4 Act, RCRA, Safe Drinking Water Act, there's provisions in</p> <p>5 all of those acts that actually reference federal resources</p> <p>6 coming to the states, maybe not to fully fund but to at</p> <p>7 least help fund partially.</p> <p>8 I think it's important to recognize these are federal</p> <p>9 obligations created in federal statutes. The states have</p> <p>10 the opportunity to step up and place the federal government</p> <p>11 under principles of cooperative federalism to implement</p> <p>12 those within their jurisdictions. If a state doesn't step</p> <p>13 up and do it, then EPA, the federal government, is still</p> <p>14 obligated to make sure that that happens and pay for</p> <p>15 100 percent of it.</p> <p>16 Just recently our counterparts in Iowa gave back the</p> <p>17 RCRA program because they weren't getting sufficient funding</p> <p>18 from the feds to help implement that program. So now EPA</p> <p>19 has got to come in and implement the entire RCRA program</p> <p>20 within the state of Iowa. So it's an obligation on the</p> <p>21 federal government, but hopefully we can all continue to</p> <p>22 work together and let states implement them currently.</p> <p>23 Despite what's going on in Iowa, the states implement over</p> <p>24 90 percent of the federal programs that are contained in</p> <p>25 those statutes.</p>

<p>Page 13</p> <p>1 The primary mechanisms for that funding coming to the</p> <p>2 state are our State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG.</p> <p>3 Those are the ones that I was talking about during the last</p> <p>4 meeting. They're comprised of our categorical grants.</p> <p>5 Those are the grants that we use to actually implement our</p> <p>6 core programs. Then it also includes our SRFs, the state</p> <p>7 revolving funds; the DWSRF; and the CWSRF. You know, those</p> <p>8 SRFs are the funds that are used to fund wastewater and</p> <p>9 water infrastructure projects across the states.</p> <p>10 There's also a set-aside that's part of that. So with</p> <p>11 the DWSRF, DEQ gets 31 percent of the money that's allocated</p> <p>12 for that. Some of it for administrative costs. Some of it</p> <p>13 for technical assistance, the small systems, capacity</p> <p>14 development. It's kind of broken down into, you know,</p> <p>15 different percentages what we can use that money for, but it</p> <p>16 helps us implement those programs, which is going to be</p> <p>17 really important as I explain in just a minute.</p> <p>18 So over the last year or so, there's been a lot of</p> <p>19 discussion about states bearing more of the burden for</p> <p>20 covering the costs to implement these programs. EPA, the</p> <p>21 President's proposed budget back in May, completely</p> <p>22 eliminated the categorical grants. So it took them down to</p> <p>23 zero. For reference here in Oklahoma, our categorical</p> <p>24 grants typically are 25 to \$30 million per year is what we</p> <p>25 get in those, plus the SRF money that we get. So they</p>	<p>Page 15</p> <p>1 minimal reductions to the categorical grants. So we were</p> <p>2 really pleased about that. So both -- both houses of</p> <p>3 Congress recognized the importance of those categorical</p> <p>4 grants.</p> <p>5 On the State Revolving Fund side, that was a little</p> <p>6 bit more challenging. The Senate bill, the overall number</p> <p>7 proposed, was essentially equal to the last two years.</p> <p>8 We're operating under a -- a continuing -- what's the word</p> <p>9 I'm looking for -- [indiscernible crosstalk] -- resolution</p> <p>10 for 20 -- fiscal year '25, but even the budget that was</p> <p>11 promulgated in 2024 or enacted in '24, our numbers are</p> <p>12 pretty consistent with those.</p> <p>13 One problem is that 22 percent of that is going to be</p> <p>14 dedicated to earmarks. In the House side, the SRFs are</p> <p>15 reduced by about a quarter, 24 percent. Even more</p> <p>16 concerning is that about 50 percent of that is going to be</p> <p>17 dedicated to CDS or House earmarks. The challenge with</p> <p>18 earmarks is, one, it takes money away from the states'</p> <p>19 priority projects list, that -- where we rank the systems,</p> <p>20 you know, that we think really need to get the money. So it</p> <p>21 takes money away from those projects.</p> <p>22 Just as importantly, I think, is that it -- we don't</p> <p>23 get that administrative set-aside, so that 31 percent that</p> <p>24 we get to help, you know, offset some of the costs for</p> <p>25 implementing those programs, we don't get that if it's</p>
<p>Page 14</p> <p>1 wanted to zero that out and then they wanted to reduce the</p> <p>2 SRFs by 90 percent.</p> <p>3 Obviously it was kind of a pretty big start to the</p> <p>4 negotiations at that point. Back in July, I had the</p> <p>5 opportunity to go with some of the board members from ECOS</p> <p>6 and go to Capitol Hill and visit several members and a bunch</p> <p>7 of staff. I think we went to 11 different offices in one</p> <p>8 day. It was pretty amazing. They all knew about the SRFs.</p> <p>9 They have a lot of understanding because they use it quite a</p> <p>10 bit for earmarks and so forth.</p> <p>11 However, with the categorical grants, there wasn't</p> <p>12 much understanding of those and how the states really rely</p> <p>13 on those. So once we started, you know, having</p> <p>14 conversations with our delegations, me and the other folks</p> <p>15 from the different states, there was a lot of support for</p> <p>16 it. That support was actually reflected that same week.</p> <p>17 There was -- out of the Senate committee -- the Senate</p> <p>18 Committee on Appropriations, they released their bill in</p> <p>19 July, and it actually funded EPA at 8.6 billion. So it was</p> <p>20 double what the EPA actually asked for. They more than</p> <p>21 doubled what their request was, and it maintained our</p> <p>22 categorical grants.</p> <p>23 In the House, their subcommittee released their bill</p> <p>24 also later in July. They proposed about a 25 percent cut to</p> <p>25 EPA overall, about \$2.1 billion, but there were pretty</p>	<p>Page 16</p> <p>1 through earmarks. So that kind of -- that's an automatic</p> <p>2 reduction to the set-aside by 50 percent in that case of the</p> <p>3 Senate.</p> <p>4 So we've been really lucky over the last few years</p> <p>5 with IJA and the Inflation Reduction Act, there's been some</p> <p>6 administrative -- or some set-aside as part of those that</p> <p>7 we've been able to offset recent earmarks over the last few</p> <p>8 years. There wasn't any with the continuing resolution</p> <p>9 because you can't have earmarks with those. In previous</p> <p>10 years, though, the earmarks had started to grow again, and</p> <p>11 -- but we were able to offset the loss through our SRF</p> <p>12 set-aside through these other funding mechanisms.</p> <p>13 That funding ends at the end of fiscal year '26, so</p> <p>14 that's not going to be there to fill that gap. A lot of</p> <p>15 folks refer to that as the "funding cliff," so if -- if</p> <p>16 earmarks continue to be a large thing, which we think they</p> <p>17 are, then we're going to have to deal with some reductions</p> <p>18 or find another -- you know, appropriations or something to</p> <p>19 try and offset that.</p> <p>20 So that's kind of -- that's where the budget is now.</p> <p>21 We're -- we're feeling pretty good about what we got out of</p> <p>22 both houses. So it's -- you know, it's -- we're probably</p> <p>23 going to be in really good shape for the next year or so.</p> <p>24 We're still -- what are we -- two and a half weeks away now</p> <p>25 from the next fiscal year. We don't have anything enacted.</p>

<p>Page 17</p> <p>1 So we're kind of in -- in limbo. The feds are and then, you  2 know, by extension we are as well since we're dependent on  3 what they're -- what they're doing.</p> <p>4 But I did -- I had lunch with some folks yesterday  5 with some Senate staff and they indicated that it looks like  6 we're going to have a continuing resolution. It's a  7 short-term continuing resolution. The battle will continue.  8 But, anyway, so that was just kind of an update on that  9 funding piece. We're in a lot better shape than we thought  10 we were, you know, back in June when we met because all we  11 had to work with was the President's budget at that time,  12 but the House and Senate kind of alleviated a lot of those  13 concerns.</p> <p>14 Next thing I wanted to mention was permitting reform.  15 So we've got draft changes to the Uniform Permitting Act  16 where we're going to try and reduce some of the timelines  17 and some of the burdens associated with permitting that are  18 set forth in that act. That will be one of the ideas that  19 we present to you all for consideration to allow us to go  20 and find a sponsor to send some legislation through this  21 next session. We've already -- just in talking to folks,  22 there's lots of different members of the legislature that  23 are interested in participating in that. So there shouldn't  24 be any trouble finding somebody to help author that, but  25 we'll bring you some more details to come.</p>	<p>Page 19</p> <p>1 What it would do is it would allow somebody, if they  2 were interested in an expedited review, they could -- they  3 could apply for that and we would have voluntary permit  4 writers that could receive overtime pay essentially. It's  5 not overtime, but they could work after hours or on the  6 weekends to process that permit. We're not allowing anyone  7 who pays that extra fee to jump to the front of the line.  8 So those permit writers have to continue with the queue  9 that's come in based on our normal priority list, but then  10 after hours they can dedicate time to those applications.</p> <p>11 We're going to do it as a pilot project, see how that  12 works, see if the applicants are satisfied, see if it works  13 with our process. If it does, then we'll come back through  14 rulemaking and try to formally implement that at the Agency.  15 So we're kind of excited to see where that goes. Other  16 states do something similar, so that will be fun to see how  17 well it works for us and at least have it as an alternative  18 for folks.</p> <p>19 Speaking of the permitting process, so the Secretary  20 of Energy and Environment has been very interested in  21 pursuing AI -- I guess the whole state is -- and seeing how  22 they can improve processes within state government. So I've  23 been working with Secretary Starling and kind of meeting  24 with different companies that are making pitches to us as to  25 the different things they can do. So we're going to try and</p>
<p>Page 18</p> <p>1 Also on the permitting front, we're continuing our  2 leaning process to help in the air quality realm,  3 especially. That's where we're starting. We're already  4 seeing some, at least on paper, pretty significant  5 reductions in the process. What were the numbers, Skylar?</p> <p>6 MS. McELHANEY: 75 days.  7 MR. SINGLETARY: 75 days just in -- just in our  8 internal leaning of the process. So that's pretty  9 encouraging. We got to prove them out now, but that's kind  10 of a good place to be.</p> <p>11 I also wanted to mention that our colleagues at EFO,  12 Kendal and I and Madison met with Bud Ground and Laura Lodes  13 and some other folks from EFO pretty regularly and kind of  14 exchange ideas. One of the things they proposed to us,  15 actually just a few months ago, was an expedited permitting  16 process. That's something we put together, a pilot project.  17 We're going to hopefully be able to roll that out in  18 October. We're going to announce that at the EFO annual  19 meeting in October.</p> <p>20 Really, what it boils down to is somebody can pay an  21 extra expedited fee. We're doing it as a pilot project, so  22 it will be through a service contract, not an actual fee  23 because we have to -- obviously that's got to be implemented  24 during the legislative session through rulemaking and  25 everything.</p>	<p>Page 20</p> <p>1 put together a pilot project. We're meeting with one in the  2 next few -- actually next week, I think, to kind of get some  3 more details and see exactly what they could do for us.</p> <p>4 I think the idea now is air quality is one of our more  5 complex permitting processes, so they're thinking they'll  6 use air quality as their pilot project. We're -- we're --  7 we're kind of considering identifying them as the -- for  8 that pilot project. So we'll see how that goes. Hopefully  9 there will be more to come.</p> <p>10 I can tell you that at ECOS we had an entire day that  11 was nothing but different states talking about AI and how  12 they're using it, how they like to use it, and then  13 different vendors coming in and making presentations about  14 what they can do. The world is changing just like my  15 vision. It's changing and it's coming quick.</p> <p>16 All right. So this -- that brings me up to kind of a  17 sad announcement. So you guys probably already know Shellie  18 Chard is retiring after over three decades of state service.  19 Formally, her last day is going to be November 30th, but  20 obviously she'll -- she won't be around as much as she  21 typically is for the next few months, but I'm -- I'm going  22 to give her an opportunity toward the end to come up and  23 speak. She wanted to address you guys and kind of thank you  24 for the opportunity that she's been provided to serve the  25 citizens of Oklahoma.</p>

<p>Page 21</p> <p>1 Before she does that, I wanted to make some other 2 announcements. With her leaving, George Russell is going to 3 step up and be the Division Director of the Water Quality 4 Division. You guys know George. George has worked as a 5 senior manager in water quality, senior manager in ECLS, and 6 most recently he was a division director for the State -- 7 where is George?</p> <p>8 MR. RUSSELL: Yeah.</p> <p>9 MR. SINGLETARY: So he's agreed to step up and be 10 our new Water Quality Division Director.</p> <p>11 We're going to make some other changes as well. 12 Shellie tells me, "Rob, you're only doing this because it 13 takes more than one person to replace me," but we're going 14 to kind of -- instead of having one assistant director 15 within water, we're going to have two administrators. We're 16 going to have a Clean Water Administrator and a Drinking 17 Water Administrator. Their whole purpose is going to be 18 governing, individually, those two programs.</p> <p>19 Karen Steele is going to be our Clean Water 20 Administrator. Here shortly they're going to be opening up 21 the Drinking Water Administrator position for interviews. 22 We've got some great internal candidates there. Hopefully 23 we'll have some announcements on that by the next board 24 meeting.</p> <p>25 With George coming to Water Quality, that leaves an</p>	<p>Page 23</p> <p>1 Everything is going fantastic, so it's not indicative of 2 anything not getting done.</p> <p>3 In the last few years, if you watch the news, a lot of 4 agencies have gotten themselves into really difficult 5 situations financially and it's -- you know, every year 6 it's, like, another agency. We don't want that to be the 7 DEQ, so we've hired a new person. Her name is Sidonie 8 Quick. She has already started actually. Her first day was 9 a month ago, three weeks ago, something like that.</p> <p>10 Her and Kathy will kind of work together -- she's not 11 here today, is she?</p> <p>12 MS. AEBISCHER: No.</p> <p>13 MR. SINGLETARY: No. She didn't make it. But for 14 future board meetings, you'll get to meet her. Kathy will 15 still continue to, you know, do the budget presentations and 16 everything because, obviously, Sidonie works directly for 17 Kathy. They're working very closely together, but you guys 18 will get the opportunity to interact with her in the future.</p> <p>19 Just a quick update on the garage. Of course, we 20 can't have a meeting without talking about the garage. Demo 21 is complete and we've got -- the piers, I think, are 22 complete for the new garage. I thought I saw -- is the 23 crane there?</p> <p>24 MS. AEBISCHER: No. They will be coming in, in a 25 couple weeks.</p>
<p>Page 22</p> <p>1 opening in the state lab. His assistant director, Dustin 2 Davidson -- there's Dustin -- is going to step up again on 3 December 1st. He'll be our new lab director. So those two 4 -- and the work that those two have done up in the lab in 5 the last year and a half has been incredible. It's very 6 impressive. So I think they're in good hands up in the lab 7 with Dustin. I'm excited to make that announcement.</p> <p>8 One other announcement with regard to changes in 9 personnel is that we have a pretty large budget at the DEQ. 10 I mean, this year it is bigger than it ever has been with a 11 lot of the passthrough money that we deal with. It's over 12 \$220 million. We've never had a full-time, dedicated CFO. 13 We've got Kathy. Kathy is also our ASD Director. She does 14 everything from parking garages to elevators to everything 15 administrative for the Agency.</p> <p>16 We decided before, you know, she goes crazy or just 17 leaves us --</p> <p>18 MS. AEBISCHER: Too late.</p> <p>19 MR. SINGLETARY: Too late.</p> <p>20 (Indiscernible crosstalk and laughter.)</p> <p>21 MR. SINGLETARY: -- and runs out the door, to get 22 her some backup. So we just recently hired a full-time CFO, 23 you know, to help manage the budget and the fiscal 24 responsibilities of the Agency. We kind of looked at some 25 of the challenges. Everything is -- we're in perfect shape.</p>	<p>Page 24</p> <p>1 MARK HILDEBRAND: On the 25th.</p> <p>2 MR. SINGLETARY: A few -- the 25th of September.</p> <p>3 MS. AEBISCHER: They'll be shutting the street 4 down.</p> <p>5 MR. SINGLETARY: So we're going to start seeing a 6 lot of progress pretty quick. Things will hopefully be 7 moving. Kathy says by the spring we'll be done. Is that --</p> <p>8 MS. AEBISCHER: Spring of '27.</p> <p>9 MR. SINGLETARY: Spring of '27. Okay. So we've 10 got a ways to go, but it's so awesome just to see the 11 progress, right? This has been such a saga.</p> <p>12 Speaking of sagas, not only do we have a garage, you 13 know, that was falling apart around us, but, you know, we 14 have a 70-something-year-old building and we've got 15 elevators that are dying. So we now have two elevators that 16 can't be repaired. We have four passenger elevators and one 17 freight elevator. We're down to two passenger elevators and 18 a really wonky freight elevator. I mean, you can hit a 19 button and it may or may not take you to that floor. We've 20 already started the process to replace them. It's going to 21 -- it's pretty pricey.</p> <p>22 We're going to do them one at a time. I say "one at a 23 time," but I just learned that when you do one at a time -- 24 so we have two shafts. We have -- it's a north and a south 25 shaft. We have one elevator on each end that works. My</p>

<p>Page 25</p> <p>1 thought was, we'll just start working on the broken ones and  2 replace those first, but the problem is when you go to work  3 on one, we're being told that we'll probably -- there may be  4 some workarounds, but we'll probably have to shut down that  5 whole shaft. That means, during that period, we'll be down  6 to one functioning elevator as we're trying to get -- as  7 they have to be replaced. I mean, they're -- it's so past  8 due.</p> <p>9 Then we, of course, have our freight elevator, which  10 is actually tied to the north shaft. At some point that  11 elevator will be down too when those elevators are being  12 worked on. We had a power outage or a power surge in the  13 building a couple of weeks ago and that power surge fried  14 the two elevators that we had. At least some of the  15 electronic features or a fuse or something went out, which  16 gave me great justification to declare an emergency to OMES,  17 which -- and they accepted it, surprisingly, which allows us  18 to circumvent -- "circumvent" is probably not the right  19 word, but it allows us to utilize a different --</p> <p>20 (Indiscernible crosstalk and laughter.)</p> <p>21 MR. SINGLETARY: Strike that from the record.</p> <p>22 It allows us to use a different contracting process,  23 right, so we don't have to go through the very -- it's going  24 to save us four or five months in the process of getting  25 these elevators replaced.</p>	<p>Page 27</p> <p>1 about the demolition that -- that was -- how much did we  2 pay? \$1.4 million for demo. Then our parking garage, we're  3 in the middle of that process. That's just under  4 \$16 million to replace that. The elevators, when you  5 consider all five including that freight elevator, it's  6 going to be about a \$1.5 million project. We need a new  7 roof. We haven't started that yet, but it is coming.  8 That's going to be about 631,000. That's what we  9 anticipate, but it's time for that new roof to be replaced  10 as well.</p> <p>11 (Sneezing.)</p> <p>12 MR. SINGLETARY: God bless you.</p> <p>13 And then -- so that's kind of the fiscal things, the  14 hard things that we're doing.</p> <p>15 Some of the other things that we're replacing have to  16 do with IT. We had some really, really, really outdated  17 platforms. I know Mr. Tatum can provide some great examples  18 on our operators certification platforms. We went -- I  19 mean, last year I don't think we issued any licenses. Did  20 we ever get them all out?</p> <p>21 MS. CHARD: We didn't get them all out, but we got  22 the bulk of them.</p> <p>23 MR. SINGLETARY: Yeah. So it was -- it was -- I  24 mean, it's been really challenging. The platform that we've  25 been working on, I mean, it was just falling apart. It's</p>
<p>Page 26</p> <p>1 It was really a pain that day, but it was really great  2 to see how things can work without elevators in an 11-story  3 building, if you count the basement. It did give us  4 justification to kind of step up. So we've got both those  5 elevators back up and working, but they are -- I mean, it's  6 -- they're so finicky -- that's a good word.</p> <p>7 Luckily our staff, for the most part, has been, you  8 know, understanding. We have them -- you know, some of them  9 walk half a mile to a parking garage, and then they get to  10 go up, you know, ten flights of stairs. So they're going to  11 be -- we're going to be the healthiest agency in the State  12 of Oklahoma when this is all over. I joke around. It's a  13 -- it is a pain, but we can get through these updates.</p> <p>14 In the end, we're going to have a brand-new parking  15 garage adjacent to our building with two elevators in that  16 building that we're actually going to be able to access the  17 main building on the sixth floor and obviously on the first  18 floor too. So there will be all kind of options for  19 elevators once that garage is in place.</p> <p>20 MR. HIRSHEY: You can give a bonus for -- for the  21 employee of the month who climbs the most stairs.</p> <p>22 MR. SINGLETARY: We need to track it. I like it.</p> <p>23 Make it fun.</p> <p>24 So talk about agency investments, I did want to  25 mention -- I mean, we have a lot going on. So you guys know</p>	<p>Page 28</p> <p>1 just no longer serviceable. So, anyhow, we've dedicated  2 just under a million dollars to replacing that. We started  3 that project back in April and we're going to complete it by  4 the end of this year. The 31st of December is kind of the  5 estimated completion date. So when we go through the next  6 permitting cycle or licensing cycle, we're going to be up  7 and running. It's going to be fantastic.</p> <p>8 We also have a very outdated customer accounts and  9 accounts receivable platform that's being replaced. These  10 are all -- or a lot of these solutions are through  11 Salesforce. These are going to be systems they can  12 integrate well together. That's almost \$2 million to  13 replace that one, 1.9, I think.</p> <p>14 We also have our complaint system. Again, it's just  15 an incredibly outdated system that we're replacing. That  16 one is \$1.8 million. That one is going to be done by April  17 -- end of April of '26 -- in August of -- or, really, I  18 guess September 1st of '26 is when the accounts receivable  19 and the customer platform is going to be completed.</p> <p>20 Air quality is working on an nVIRO platform through  21 Windsor Solutions. That one is supposed to be done at the  22 end of this month, I think. Is that right?</p> <p>23 MS. AEBISCHER: October.</p> <p>24 MR. SINGLETARY: October. Yeah, sometime in  25 October. That one was about \$600,000.</p>

<p>1 And, lastly, we have up in the lab, an upgrade to 2 their LabWare system for another quarter of a million 3 dollars. 4 Those are just the highlights. Those are the big 5 ones. We've got a bunch of other smaller projects going on, 6 but there's a lot of improvements going on at the Agency and 7 I thought you guys should know. I mean, there's a lot of 8 modernization that's necessary, both with elevators and 9 parking garages but also with our IT platforms. 10 I did have a question about the Ada lab and what the 11 status was on that, so I thought I would give you guys a 12 heads-up. So EPA is doing a lot of restructuring and 13 reducing the footprint of EPA. One of the big things they 14 were going after was the Office of Research and Development, 15 which is where the Ada lab falls under. 16 Fortunately, the Ada lab is going to stay in 17 operation. There are other labs that aren't, but the Ada 18 lab is kind of the nation's premier groundwater lab, so Saba 19 Tahmassebi, our former chief engineer, is leading the lab 20 there. They made a great case and were able to -- they've 21 had some -- their footprint is smaller, they lost some MPES, 22 but they're still going to be there, which is great they 23 have that resource here in Oklahoma. 24 The rest of R and D, some of it's going to some of the 25 specific programs. Some of it is going to be going to the</p>	<p>Page 29</p> <p>1 EPA has already finalized in this term and then some ongoing 2 litigation that we've already had going on. 3 So, as of September 9th of 2025, EPA has published 626 4 documents this year, between January 1st and September 9th. 5 Some of those were between January 1st and January 20th, 6 but, really, not that many in the grand scheme of things. 7 There are 186 final rules, 163 proposed rules, and 277 8 notices. A lot of those are state specific or facility 9 specific. It's not, you know, 600 substantive rules that 10 are new rules that are coming down that we have to track and 11 implement. It's just a few. I'll tell you about them. 12 First, a word about the administrative rulemaking 13 process on the federal level because this is going to be 14 important when I talk about two specific rules in here. EPA 15 has been employing some rulemaking mechanisms called "direct 16 final rulemaking" and "interim final rulemaking." 17 So the Federal Administrative Procedures Act, under 18 Section 533, states that, you know, federal agencies have to 19 publish notice of the rule and go through public notice and 20 rulemaking -- public notice-and-comment rulemaking, but it 21 states a "good cause" provision. So notice-and-comment 22 procedure, if it is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary 23 to the public interest, EPA can kind of go around that 24 public notice-and-comment period. 25 For a direct final rulemaking, what it's looking like</p>
<p>1 office of the administrator. A bunch of them -- I mean, 2 there's been a lot of reductions in force as well. So 3 they'll -- they'll have a much smaller footprint in the 4 future. We'll have to wait and see. That shakeup -- or 5 that reorganization, I should say, is still happening. 6 Lastly, before we turn it over to Shellie, Steve Mason 7 asked that we present an update on what's going on with the 8 feds, you know, the initiatives that they're going back on. 9 Their new initiatives and some of their court cases. So 10 Madison was going to provide a -- just a quick update on 11 that for you guys. 12 MS. MILLER: So if you're a federal policy nerd 13 like I am, you're in for a real treat. If you're not, don't 14 hold it against me. 15 So I have here a list of final actions the EPA has 16 taken since January 20th, 2025, proposed actions, and then 17 EPA came out with its Spring 2025 Agenda on September 4th, 18 which it's not spring anymore, but at least it came out. 19 We've had, you know, five days to process that; take away 20 one or two days for football. 21 I will go through -- I'm not going to go through every 22 single thing on that list because it's a list of 300 or 23 something and you guys will not like me by the end of this, 24 but I picked out a few things that were of interest. Then I 25 have some litigation updates on a couple of the rules that</p>	<p>Page 30</p> <p>1 is that EPA or any federal -- federal agency will put a 2 statement in the rule saying that if any adverse comment is 3 received, then the rule will be withdrawn. Otherwise it's a 4 final rule. 5 Then for interim final rulemaking, that one is 6 employed when time is of the essence. EPA has stated in 7 their interim final rulemakings that they will consider and 8 respond to comments before finalizing the interim final 9 rule. So it kind of -- I'm still, to be perfectly honest, 10 like, studying what all of that means, but there is 11 litigation over an interim final rule. I'll tell you about 12 that in a little bit. 13 So there are three final actions that this EPA has 14 taken. The first is the Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate 15 Review Reconsiderations Deadline Extensions. So we call 16 this OOOOb in air quality. It's -- it is a final rule that 17 EPA implemented in 2024 that regulates methane from oil and 18 facilities. The Trump administration has extended deadlines 19 for certain facilities or certain pieces of equipment that 20 are subject to that rule. 21 Interestingly, there are other parts of NSPS OOOO, 22 OOOOa, and OOOOb that are subject to the Congressional 23 Review Act subject to resolutions that were passed under the 24 Congressional Review Act barring EPA from bringing similar 25 or substantially similar rules. That -- so that effectively</p>
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<p>1 prevents EPA from rescinding those rules that were subject 2 to that Congressional Review Act provision. That is 3 actually under litigation. It's a new piece of litigation 4 that I'll talk about in a little bit.</p> <p>5 I don't think this impacts anybody, but I'm just going 6 to list the final actions because I think it's interesting.</p> <p>7 The Polyether Polyols Production NESHAP, which is the 8 removal of affirmative defense provisions associated with 9 the violation of air emissions standards due to 10 malfunctions.</p> <p>11 So this is essentially -- there was a court case -- 12 federal court case called NRDC versus EPA where the Court 13 decided that affirmative defense provisions for 14 startup/shutdown malfunction could not be within the rules. 15 EPA has been systematically removing those provisions from 16 the rules. This is one that still contained those 17 startup/shutdown malfunction affirmative defense provisions, 18 and EPA is under a consent order to complete this specific 19 action by September 10th. Their final rule came out 20 September 2nd.</p> <p>21 Then we have the Meat and Poultry Clean Water Act 22 Emission Limitation Guidelines. EPA issued, on 23 September 3rd, a final action to withdraw that proposal. So 24 that ELG for meat and poultry has been withdrawn.</p> <p>25 So for proposed actions I'll kind of talk about 12 of</p>	<p>Page 33</p> <p>1 Public Docket and listening sessions on implementation 2 challenges associated with Clean Water Act, Section 401. 3 EPA did that in July of this year. They're seeking 4 stakeholder input. The Spring 2025 Agenda includes the 5 Clean Water Act 401 Certification Improvement Rule on its 6 list to reconsider.</p> <p>7 The Reconsideration of the 2009 Endangerment Finding 8 for Greenhouse Gases and repeal of vehicle standards was 9 proposed on August 1st. In that rule, EPA proposes that 10 Clean Air Act, Section 202(a), which governs mobile sources, 11 not stationary sources (DEQ only regulates stationary 12 sources), stating that that section does not authorize EPA 13 to prescribe emission standards to address global climate 14 change concerns, and to rescind prior findings that 15 greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles and engines 16 contribute to air pollution, which may endanger public 17 health or welfare.</p> <p>18 We're evaluating exactly what the impacts of this 19 reconsideration might have on our PSD Permitting program. 20 There might be some. I will be prepared -- we will be 21 prepared to update you on that if and when the rule is 22 finalized and we determine that any changes happen.</p> <p>23 Okay. This one -- I like this one. It's called WOTUS 24 Notice: The Final Response to SCOTUS. "WOTUS" being waters 25 of the US. "SCOTUS" being the Supreme Court of the US. EPA</p>
<p>Page 34</p> <p>1 them. First is Coal Combustion Residuals. Last year DEQ 2 brought to the Board a rule package for our rules to 3 incorporate EPA's Coal Combustion Residuals Rule, called CCR 4 Rule. It was -- there was another CCR Rule. That's 5 Consumer Confidence Rule, but that's not what we're talking 6 about.</p> <p>7 So for the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule, we 8 incorporated those rule requirements into our rules and they 9 go into effect on September 15th. However, in the interim, 10 EPA has published a rule that would postpone the compliance 11 deadlines in their CCR Rule. So, for a period of time, 12 we're not -- I mean, the rule isn't final yet. We're -- 13 this is all still developing for a period of time.</p> <p>14 DEQ's rule will be in effect before EPA's are. We're 15 handling that with the facilities that are subject to that 16 rule. We're just going to send them a letter and tell them 17 we are not evaluating compliance with the requirements of 18 the CCR Rule until those requirements are in effect.</p> <p>19 This is one that was a direct final rule. EPA 20 published a direct final rule and a proposed rule at the 21 same time. EPA ended up getting adverse comments on their 22 direct final rule, so they withdrew that and now their 23 proposed rule is out there, so they'll take public comments 24 on it and follow the ordinary process.</p> <p>25 Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, EPA established a</p>	<p>Page 36</p> <p>1 established a Public Docket and request for recommendations. 2 This is a joint rule between the Army Corps of Engineers, 3 DOD, and EPA. They are inviting stakeholder feedback on the 4 definition of waters of the US.</p> <p>5 EPA has stated that it intends to align the definition 6 of WOTUS with the decision in Sackett, which was the Supreme 7 Court's case that ruled that wetlands are within the Clean 8 Water Act only when they have a continuous surface 9 connection to waters of the US, i.e., when the wetlands are 10 adjoining covered waters. So standby on this. All of these 11 are on standby.</p> <p>12 EPA proposed the National Emission Standards for Coal 13 and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units. This 14 rule was proposed in June. It would repeal amendments to 15 the Mercury Air Toxics Standard, MATS, that EPA finalized in 16 2024.</p> <p>17 For this rule, President Trump signed a proclamation 18 that granted waivers -- compliance waivers to facilities 19 that requested it that are subject to the amendments to this 20 rule. The exemptions were issued to 68 EGUs at 47 coal 21 plants on the basis that technology to implement the 22 standard is not available and that exempting the facilities 23 is in the national security interest of the United States. 24 This is under a provision in the Clean Air Act, Section 25 112(i)(4).</p>



<p>1 Next is methylene chloride. So we had an interesting  2 one come up. EPA, in 2024, promulgated a rule that  3 basically imposed really stringent requirements, like  4 monitoring requirements on laboratories for the use of  5 methylene chloride in running certain standards. Our lab --  6 our state lab at DEQ used methylene chloride in our SVOC --  7 SR -- SVRC methods. We made the decision to -- you know,  8 George and Dustin made the decision to discontinue those  9 methods because it wasn't going to be economically feasible  10 to continue running, you know, kind of the few tests that we  11 ran using that. The cost -- the cost outweighed the benefit  12 of continuing to run those tests.</p> <p>13 So, in May of 2025, EPA proposed a rule to extend the  14 compliance deadline for the implementation of the  15 monitoring, requirements et cetera. DEQ submitted a  16 comment on that rule actually supporting that compliance  17 deadline extension because we have methylene chloride on  18 hand that we are going to have to figure out something to do  19 with and how to dispose it -- how to dispose of it.</p> <p>20 We're not exactly sure whether the rule -- it grants  21 an 18-month extension. We're not sure whether or not the  22 timing would align just right so that we would have enough  23 time to maybe run some more tests, if the compliance  24 deadline was not in effect yet, and kind of get rid of some  25 of that methylene chloride, but we are keeping an eye on it.</p>	<p>Page 37</p> <p>1 than the MATS that they have proposed is a NESHAP for Brick  2 and Structural Clay.</p> <p>3 This one is interesting because it's a request for  4 comments on the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Section 610  5 Review. EPA is soliciting and considering comments based on  6 Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, of the  7 following factors: Continued need for the rule; nature of  8 complaints or comments received; complexity of the rule;  9 degree to which technology or economic conditions have  10 changed; and any overlap with other federal, state, or local  11 rules. I haven't seen that in my career, so I thought that  12 was interesting.</p> <p>13 There are the Draft Sewage Sludge Risk Assessment for  14 PFAS. A Notice of Availability was published in January  15 before the Trump administration took over, so on  16 January 15th. And EPA, at that time, opened a docket for  17 public comment and accepted public comment. Via memo, in  18 April, from David Tobias of EPA, they extended the comment  19 period to August 14th, so it just closed a few weeks ago.</p> <p>20 There is a budget bill update on that that Rob could  21 speak to a little bit better than I can, but I think the  22 Senate bill stipulated that EPA could not spend any dollars  23 allocated to them on finalizing this PFAS Draft Sewage  24 Sludge Assessment. So it appears that nothing might happen  25 with that, but we're standing by.</p>
<p>Page 38</p> <p>1 There could be merit, we think, in rescinding the stringent  2 methylene chloride requirements, if EPA determines that it's  3 safe, you know, for staff and people -- laboratory employees  4 to be using that methylene chloride.</p> <p>5 The Repeal of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for  6 Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units. This is known  7 as the "Clean Power Plan 2.0." It's an NSPS that EPA  8 published and finalized in 2024. Then, in June of this  9 year, EPA proposed to repeal that standard. EPA proposed to  10 find that "the Clean Air Act requires it to make a finding  11 that GHG emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants  12 contribute significantly to dangerous air pollution as a  13 predicate to regulating GHG emissions from those plants."</p> <p>14 EPA also proposes to make a finding that GHG emissions  15 from fossil fuel-fired power plants do not contribute  16 significantly to dangerous air pollution. EPA proposed an  17 alternative in that rule as well to repeal a narrower set of  18 requirements, which would include emission guidelines for  19 existing units and certain carbon capture and sequestration  20 provisions.</p> <p>21 EPA also implemented -- so EPA has on its agenda --  22 I'm getting ahead of myself a little bit, but EPA has on its  23 agenda to reconsider and do something with just a whole  24 bunch of NESHAPs and NSPSs. Those are Clean Air Act rules.  25 The only one that -- the only NESHAP that they have other</p>	<p>Page 40</p> <p>1 So announced for reconsideration, we're moving into  2 the just "announced" section. This is on EPA's 2025 Spring  3 Agenda. Interestingly and notably not on this list are the  4 CERCLA definition of hazardous substance and lead and copper  5 rule improvements.</p> <p>6 So for the Clean Air Act, National Ambient Air Quality  7 Standards, EPA has said that it will reconsider the  8 Interstate Transport Plan Review for 2015 ozone NAAQS  9 otherwise called the Good Neighbor -- Good Neighbor Plan.</p> <p>10 Also, the initial PM2.5 designations and then revisit  11 PM2.5 NAAQS. So EPA lowered the PM2.5 max standard in 2024  12 and it plans to revisit that standard and also -- and also  13 designate states. Oklahoma has submitted its designation  14 recommendation as unattainment or unclassifiable.</p> <p>15 It stated that it will -- EPA has stated that they  16 will review Clean Water Act Emission Limitation Guidelines,  17 specifically the PFAS chemical manufacturing sectors, steam  18 and electric/power plant ELG, and oil and gas extraction.</p> <p>19 EPA will take up consideration of PFAS requirements  20 for NPDES permits. So currently EPA stormwater permits  21 require PFAS monitoring. Oklahoma's stormwater permits do  22 not. We just require best management practices. We have  23 not incorporated that into our permits.</p> <p>24 EPA is going to consider revisions to select Microbial  25 &amp; Disinfection Byproducts Rules.</p>

<p>1 The PFAS National Drinking Water Standard, EPA has</p> <p>2 stated that it is going to extend the compliance deadlines</p> <p>3 and withdraw the regulatory determinations and removal of</p> <p>4 related provisions for three PFAS: PFHxS, PFNA, and</p> <p>5 HFPO-DA, or GenX, and then the mixture of those three plus</p> <p>6 PFBS, which is the hazard index.</p> <p>7 EPA is going to take up the Water System Restructuring</p> <p>8 Assessment Rule. This was proposed under the previous</p> <p>9 administration, but never finalized.</p> <p>10 EPA will look at the RCRA PFAS actions, which were</p> <p>11 also proposed and never finalized. EPA proposed to list</p> <p>12 PFAS as a hazardous constituent under RCRA. Another action</p> <p>13 that was related was the definition of hazardous waste</p> <p>14 applicable to corrective action for releases from solid</p> <p>15 waste management units.</p> <p>16 EPA will reconsider Regional Haze SIP Requirements</p> <p>17 Rule and also the Exceptional Events Rule, which is a rule</p> <p>18 that allows states to discard data from events such as</p> <p>19 wildfires or other naturally occurring events that would</p> <p>20 contribute to nonattainment. I think that's in response to</p> <p>21 the California wildfires earlier this year.</p> <p>22 "Once In, Always In" is also on the table. So this is</p> <p>23 officially called Congressional Review Act Revocation of</p> <p>24 2024, which is a review of final reclassifications of major</p> <p>25 source as area source under 112. That reclassification of</p>	<p>Page 41</p> <p>1 about the proclamation that was issued by President Trump,</p> <p>2 that is being litigated. So a lawsuit was filed in June of</p> <p>3 2025. The Petitioners state that that proclamation was made</p> <p>4 in an unlawful violation of the Clean Air Act. That's about</p> <p>5 all I know. I'll continue to track that and I can update at</p> <p>6 a later date once we know more about that.</p> <p>7 And then, as I mentioned, the OOOOb direct final rule</p> <p>8 that extended the compliance deadlines for -- under the Oil</p> <p>9 and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review Rule that litigation</p> <p>10 was filed July 31st of 2025. It's a procedural challenge.</p> <p>11 Petitioners are arguing that the Methane Delay Rule is --</p> <p>12 they're calling it the "Methane Delay Rule" -- is blatantly</p> <p>13 illegal, arguing that changes to implementation dates are</p> <p>14 substantive amendments requiring notice and comment rather</p> <p>15 than that interim final rule. EPA has asked for more time</p> <p>16 to respond in that case. That's where it's at.</p> <p>17 So the Ozone Transport/Good Neighbor case is next.</p> <p>18 We've talked about this in the past, but just a little brief</p> <p>19 synopsis of the background is that states had a deadline to</p> <p>20 submit their SIPs under the Ozone Transport Requirements and</p> <p>21 Oklahoma, including all the other states, submitted their</p> <p>22 SIPs. EPA disapproved 26 states' SIPs, each of which was</p> <p>23 tailored specifically for their state and for the industry</p> <p>24 within their state and the specific airshed concerns that</p> <p>25 they have in that state.</p>
<p>1 -- as area source is "Once In, Always In." So in the past,</p> <p>2 we would see facilities who would miss, like, a compliance</p> <p>3 deadline to install controls or take a limit and they would</p> <p>4 be a minor source. Then, because they missed that deadline,</p> <p>5 we, under a NESHA only, not an NSPS, would have to consider</p> <p>6 them to be a major source, and they would have to comply</p> <p>7 with all the major source requirements, even though they</p> <p>8 might be a minor source.</p> <p>9 EPA issued guidance in 2018 and adopted a rule in 2020</p> <p>10 to strike down this policy, to remove this policy, and to</p> <p>11 allow people to be a minor source and comply with minor</p> <p>12 source requirements rather than just always being a major</p> <p>13 source.</p> <p>14 Then, in 2024, EPA promulgated a rule that reinstated</p> <p>15 this "Once In, Always In" policy for certain pollutants</p> <p>16 only. It wasn't for everything, and that rule was reviewed</p> <p>17 by Congress under the CRA. Both the Senate and House</p> <p>18 resolution were adopted within the required time frame to</p> <p>19 disapprove that rule, so EPA is now going to be taking</p> <p>20 action to remove those rules under that CRA directive.</p> <p>21 Okay. I will move into litigation status. The MATS</p> <p>22 -- have I put anybody to sleep yet?</p> <p>23 DR. FERRELL: You're good.</p> <p>24 MS. MILLER: Okay. I'm almost done.</p> <p>25 So the MATS Compliance Waivers that I told you guys</p>	<p>Page 42</p> <p>1 Under the Clean Air Act, Section 307, the judicial</p> <p>2 review provision, a petition for review of any final action</p> <p>3 by EPA that is locally or regionally applicable may only be</p> <p>4 filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the</p> <p>5 appropriate circuit. So taking that into account, Oklahoma</p> <p>6 is party to a lawsuit over EPA's SIP disapproval and states</p> <p>7 sued EPA in their respective court of appeals. For</p> <p>8 Oklahoma, that is Tenth Circuit in Denver, Colorado.</p> <p>9 EPA petitioned the Tenth Circuit to remove that case</p> <p>10 to D.C. because, specifically, EPA thought that the D.C.</p> <p>11 Circuit would be more amenable to their cause. So, you</p> <p>12 know, they were venue shopping. So EPA argued -- so all</p> <p>13 cases that have a nationwide scope and effect are filed in</p> <p>14 the D.C. Circuit under the Clean Air Act under Section 307.</p> <p>15 So EPA argued that there is a nationwide scope and effect of</p> <p>16 this rule that they issued because -- essentially because</p> <p>17 they decided to include 21 states in this, so it's obviously</p> <p>18 nationwide.</p> <p>19 Then states petitioned the Supreme Court of the United</p> <p>20 States to decide this venue issue. Oral argument was heard</p> <p>21 in March of 2025. I was actually there and we can talk</p> <p>22 about that because it was a really cool experience. So on</p> <p>23 June 18th of 2025, the Supreme Court held that the proper</p> <p>24 venue is not the D.C. Circuit, but the applicable circuit</p> <p>25 court of appeals because EPA's decision was locally or</p>
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<p>1 regionally applicable, which makes a lot of sense. So the  2 Tenth Circuit judgment was reversed, that, you know, the  3 case should be heard in the D.C. Circuit. That was reversed  4 and it was remanded for further proceedings consistent with  5 the opinion.  6 The opinion was a unanimous opinion by the Supreme  7 Court, which I thought was interesting. Justice Alito did  8 not participate. We don't know why, but I'm assuming it's  9 because he got up and left the room. And I know that,  10 again, because I was there.  11 So there are a few cases that have been ongoing over  12 rules that EPA passed in 2024 that are kind of stagnant and  13 EPA has filed, you know, some extensions for time to respond  14 just, I think, because they're getting their bearings.  15 There is ongoing litigation over the oil and gas methane  16 rule, OOOOb, the 2024 rule. That would be states. These  17 are all states challenging EPA's rulemakings.  18 The PM2.5 NAAQS and Clean Power Plan 2.0, that's that  19 NSPs that EPA has already proposed to reconsider. Then  20 there's the MATS Rule in 2024, which, you know, I've stated  21 EPA has already proposed to reconsider.  22 So the PFAS National Drinking Water Regulation, which  23 EPA has stated that it will reconsider but has not taken any  24 action on, that is under litigation from their 2024 rule.  25 On August 1st, a joint motion to govern was filed between</p>	<p>Page 45</p> <p>1 stuff again when I give the Environmental Quality Report. I  2 would like to tailor it to your interests, you know, if you  3 have any. Please let me know. Thank you.  4 MR. SINGLETARY: So Steve Mason asked -- I feel  5 like we should applaud.  6 (Applause.)  7 MR. SINGLETARY: Steve Mason asked for that  8 update, and he's not here. Please tell him you got it.  9 When he asked for that, I turned to Madison and I was like,  10 "Would you be interested?" And she just started grinning.  11 I mean, she gets so into this stuff.  12 Thank you. Thank you, Madison.  13 MS. MILLER: Yeah.  14 MR. SINGLETARY: Very thorough. Awesome job.  15 So the last thing --  16 MR. KINDER: I have a -- I have a question.  17 MR. SINGLETARY: Yes, sir.  18 MR. KINDER: Thank you for putting up with all the  19 blizzard of EPA changes and things that goes on, which leads  20 me to my -- I wonder about how you interact with EPA in the  21 public comment period when it's open. How robust is that  22 system? I mean, how do you decide -- I mean, naturally you  23 can't make a comment to every proposed rule, but how -- what  24 mechanism do you use for the Agency to -- to give that input  25 back to EPA?</p>
<p>1 all parties, EPA included, and they asked the Court to order  2 EPA to file either a motion or a letter clarifying its  3 position in the case by September 10th. Something should  4 happen in the next few days in that case. Then they asked  5 the Court to set a briefing schedule by September 17.  6 Lead and copper, like I said, we didn't see, on the  7 2025 Spring Agenda, that EPA plans to reconsider lead and  8 copper. EPA announced that on August 25th that it intends  9 to defend this lead and copper lawsuit. So EPA was sued in  10 2024 to challenge that 2024 rule. EPA is apparently going  11 to defend it. We'll see how -- what happens in the case. A  12 briefing schedule is set and briefing will be happening  13 between September and January.  14 CERLCA PFAS listing as hazardous substance. Again,  15 like I said, that was notably not on EPA's 2025 Spring  16 Agenda. EPA has been granted five extensions in that case  17 by the D.C. Circuit to postpone litigation while officials  18 evaluate how to proceed. There have been news stories about  19 the possibility that EPA might be reconsidering the listing  20 as a hazardous substance of PFAS under CERLCA, but that's  21 the news. I don't know. You guys can look that up and make  22 your own determinations about that.  23 So that's it. For the Board, if you have any  24 particular interest in any of these, let me know. In  25 November, you guys get to hear me talk about some of this</p>	<p>Page 46</p> <p>1 MR. SINGLETARY: We do -- well, we're constantly  2 involved in informal interactions with EPA. Madison and I  3 were at ECOS last week and I had lunch with the number two  4 guy at EPA. We talked about all kinds of policy issues.  5 So, you know, Shellie and other of our division directors  6 and staff are involved in other national organizations. So,  7 I mean, we've got a voice for sure informally.  8 But -- but when it comes to formal participation, we  9 do prioritize based on the biggest impact that it's going to  10 have in Oklahoma, and we -- I mean, Madison is now -- kind  11 of took my place and is kind of heading that process up, but  12 we -- regardless of whether it's air quality or water,  13 whatever, land protection, RCRA, anything that's going on  14 that's going to have a big impact in Oklahoma, we want to  15 make sure our voice is heard. We have a process where we  16 develop comments. They're very well vetted. Then we send  17 them in.  18 I think -- I don't know that there are many states  19 that have been as active, probably in the last ten years, as  20 we have in some of the bigger initiatives that the EPA has  21 put forward. Sometimes we're 100 percent behind them and we  22 want to make sure that's known. Sometimes we have big  23 concerns that there is some unintended consequences that  24 would come from it.  25 If that doesn't work, we have sued EPA in the past.</p>
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<p>Page 49</p> <p>1 So we've sued EPA as an Agency directly in our own name.  2 More recently we've been utilizing the Attorney General's  3 Office quite a bit in some of the lawsuits that are ongoing  4 right now like the Good Neighbor Provision and those kind of  5 things.  6 So, first, we try informal. Then we try public  7 participation -- or formal participation. Then there's  8 always litigation, if necessary.  9 MR. KINDER: Okay. Thank you.  10 MR. SINGLETARY: So that takes me to our last  11 agenda item -- not agenda item, but my agenda item for the  12 Director's Report, and that's the retirement of Shellie  13 Chard. I don't think I could overstate the impact that  14 Shellie has had on DEQ and on water quality across the state  15 of Oklahoma. I mean, I can't overstate it.  16 In addition to that, like I just mentioned about  17 having a national voice over her career, 15 years as a  18 division director, Shellie has been -- become very involved  19 in leadership in different national organizations. She's  20 really helped Oklahoma have a voice at the national level  21 when it comes to water issues.  22 We're very excited for her and that she's reaching  23 this, you know, point in her life. It's well earned, but  24 we're definitely going to miss her, without a doubt.  25 Shellie wanted to address the Board on her way out as one of</p>	<p>Page 51</p> <p>1 I will miss you all. I appreciate you all and the  2 work that you do, the Board, the staff at the Agency. I  3 know I'm leaving the water division in good hands. I  4 couldn't walk away if I didn't think there was not a great  5 team in place. So I know you will continue to hear great  6 things from the Water Quality Division and the Agency.  7 I am not going to miss getting a phone call at  8 4:00 A.M. saying, "Yeah, so this refinery in Kansas exploded  9 and we have 14 water systems that aren't going to have a  10 water supply. We're trying to calculate time of travel."  11 By that point, it's 4:00 in the morning. I have to think.  12 I have to figure things out. Congratulations, George.  13 Here. Let me hand this to you, but I also hand you an  14 amazing staff.  15 The changes in water quality in the state of Oklahoma  16 over the course of my career is exponential. I remember  17 being 22, 23 and going to my predecessor and saying, "Oh, my  18 gosh. We have a fish kill in the North Canadian River down,  19 you know, the Oklahoma River."  20 He said, "That's great."  21 I'm like, "What?"  22 He says, "Five years ago there were no fish in there  23 to kill." Okay. That's progress, I think.  24 But, you know, compared to 1990-something, we don't  25 have those catastrophic failures that we have experienced.</p>
<p>Page 50</p> <p>1 her last official duties.  2 MS. CHARD: Thank you all for indulging me for a  3 couple of minutes this morning. I promised Rob I would try  4 to keep it short. You know, as I was sitting up there this  5 morning, you know, it's -- I've done a lot of things. I've  6 spoken in a lot of big rooms. The largest crowd I've spoken  7 in front of is something like 8- to 10,000. I've testified  8 before both the House and the Senate committees while being  9 broadcast live when our senator and another senator almost  10 came to blows. I'm more nervous standing here right now  11 than I was for any of that.  12 You know, it's been 33 years, and 15 in this job.  13 Thank you all so much for the opportunities that the Agency  14 has given me. You have allowed me to fulfill or at least  15 work towards my passion of protecting human health,  16 protecting water quality. It's not just a job. It's not  17 just a career. It's a mission. It's a passion.  18 While I'm stepping away from this role in the state  19 government, there is more to come. I still have a kid  20 that's going to be in law school. So, you know, I -- if I  21 didn't have children, I could have retired years ago.  22 They're expensive. So I will definitely be continuing my  23 work in the water sector. Stay tuned. I haven't made any  24 final decisions, but I do have some options that I am  25 pursuing.</p>	<p>Page 52</p> <p>1 In this job, you know, it's laugh or cry sometimes, but the  2 successes we have seen over the last 15, 20 years are  3 amazing. I know we will continue to move forward.  4 So, on that note, I will say mark your calendars.  5 November 14th we're having a party at DEQ. Either come and  6 celebrate because I'm finally leaving or you're going to  7 miss me and come play with us for a couple hours. But thank  8 you all very much. Hopefully I will have the opportunity to  9 continue to work with most of you in the coming years. So  10 thank you very much.  11 (Applause.)  12 MR. PAQUE: So --  13 DR. FERRELL: The Chair will recognize Mr. Paque.  14 MR. PAQUE: So I've been on this board for -- it's  15 my second term on this board. I served 12 years on the  16 Water Quality Monitoring Council before that. It was  17 somewhere during my 12 years on Water Quality Monitoring  18 Council, which began with her predecessor as Water Division  19 Director Chair.  20 I've known Shellie and worked with Shellie on two  21 boards: The Water Quality Monitoring Council, this board,  22 but another board that I was executive director on for  23 39 years -- you're just a babe for 30 years -- but  24 Groundwater Protection Council is -- is a reasonably  25 effective group in the country and did a lot of work in D.C.</p>

<p>Page 53</p> <p>1 with the EPA on Capitol Hill and all that sort of stuff, but  2 Shellie has been on that board --  3 You're still on it, aren't you? No? Or you won't be?  4 MS. CHARD: As of next week, I am not.  5 MR. PAQUE: But Shellie served on that board  6 almost -- just a few years, if any, after she got her  7 current position, and has been a tremendously effective  8 board member on that board.  9 I'll give her credit for one document that got  10 national acclaim and brought us up on Capitol Hill to  11 testify in the House and the Senate, and that was what's  12 called a Produced Water Report for Beneficial Uses of Oil  13 and Gas Produced Water. The GWPC was ahead of its time when  14 it published that report, but that report would not exist  15 without Shellie Chard. She worked tirelessly on it. I  16 don't know how you found the time. I really don't. She  17 worked on her own time, traveled, everything. That report  18 stands as a landmark today and Shellie gets 75 percent of  19 the credit for that. Thank you.  20 MS. CHARD: Thanks, Mike.  21 DR. FERRELL: Well, I will add to Mr. Paque's  22 comments. I have had the privilege of working with Shellie  23 on cases when I was in private practice and now as part of  24 the Board. I will say that, and echo everything that has  25 been said about you, Shellie, you have put Oklahoma on the</p>	<p>Page 55</p> <p>1 MS. KINDRICK: Second, Kindrick.  2 DR. FERRELL: With that, Ms. Quiana, would you  3 please call the roll?  4 MS. FIELDS: Yes.  5 Ms. Esteph?  6 MS. ESTEPH: Here.  7 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Hirshey?  8 MR. HIRSHEY: Yes.  9 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Kinder?  10 MR. KINDER: Yes.  11 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Kindrick?  12 MS. KINDRICK: Yes.  13 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Lowry?  14 MS. LOWRY: Yes.  15 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Paque?  16 MR. PAQUE: Yes.  17 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Peterson?  18 MR. PETERSON: Yes.  19 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schultze?  20 MR. SCHULTZE: Yes.  21 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Tatum?  22 MR. TATUM: Here.  23 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Ferrell?  24 DR. FERRELL: Yes.  25 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.</p>
<p>Page 54</p> <p>1 map, which is a credit to you personally and professionally,  2 but also to our state for your tireless advocacy for  3 science-based, good-evidence-backed policy.  4 We've been extraordinarily blessed at the state of  5 Oklahoma to have you in your roles. We are so thankful for  6 you. We appreciate you. Happy retirement. We look forward  7 to the party.  8 MS. CHARD: Thank you.  9 DR. FERRELL: Anything else, Mr. Singletary?  10 MR. SINGLETARY: No, sir.  11 DR. FERRELL: Okay. With that, we're at kind of a  12 good break point. So, without objection, I'm going to  13 propose, as Chair, a five-minute recess. Without objection?  14 (No indications given.)  15 DR. FERRELL: Without objection?  16 (No indications given.)  17 DR. FERRELL: Without objection?  18 (No indications given.)  19 DR. FERRELL: Let's -- actually, let's reconvene  20 at 10:50.  21 (Whereupon, a recess was had from 10:44 A.M. to 10:55  22 A.M.)  23 DR. FERRELL: Okay. So looks like everyone is  24 back. Chair would entertain a motion to reconvene.  25 MR. HIRSHEY: So moved, Hirshey.</p>	<p>Page 56</p> <p>1 DR. FERRELL: Before we move on to Agenda Item  2 Number 7, I realized I was remiss. Before we went into  3 recess, I failed to congratulate George and Karen for their  4 new roles. We'll figure out how many human beings it takes  5 to replace, you know, Shellie. I think we're off to a  6 fantastic start. We are very encouraged.  7 MR. HIRSHEY: AI is down the road.  8 DR. FERRELL: That's true.  9 But, no, we are very grateful that we have you guys  10 there. We're very excited to have you in your new role.  11 Congratulations on that.  12 So, with that, we will move to Agenda Item Number 7,  13 which is our budget update and our FY 2026 overview.  14 Ms. Kathy, you're up to bat.  15 MS. AEBISCHER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  16 Kathy Aebischer, Director of Administrative Services.  17 This is the time of the year when we kind of go over the  18 results of the -- the financial results of the last  19 legislative session and kind of go through the budget and  20 what it looks like for FY '26, which starts July 1st for the  21 State Agency.  22 So general appropriations, it looks like we got a big  23 decrease, but it is the parking garage money. So it's the  24 one-time funds that they gave us last year. For '25, we had  25 38 million. For '26, we have 21. We also got the Blue</p>

<p>1 River million dollar study last year. That's the 2 difference. Nothing major. Just one-time funds that aren't 3 coming through in '26. 4 So if we look at the total budget comparison, as I 5 said, you'll see the negative 16 million. Then we have 10 6 million that was carried over for the rural water projects. 7 The main difference, decrease 91 million, is the parking 8 garage and Blue River for state appropriations. We also, if 9 you remember, got 70 million for the Guymon Mesa Water 10 Project and 50 million for Tulsa Levee. So -- I mean, of 11 course, we're not getting it again. So that's the decrease. 12 It's nothing major. It's all one-time projects. 13 So I'm going to go through each division's budget. So 14 for Air Quality Division, they're projecting about 200,000 15 less than last fiscal year. Collections for Air totaled 16 14.7 million. That's 103, almost 104 percent over 17 projections. So they did good last year. No concerns. 18 If we look at their budget, so revolving funds, their 19 fees is 13.9 million; federal grants, 8.4 million; and then 20 VW we're expecting to expend about 10 million on those 21 projects. So total funds of 32.7 million. 22 For Air Quality Division's budget -- proposed budget, 23 it's just over 28 million. ECLS, that does air quality 24 projects, 431,000. The lab also does some air projects of 25 188,000. There's indirect costs of 3.7.</p>	<p>Page 57</p> <p>1 MR. HIRSHEY: Like trash trucks? 2 MS. STEGMANN: Uh-huh. 3 MR. HIRSHEY: Okay. 4 MS. STEGMANN: Yeah. 5 MR. HIRSHEY: Great. 6 And then when -- do you know how long the VW 7 Settlement Fund lasts as far as them -- 8 MS. AEBISCHER: Well, if we spend 80 percent of 9 our original allocation, we will get more money. So it 10 could go through -- is it -- five more years, so, yeah. 11 MR. SINGLETARY: So how close are we to the 12 80 percent? 13 MR. AEBISCHER: Very close. We anticipate getting 14 that additional money. 15 MR. SINGLETARY: Because it was set to expire in, 16 like, two years, right? 17 MS. AEBISCHER: Two years, yes. Yes. 18 MR. HIRSHEY: Okay. Good. 19 MS. AEBISCHER: Yeah, it's been very successful. 20 MR. PAQUE: Ken, your question was about the 21 Volkswagen Settlement Fund? I missed that part. 22 MR. HIRSHEY: Yes, Mike. 23 MR. PAQUE: I ask that every year. Thank you. 24 (Indiscernible crosstalk and laughter.) 25 MS. AEBISCHER: I should put it on the side.</p>
<p>1 So if we compare Air's budget '25 to '26, salaries 2 increase because of the increased revenue -- well, with 3 increased revenue comes increased workload, right? So 4 they've had to increase six staff to handle the additional 5 workload, which their fees support. 6 Then, also, you'll see the 9.5. They're estimating 7 doing additional DERA projects and Volkswagen projects this 8 year compared to last year. 9 MR. HIRSHEY: So, Kathy, do we wait until the end 10 to ask you questions or do we ask questions during the 11 presentation? 12 MR. AEBISCHER: You can ask during, if you want. 13 MR. HIRSHEY: Anytime we want? 14 MS. AEBISCHER: Yes. 15 MR. HIRSHEY: Okay. So I have two questions about 16 VW. One is when is that expiring? Two, the \$10 million, is 17 there just, like, a Reader's Digest version of what those 18 projects consist of? Because I know earlier, you know -- I 19 don't know how many years ago, but it was -- the electric 20 car charging station was one. That's now completed, I 21 guess. So what is the 10 million, roughly? 22 MS. AEBISCHER: It's mainly buses and schools. Do 23 you want to answer that? 24 MS. STEGMANN: It's buses and on-road vehicles 25 like trash trucks.</p>	<p>Page 58</p> <p>1 MR. HIRSHEY: I beat you to it. 2 (Indiscernible crosstalk and laughter.) 3 MS. AEBISCHER: Okay. So let's move on to Land. 4 So Land's projections are also going down 1.2, but it's 5 passthrough funds, so it doesn't affect their operations, 6 tire recycling reimbursements and then any hazardous waste 7 penalty and Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. What usually 8 happens -- it's based on the funds, the payments received, 9 and then if they have a project. So if a project comes up, 10 we'll just do a budget revision in the middle of the year, 11 and then they'll go ahead and do that project. At the time 12 of building the budget, we didn't have anything. 13 So if we can look at the total funds available for 14 Land Protection we have revolving funds, a little over 13 15 million; carryover from '25 is 1.1; federal funds, 12 16 million 395. That's total funds of 26.7 million. 17 So for '26 Land's proposed budget is 22.5 million. 18 ECLS does Land Projects of 898,000. The lab also does 19 projects for Land. This is 600,000. That's because we have 20 changed the way that we're -- the methodology for the 21 support that the lab does. So 300,000 was for '25 and then 22 300,000 is for '26. We're just kind of working through that 23 with the new -- the new leadership there. 24 So if we compare Land's budget from '25 to '26, it's 25 -- it's pretty close to being the same, a little bit less of</p>


<p>Page 61</p> <p>1 2 million. We'll be doing a budget revision once the  2 invoices are in for the federal grants, and we'll be moving  3 the balance of that over to this year.</p> <p>4 The Water Quality, their projections are staying the  5 same as last year. Their collections were 125 percent of  6 projections for last year. So it's very healthy. We have  7 no issues.</p> <p>8 So if we look at the total funds available for Water,  9 revolving funds, that's your fees, permits, applications,  10 8.9 million; carryover from '25, 4.6; federal funds, 6.2;  11 penalty funds, 975,000. That is for the OpCert application  12 that we're investing in that will be finishing up this  13 fiscal year. State appropriations of 14.6 million. That's  14 a total of 35 million. The distribution of Water Quality's  15 budget is just under 30 million. ECLS also does water  16 projects of 1.2 and the lab is 500,000. There are indirect  17 costs of 3.9 million.</p> <p>18 So if we look at Water's comparison from last year's  19 budget, and if you remember, we got three additional FTEs  20 for the lead and copper program, so that's why the salaries  21 are increased from last year. We also have the rural water  22 projects that will be -- will be carrying over some funds  23 from last year when we do a revision, and so that will bring  24 the budget up. So it's just -- it just projects that and  25 the difference there, the passthrough funds.</p>	<p>Page 63</p> <p>1 but the lab is doing really well. Their collections were  2 136 percent of projections for last year.</p> <p>3 So if we look at the total funds available for the  4 Lab, we have revolving funds of 1.5; carryover funds of 1.2;  5 federal funds, 2.1; state appropriations, 3.1 million; and  6 then you see the land protection of 600,000; and the work  7 that they do for other divisions bringing total funds  8 available of 9.3 million. The Lab's budget is 7.6 million,  9 with 1.7 going to indirect costs.</p> <p>10 If we compare FY '25 and '26 for the Lab's budget,  11 it's an increase of 281,000. That's in one-time equipment.  12 They had a one-time IT project for last year. That's why  13 you see a negative 147.</p> <p>14 So Administrative Services, indirect costs from all  15 divisions and grants is 13.7 million. We have a carryover,  16 6.8 million. That's part of the parking garage. Then we  17 have accounting services we do for the secretary of 70,000.  18 There are federal grants of 480,000. We get 10,000 from  19 license tag for educational grants and penalty fees of  20 375,000. Those make total funds available of 21 million.  21 ASD's proposed budget is 21.5 million and then indirect  22 costs of 25,000.</p> <p>23 MR. SINGLETARY: Kathy, you talked about the  24 29 percent indirect. What was it a couple years ago?  25 MS. AEBISCHER: 33 percent. So, yes, we've --</p>
<p>Page 62</p> <p>1 Environment Complaints and Local Services is next.  2 They're projecting an increase in revenue compared to last  3 year of just under 80,000. Their collections were  4 127 percent of last year's projections too. Their workload  5 has increased a lot. So trying to figure out when it will  6 level back off, but it's been very healthy for ECLS. If  7 you've been around for a while, it was struggling a little  8 bit, but they're doing really good.</p> <p>9 So if we look at all the funds for ECLS, the revolving  10 fund is a little over 3 million; carryover, 4 million;  11 federal funds, 1.2; state appropriation is 3.6 million; and  12 then the additional work they do for other divisions for  13 total funds of 14.7 million. ECLS's proposed budget is 12  14 million, with 2.6 going to indirect costs.</p> <p>15 If we compare last year's budget to this year, the  16 salaries and compensation has increased because we  17 transferred one FTE from administrative services to ECLS.  18 It was, you know, best fit in that division over the Clean  19 Vessels Grant. And then the increase in professional  20 services is the one-time IT project that Rob discussed for  21 complaints and enforcement.</p> <p>22 So if we look at the Lab, their projections are  23 increasing by 77,000. Just kind of -- you'll see the Land  24 support there. Then we reduced contractual and kind of  25 adjusting the fees down to where historically they've been,</p>	<p>Page 64</p> <p>1 we've really, through lean efforts and really just looking  2 at our processes and what's appropriate, we've been able to  3 bring down the indirect costs significantly, which frees up  4 more money in the divisions to put towards their programs.  5 That's been a success story.</p> <p>6 If we compare ASD's budget, the professional services  7 are going down a little bit for the parking garage. We'll  8 be transferring those funds to this year. Then we have an  9 increase in the lab equipment and -- well, that's just  10 equipment and projects and building operations. Those are  11 the elevators, roof, fire panel, the -- those projects that  12 Rob talked about is why it's increasing.</p> <p>13 Okay. Any questions on that?</p> <p>14 MR. HIRSHEY: I just got a small one. So if last  15 year the budget had the parking garage fully funded, does  16 the State hold on to those funds or do they get actually  17 allocated over here, like, that 16 million?</p> <p>18 MS. AEBISCHER: We -- we hold on to them.</p> <p>19 MR. HIRSHEY: So then the parking garage -- again,  20 it takes three years to build, so we have costs over a  21 three-year period. Do we get to, like, bank that and have  22 -- have interest and all on that?</p> <p>23 MS. AEBISCHER: No interest. The State keeps the  24 interest, but we keep the funds. We have, like, 31 months  25 to spend it.</p>

<p>Page 65</p> <p>1 MR. HIRSHEY: I was thinking if we did that, we 2 could, like, allocate funds to the elevators. So the State 3 gives us the funds, but we don't actually draw from it 4 until -- is that what you're saying? 5 MR. SINGLETARY: Well, it's -- 6 MS. AEBISCHER: We don't expend those funds until 7 activities happen. We can carry forward any -- any 8 unexpended funds to the next year to keep going with the 9 project. 10 MR. HIRSHEY: But the State really manages the 11 funds? We kind of -- 12 MS. AEBISCHER: It's with the state treasurer. 13 MR. HIRSHEY: Yeah. That's what I was asking. 14 MS. AEBISCHER: Unless you -- now, the -- our 15 revolving fund, Brownsfield, that we actually get interest. 16 MR. HIRSHEY: Okay. 17 MS. AEBISCHER: But the State keeps the other. 18 MR. HIRSHEY: It might have been a silly question, 19 but I was thinking that because it showed it all in that one 20 year, but -- 21 MS. AEBISCHER: Right. 22 MR. HIRSHEY: -- of course not. 23 MS. AEBISCHER: Yeah. 24 Okay. So if there's no questions on the budget kind 25 of detail, I'll go ahead and give you a status report ending</p>	<p>Page 67</p> <p>1 MR. SINGLETARY: Sure. 2 DR. FERRELL: Amen and amen. 3 Any other questions? 4 (No indications given.) 5 DR. FERRELL: Any questions from the public? 6 (No indications given.) 7 DR. FERRELL: With that, we're going to move to 8 Agenda Item Number 8. So DEQ, as a state agency, must 9 submit our budget request to the governor via OMES on or 10 before October 1st. So Ms. Aebischer is going to present 11 our proposed budget request. This is an item that will 12 require action from the board. 13 Okay. Back to you, Kathy. 14 MS. AEBISCHER: Yes. So DEQ recommends that the 15 Agency submit a flat budget for fiscal year for 2027 with 16 the understanding that, in the event that the agency 17 experiences a significant reduction in federal funding, that 18 the final request may be amended accordingly. We're not 19 anticipating that now, but we wanted to kind of present it 20 that way. 21 MR. SINGLETARY: It's kind of difficult with the 22 federal budget the way it is. Until we have something 23 that's a little more stabilized to know exactly where it's 24 going to be, but if it's anywhere near what the Senate and 25 the House are saying, then this is the budget. A flat</p>
<p>Page 66</p> <p>1 July 31st, just one month in. So collections-wise, out of 2 the 41 million we projected for the Agency, we've collected 3 1.8. That's just 4.4 percent, but we're ahead of last year 4 by about 140,000. So it's good we're ahead of last year. 5 Things are looking really good. You know, it's one month 6 in, but we have no concerns. 7 And then on the budget expended, we have a budget of 8 128 million. That will be going up, just moving all the 9 money forward, but we started off with 128 million and we've 10 expended 4.3., which is -- about half of that is salaries 11 and then projects. Next, we look at the source of funds. 12 We expended 2.5 in revolving and 1.2 in federal funds. 13 Any questions? 14 DR. FERRELL: Any questions from the Board? 15 MR. KINDER: I've just got a quick comment. I'm 16 looking around and I think I may be the only guy that was 17 here before Kathy came on board. We were just talking about 18 this earlier that we would have these board meetings without 19 any financial information presented to us. Your 20 predecessors screamed loud enough that this is what we got 21 today, and it's so much better for us to know where -- where 22 the money is going and where we're projected to go. So 23 kudos to whoever made that happen and to Kathy for -- for 24 making that possible for us because we were kind of flying 25 blind as a board.</p>	<p>Page 68</p> <p>1 budget is what we plan to request. That does include -- we 2 have included, baked into that, some staff pay raises into 3 that flat budget as well. 4 MS. AEBISCHER: Yes. So just for -- for purposes 5 for the appropriations portions of our budget, which is the 6 smallest portion, but we get 21.4 million today. They're 7 split with just the three divisions, the Lab, Water, and 8 Environmental Complaints and Local Services. The 9 distribution is 3.1 for the Lab, 3.6 for ECLS, and 14.6 for 10 Water Quality. So we would just request a flat budget. 11 DR. FERRELL: Any questions from the Board? 12 (No indications given.) 13 DR. FERRELL: Any questions from the public? 14 (No indications given.) 15 DR. FERRELL: Seeing none, the Chair would 16 entertain a motion with respect to the budget proposal. 17 MR. PAQUE: So move. 18 DR. FERRELL: So, to clarify, would that be as 19 Kathy outlined, the budget as stated with the proviso that 20 if there are significant changes to federal appropriations, 21 we reserve the right to make an amended request? 22 MR. PAQUE: That's correct. 23 MR. KINDER: I'll second that. 24 DR. FERRELL: Okay. We have a second by 25 Mr. Kinder.</p>



<p>1 Any discussion? <span style="float: right;">Page 69</span></p> <p>2 (No indications given.)</p> <p>3 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion?</p> <p>4 (No indications given.)</p> <p>5 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion?</p> <p>6 (No indications given.)</p> <p>7 DR. FERRELL: Seeing none, Quiana, would you</p> <p>8 please call the roll?</p> <p>9 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Esteph?</p> <p>10 MS. ESTEPH: Yes.</p> <p>11 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Hirshey?</p> <p>12 MR. HIRSHEY: Yes.</p> <p>13 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Kinder?</p> <p>14 MR. KINDER: Yes.</p> <p>15 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Kindrick?</p> <p>16 MS. KINDRICK: Yes.</p> <p>17 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Lowry?</p> <p>18 MS. LOWRY: Yes.</p> <p>19 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Paque?</p> <p>20 MR. PAQUE: Yes.</p> <p>21 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Peterson?</p> <p>22 MR. PETERSON: Yes.</p> <p>23 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schultze?</p> <p>24 MR. SCHULTZE: Yes.</p> <p>25 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Tatum?</p>	<p>1 comes up. <span style="float: right;">Page 71</span></p> <p>2 So this year, for the first time in a couple years, I</p> <p>3 think we had a disclosure that qualified, and that would be</p> <p>4 Kelly Dixon. She recently has, and has given me permission</p> <p>5 to share with you, inherited a few months ago stocks in</p> <p>6 Apache Duke Energy and OG&amp;E. You know, obviously, this is</p> <p>7 kind of a passive interest. She and I will make sure that</p> <p>8 she is recusing from any permitting decisions involving</p> <p>9 these entities. I just wanted to do our required duty of</p> <p>10 disclosing that to both the public and to the Board for its</p> <p>11 review.</p> <p>12 DR. FERRELL: Any questions from the Board?</p> <p>13 (No indications given.)</p> <p>14 DR. FERRELL: All right. This item of public --</p> <p>15 of information disclosure does not require action on the</p> <p>16 part of the Board.</p> <p>17 So, with that, we will move on to Agenda Item Number</p> <p>18 10. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, it is already time for us to</p> <p>19 start considering our potential meeting dates and locations</p> <p>20 for the coming year. You'll see in your packet a suggested</p> <p>21 schedule that would have our January 1st -- I'm sorry,</p> <p>22 January 21st meeting occurring in Oklahoma City.</p> <p>23 Then we have a June 9th meeting, if required, which is</p> <p>24 sometimes not required, but given the state of federal</p> <p>25 affairs, I would be kind of surprised if we didn't have our</p>
<p>1 MR. TATUM: Yes. <span style="float: right;">Page 70</span></p> <p>2 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Ferrell?</p> <p>3 DR. FERRELL: Yes.</p> <p>4 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.</p> <p>5 DR. FERRELL: Excellent.</p> <p>6 Thank you, Kathy. We appreciate it and we definitely</p> <p>7 appreciate all the work that you put into this very detailed</p> <p>8 budget, making it easy to understand and giving us</p> <p>9 transparent financial reporting. We are immensely grateful</p> <p>10 for that.</p> <p>11 That brings us to Item Number 9, our employee</p> <p>12 disclosures, which are required annually from the DEQ per</p> <p>13 our ethics rules. To present those is our general counsel,</p> <p>14 Mr. Allen.</p> <p>15 MR. ALLEN: Thank you, Chair.</p> <p>16 So state law requires employees of DEQ who are</p> <p>17 involved in permit review, permit issuance, or enforcement</p> <p>18 to disclose any kind of ownership interest or employment</p> <p>19 they have with companies or other entities that are</p> <p>20 regulated by the Department. State law does not prohibit</p> <p>21 any of this type of ownership. It doesn't prohibit DEQ</p> <p>22 employees from owning stocks or part owners of businesses,</p> <p>23 but it does require that when a permitting or enforcement</p> <p>24 decision comes up, they have to withdraw and not</p> <p>25 participate. We also are required to disclose that when it</p>	<p>1 June meeting. It's scheduled for June 9th in Oklahoma City. <span style="float: right;">Page 72</span></p> <p>2 Wednesday, September 9th, in Guymon. We've proposed</p> <p>3 that location because, if you look at the chart of where</p> <p>4 we've had our meetings in the past, Guymon doesn't show up</p> <p>5 there. It has been over 20 years since we've been to see</p> <p>6 our neighbors in the panhandle. There are also several</p> <p>7 active DEQ projects in Guymon that we think would be of</p> <p>8 tremendous interest for the Board to get to see close-up and</p> <p>9 personal.</p> <p>10 That then brings us to Thursday, November the 5th,</p> <p>11 with the proposed location being in Ada. Our thought there</p> <p>12 is that we might have the opportunity to either co-locate</p> <p>13 that with or maybe make available a tour of the EPA lab</p> <p>14 there in Ada. With that, the Chair will make a request that</p> <p>15 we make a modification of the November date to be the</p> <p>16 following Tuesday, November 10th. I am already aware of a</p> <p>17 scheduling conflict, and I didn't want to put one more thing</p> <p>18 on Alex's schedule to make her have to handle that meeting</p> <p>19 too. With that, I would like to make that proposed change.</p> <p>20 MS. KINDRICK: I appreciate that.</p> <p>21 DR. FERRELL: I thought you might.</p> <p>22 But does anyone else have any other comments,</p> <p>23 questions, or suggested modifications to the proposed dates</p> <p>24 and locations?</p> <p>25 (No indications given.)</p>

<p>1 DR. FERRELL: Going once. 2 (No indications given.) 3 DR. FERRELL: Going twice. 4 (No indications given.) 5 DR. FERRELL: So the Chair would entertain a 6 motion for the proposed meeting dates and locations as 7 outlined in the packet with the modification of the November 8 date to become November 10th. 9 MR. TATUM: I'll move that we make the schedule as 10 presented. 11 DR. FERRELL: We have a motion. 12 Is there a second? 13 MR. PETERSON: I'll second. 14 DR. FERRELL: We have a second from Mr. Peterson. 15 Any discussion? 16 (No indications given.) 17 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion? 18 (No indications given.) 19 MR. HIRSHEY: Well, when he said "as presented," 20 he means as presented with the modified 10th date in 21 November? 22 MR. TATUM: Yes, sir. 23 DR. FERRELL: To clarify, would that be correct, 24 Mr. Tatum? 25 MR. TATUM: Yes, sir.</p>	<p>1 DR. FERRELL: Yes. 2 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed. 3 DR. FERRELL: Very good. 4 Agenda Item 11 is new business consisting of any 5 matter not known about which could not have been reasonably 6 foreseen prior to the posting of our agenda. Is there any 7 new business that we need to bring before the Board? 8 (No indications given.) 9 DR. FERRELL: Any new business? 10 (No indications given.) 11 DR. FERRELL: Any new business? 12 (No indications given.) 13 DR. FERRELL: Okay. Seeing none, we will proceed 14 to Agenda Item 12, which is the announcement of our next 15 meeting. Our next meeting is going to be November 6, 2025, 16 at 9:30 A.M. in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. So maybe, if we're 17 lucky, there will still be some fall foliage around for us 18 to see in beautiful Tahlequah America. 19 That then brings us to Agenda Item Number 13. Having 20 completed our agenda for the day, the Chair would entertain 21 a motion to adjourn. 22 MR. KINDER: So move. 23 MS. KINDRICK: Second. 24 DR. FERRELL: Motion by Mr. Kinder. Second by 25 Ms. Kindrick.</p>
<p>1 DR. FERRELL: All right. Please make that note. 2 Thank you. 3 Any other discussion? 4 (No indications given.) 5 DR. FERRELL: Seeing none, Quiana, would you 6 please call the roll. 7 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Esteph? 8 MS. ESTEPH: Yes. 9 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Hirshey? 10 MR. HIRSHEY: Yes. 11 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Kinder? 12 MR. KINDER: Yes. 13 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Kindrick? 14 MS. KINDRICK: Yes. 15 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Lowry? 16 MS. LOWRY: Yes. 17 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Paque? 18 MR. PAQUE: Yes. 19 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Peterson? 20 MR. PETERSON: Yes. 21 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schultze? 22 MR. SCHULTZE: Yes. 23 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Tatum? 24 MR. TATUM: Yes. 25 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Ferrell?</p>	<p>1 Any discussion? 2 (No indications given.) 3 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion? 4 (No indications given.) 5 DR. FERRELL: Any discussion? 6 (No indications given.) 7 DR. FERRELL: Quiana, would you please call the 8 roll? 9 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Esteph? 10 MS. ESTEPH: Yes. 11 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Hirshey? 12 MR. HIRSHEY: Yes. 13 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Kinder? 14 MR. KINDER: Yes. 15 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Kindrick? 16 MS. KINDRICK: Yes. 17 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Lowry? 18 MS. LOWRY: Yes. 19 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Paque? 20 MR. PAQUE: Yes. 21 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Peterson? 22 MR. PETERSON: Yes. 23 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schultze? 24 MR. SCHULTZE: Yes. 25 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Tatum?</p>

<p>1 MR. TATUM: Yes.</p> <p>2 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Ferrell?</p> <p>3 DR. FERRELL: Yes.</p> <p>4 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.</p> <p>5 DR. FERRELL: That concludes our formal agenda for</p> <p>6 the day.</p> <p>7 That will bring us now to our public forum. This</p> <p>8 public forum is part of each board meeting. Public input is</p> <p>9 valuable to the Board and the Department, and we welcome</p> <p>10 your participation.</p> <p>11 Forums allow the public to make suggestions or express</p> <p>12 concerns about environmental laws, rules, or policy.</p> <p>13 However, concerns with an action or a decision in a specific</p> <p>14 case or matter, such as a particular permit application or</p> <p>15 enforcement case, should be communicated directly to the</p> <p>16 Department. The Board cannot and does not intervene in</p> <p>17 those case-specific decisions. We ask that you not use the</p> <p>18 forum to advertise or publicize commercial products or</p> <p>19 services.</p> <p>20 Because of the nature of the issues that are</p> <p>21 appropriate for the forum, you may not receive an immediate</p> <p>22 response to your comments. Department staff and/or the</p> <p>23 Board generally will need some time to evaluate the comments</p> <p>24 and respond to them. If you desire to make comments at</p> <p>25 today's forum, but you did not sign the sheet on the</p>	<p>Page 77</p> <p>1 C E R T I F I C A T E</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 STATE OF OKLAHOMA )</p> <p>4 ) SS.</p> <p>4 COUNTY OF PAYNE )</p> <p>5</p> <p>6 I, Lacie L. Bradshaw, Certified Shorthand Reporter</p> <p>7 within and for The State of Oklahoma, CSR No. 1907, do</p> <p>8 hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct</p> <p>9 transcription of my shorthand notes of proceedings had at</p> <p>10 the Department of Environmental Quality Regular Meeting of</p> <p>11 the Environmental Quality Board, held on the 9th day of</p> <p>12 September, 2025.</p> <p>13 I further certify that I am neither related to, nor</p> <p>14 attorney for any interested party, nor otherwise interested</p> <p>15 in the event of said action.</p> <p>16</p> <p>17 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 18th day of September, 2025.</p> <p>18</p> <p>19 </p> <p>20</p> <p>21 Lacie L. Bradshaw, CSR</p> <p>22 CSR No. 1907</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
<p>1 information table when you came in, would you please raise</p> <p>2 your hand?</p> <p>3 (No hands raised.)</p> <p>4 DR. FERRELL: I apologize. I don't have owl-like</p> <p>5 mobility in my neck, but it looks we don't have any --</p> <p>6 Ms. Fields, do we have anyone that signed that roster?</p> <p>7 MS. FIELDS: (Shakes head from side to side.)</p> <p>8 DR. FERRELL: Very good.</p> <p>9 Then I believe that we are really, really adjourned.</p> <p>10 Thank you all for coming today. We appreciate all of you.</p> <p>11 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 A.M.)</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Page 78</p>



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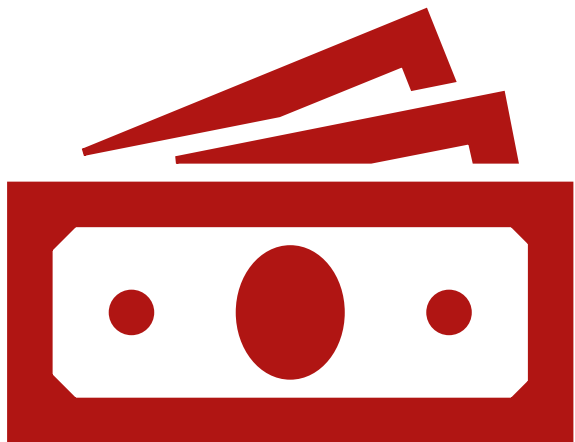
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## Oklahoma Statutes Title 27A, Section 2-3-101(C) states:

*Any employee of the Department in a technical, supervisory or administrative position relating to the review, issuance or enforcement of permits pursuant to this Code who is an owner, stockholder, employee or officer of, or who receives compensation from, any corporation, partnership, or other business or entity which is subject to regulation by the Department of Environmental Quality shall disclose such interest to the Executive Director. Such disclosure shall be submitted for Board review and shall be made a part of the Board minutes available to the public. This subsection shall not apply to financial interests occurring by reason of an employee's participation in the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan or publicly traded mutual funds.*

NO	NAME	POSITION	REGULATED ENTITIES	DESCRIPTION OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST, EMPLOYMENT AND/OR COMPENSATION
1	Kelly Dixon	Division Director, LPD	Apache, Duke Energy, OG&E	Employee owns stock in each of these entities.
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# DEQ Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

# FY26 Revenue Status Report

## As of September 30, 2025

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Division	Current Fiscal Year Activity (FY2026)				Comparison to Previous Year (FY2025)			
	FY2026 Projections	FY2026 Collections 7/1 to 9/30	% of Total Projections	Projected Revenue Remaining	FY2025 Projections	Collections Same Time Period	% of Total Projections	Variance
SELS	\$2,135,000	\$732,802	34.3%	(\$1,402,198)	\$2,058,000	\$561,961	27.3%	\$170,841
ECLS	2,992,965	1,252,517	41.8%	(1,740,448)	2,948,823	895,245	30.4%	357,272
AQD	13,993,822	10,211,005	73.0%	(3,782,817)	14,203,647	10,196,194	71.8%	14,811
WQD	8,931,000	7,189,383	80.5%	(1,741,617)	8,931,000	5,061,029	56.7%	2,128,354
LPD	13,185,000	3,336,838	25.3%	(9,848,162)	14,460,000	4,051,074	28.0%	(714,236)
	<b>\$41,237,787</b>	<b>\$22,722,545</b>	<b>55.1%</b>	<b>(\$18,515,242)</b>	<b>\$42,601,470</b>	<b>\$20,765,503</b>	<b>48.7%</b>	<b>\$1,957,042</b>

# FY26 BUDGET STATUS

## AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

(BY ACCOUNT CODE)

Expenditure Category	Budget	Expenses	Encumbered	Remaining
Salaries and other Compensation Expenses	58,540,945	12,389,066	44,755,322	1,396,557
Professional Services	36,484,571	3,987,637	29,526,876	2,970,058
Travel Expenses	671,582	157,301	14,700	499,581
Administrative Expenses	6,770,307	1,728,606	4,702,409	339,291
Lab Equipment, Furniture & Building Construction, and Air Monitoring Sites	2,157,379	97,992	334,828	1,724,559
Local Governments & Non-Profit Projects and Programs	118,506,899	4,634,586	101,407,531	12,464,782
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>223,131,683</b>	<b>22,995,189</b>	<b>180,741,666</b>	<b>19,394,828</b>

# FY26 BUDGET STATUS

## AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

(BY FUNDING SOURCE)

	FUNDING SOURCES	Budget	Expenses	Encumbered	Remaining
19312	General Appropriations (Parking Garage)	13,435,226	996,323	12,428,441	10,463
19421	General Appropriations ( ORWA RIG Balance)	426,216	426,216	-	-
19511	General Appropriations ( ORWA RIG Balance)	9,851,694	1,463,189	8,388,505	-
57601	General Appropriations (FY26 Allocation)	21,447,676	3,369,920	18,077,756	-
20000	Revolving Fund	58,159,127	10,583,116	44,448,570	3,127,441
21000	Environmental Education Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
22000	Hazardous Waste Penalty Fund	-	-	-	-
22500	Certificate Fund	578,109	145,560	432,549	-
23500	Blu Rvr-Ltl Blu Crk Strm Hlth	-	-	-	-
38600	PREP Funds	69,472,273	443,230	69,029,043	-
40000	Federal Funds	31,803,881	4,738,154	20,546,522	6,519,204
40300	Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund	175,000	-	172,625	2,375
40500	Environmental Settlement Fund (Federal)	10,292,084	827,304	6,945,594	2,519,187
41000	Water Management Federal Fund	7,475,397	2,177	272,062	7,201,159
	<b>TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>223,131,683</b>	<b>22,995,189</b>	<b>180,741,666</b>	<b>19,394,828</b>

