

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING  
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**Advanced Practice Advisory Committee  
Minutes – August 26, 2025**

The Advanced Practice Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on August 26, 2025. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Oklahoma Board of Nursing website. A notice/agenda was also posted on the Connors Building front entrance at 2501 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Place of Meeting:** Virtual Meeting

**Time of Meeting:** 3:00 PM

**Member(s) Present:** A. Costner-Lark, DNP, APRN-CNP  
K. Genzel, DNP, APRN-CNS  
S. Hanes, APRN-CNS  
L. Harkess, MSN, APRN-CNM, CNP  
M. Johnston, DNP, APRN-CNP, FNP-BC, AGA/CNP-BC, CNE  
S. Moore, DNP, APRN-CNS  
C. Laffoon, DNP, APRN-CNP  
J. Nobles-Botkin, MSN, APRN-CNM  
N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, DNAP, MSN, APRN-CRNA  
K. Watson, MSN, APRN-CNP

**Member(s) Absent:** D. Dodd, BS, APRN-CRNA  
R. Hailey, MS, APRN-CRNA  
R. Kizer, MSN, APRN-CNM (arrived late)  
T. Watkins, APRN-CRNA

**Board Representative:** C. Leathers, MBA-HCM, BSN, RN

**Staff Representative(s):** M. Starchman, RN, CPA

**Guests:** Kortine Bates (FNP student)  
Chelsea Chapman (FNP student)  
Shelbie Fields (FNP student)  
Danielle Smith (FNP student)

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by committee chair C. Leathers at 3:02 PM.
  - 1.1. **Declaration of a quorum:** Roll was called and a quorum was declared present.

2. **Committee decision regarding approval of February 25, 2025, committee meeting minutes:**

Motion made (M. Johnston) and seconded (S. Moore) to approve the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee meeting minutes for February 25, 2025.

**Voting:**

Yes (10) A. Costner-Lark, K. Genzel, S. Hanes, L. Harkess, M. Johnston, C. Laffoon, S. Moore, J. Nobles-Botkin, N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, K. Watson

No (0)

Absent (4) D. Dodd, R. Hailey, R. Kizer, T. Watkins

Abstain (0)

**Motion Carried.**

3. **Board Update: Verbal reports requiring no action by committee:**

- 3.1. **Changes to Rules:** M. Starchman discussed that there were no changes to Rules since the February 25, 2025, meeting.

- 3.2. **Legislative Update:** M. Starchman presented a brief legislative update.

- 3.3. **Committee membership:** M. Starchman discussed a vacancy in the Board-appointed APRN faculty position and upcoming end of term for the member appointed by the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners to the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee to the Board of Nursing.

- 3.4. **Board of Nursing Guidelines approved since the last Committee Meeting:** M. Starchman discussed that no guidelines were approved.

- 3.5. **Other:** M. Starchman provided the following additional updates:

- *Board decision to take no action at the March 2025 board meeting on the Nursing Practice Opinion Request brought to the Committee at the February 25, 2025, meeting.*

4. Review and recommendation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing on the request by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) to recognize their new Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) certification examination (**Attachment #2**).

Motion made (M. Johnston) and seconded (S. Haines) to recommend that the request from the AANPCB be forwarded to the Board of Nursing for consideration and approval.

**Voting:**

Yes (10) A. Costner-Lark, K. Genzel, S. Hanes, L. Harkess, M. Johnston, C. Laffoon, S. Moore, J. Nobles-Botkin, N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, K. Watson

No (0)

Absent (4) D. Dodd, R. Hailey, R. Kizer, T. Watkins

Abstain (0)

**Motion Carried.**

5. Review and recommendations to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing on the following guideline (**Attachment #3**):

- 5.1. Decision-Making Model for Scope of Nursing Practice Decisions: Determining Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Scope of Practice Guidelines, P-10

Motion made (N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon) and seconded (M. Johnston) to forward to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

**Voting:**

Yes (10) A. Costner-Lark, K. Genzel, S. Hanes, L. Harkess, M. Johnston, C. Laffoon, S. Moore, J. Nobles-Botkin, N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, K. Watson

No (0)

Absent (4) D. Dodd, R. Hailey, R. Kizer, T. Watkins

Abstain (0)

**Motion Carried.**

6. Review and recommendations to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing on the following guideline (**Attachment #4**):

- 6.1. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations Approved by The Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Initial Licensure, P-52A

Motion made (M. Johnston) and seconded (A. Costner-Lark) to forward to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

**Voting:**

Yes (10) A. Costner-Lark, K. Genzel, S. Hanes, L. Harkess, M. Johnston, C. Laffoon, S. Moore, J. Nobles-Botkin, N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, K. Watson

No (0)

Absent (4) D. Dodd, R. Hailey, R. Kizer, T. Watkins

Abstain (0)

**Motion Carried.**

7. Review and recommendations to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing on the following guideline (**Attachment #5**):

7.1. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations No Longer Approved by The Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Initial Licensure, P-52B

Motion made (A. Costner-Lark) and seconded (L. Harkess) to forward to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

**Voting:**

Yes (10) A. Costner-Lark, K. Genzel, S. Hanes, L. Harkess, M. Johnston, C. Laffoon, S. Moore, J. Nobles-Botkin, N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, K. Watson

No (0)

Absent (4) D. Dodd, R. Hailey, R. Kizer, T. Watkins

Abstain (0)

**Motion Carried.**

8. Review and recommendations to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing on the following guideline (**Attachment #6**):

8.1. Refresher Courses for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Policy, P-54

After discussion of the agenda item, motion made (M. Johnston) and seconded (S. Haines) to table the agenda item and establish a working group to develop recommended changes to the guideline.

**Voting:**

Yes (10) A. Costner-Lark, K. Genzel, S. Hanes, L. Harkess, M. Johnston, C. Laffoon, S. Moore, J. Nobles-Botkin, N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, K. Watson

No (0)

Absent (4) D. Dodd, R. Hailey, R. Kizer, T. Watkins

Abstain (0)

**Motion Carried.**

9. Review and recommendation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing regarding proposed Administrative Rules changes related to HB 2298 (Independent Prescriptive Authority) (**Attachment #7**).

After discussion of the agenda item, motion made (L. Harkess) and seconded (M. Johnston) to table the agenda item and convene a special meeting to discuss proposed changes after further review by committee members.

**Voting:**

Yes (10) A. Costner-Lark, K. Genzel, S. Hanes, L. Harkess, M. Johnston, C. Laffoon, S. Moore, J. Nobles-Botkin, N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, K. Watson

No (0)

Absent (4) D. Dodd, R. Hailey, R. Kizer, T. Watkins

Abstain (0)

**Motion Carried.**

10. **Committee member determination for date of next meeting:**

10.1. **Date:** It was proposed that the next regular meeting be held virtually on February 24, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

Motion made (L. Harkess) and seconded (M. Johnston) to approve the proposed date for the next meeting.

**Voting:**

Yes (10) A. Costner-Lark, K. Genzel, S. Hanes, L. Harkess, M. Johnston, C. Laffoon, S. Moore, J. Nobles-Botkin, N. Sweet-Fitzgibbon, K. Watson

No (0)

Absent (4) D. Dodd, R. Hailey, R. Kizer, T. Watkins

Abstain (0)

**Motion Carried.**

10.2. **Suggested agenda items:** No agenda items suggested at meeting

11. **Adjournment:**

Motion made (C. Laffoon) and seconded (M. Johnston) to adjourn meeting. Committee Chair C. Leathers declared the meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.