



Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board  
*Minutes of the Special Meeting*  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., located at the Office of the Attorney General, 313 N.E. 21st St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. OAG staff provided proper notice of the special meeting, as required under the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S.2021, § 311, to the Secretary of State on January 16, 2024. OAG staff posted the agenda no less than twenty-four hours in advance of the public meeting in prominent public view at the Office of the Attorney General.

Attorney General Gentner Drummond called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Kristi Ice called roll and recognized a quorum. At the time of calling roll, the following Board members were present:

AG Gentner Drummond	Ms. Lori Parish
Mr. Josh Cantwell	Dr. Atula Walia
Mr. Mike Hoskins	Dr. LeRoy Young
Mr. Scott Martin*	

Members Dr. Kelly Dunn, Sarah McFadden and Scott Martin\* were not in attendance.

\*Scott Martin arrived late.

Ms. Ice noted that the meeting notice and agenda were posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, and a majority of members were present.

Members of the OAG staff, including Mr. Thomas R. Schneider and Ms. Kristi Ice, along with Mr. Terry Simonson, were present to assist the Board.

Following the introduction of the new members, AG Drummond recognized guests present at the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

Scott Martin arrived to the meeting.

**Agenda Item 4. Review discussion, and possible action regarding minutes from the December 20, 2023 special meeting**

The Board members reviewed the minutes from the December 20, 2023, special meeting. Mr. Simonson recommended one change to the meeting date listed. Mr. Cantwell moved to approve

the minutes of the December 20, 2023 with the change to the meeting date. Dr. Young seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

AG Drummond	Ms. Parish
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Mr. Hoskins	Dr. Young
Mr. Martin	

**Agenda Items 5A, 5B, and 5C. Review, discussion, and possible action on the following:**

- **Grant coordinator position and staffing for the Board,**
- **Professional services agreement with Healthy Minds Policy Initiative, and**
- **Emergency Rules**

.AG Drummond initiated discussion on the above-identified agenda items. He informed members that Kristi Ice was hired as the Deputy General Counsel to work with the Board. Jill Nichols was also hired to work with the Board as the Grant Coordinator. The Healthy Minds Policy Initiative was hired by the OAG to assist with the grant process. Mr. Schneider announced that the emergency rules adopted by the Board were signed by the Governor on February 2, 2024, and were now in effect.

No action was taken on these items.

**Agenda Items 6A, 6B, and 6C. Review, discussion and possible action on the following:**

- **Update on the opioid abatement grant award application**

Mr. Schneider gave an updating on the grant application process. He informed the Board of the outreach efforts by staff and Healthy Minds. He also informed the Board regarding the applications received.

No action was taken.

- **Possible action regarding the extension of the application deadline, and**

The Board discussed the staff recommendation to extend the application deadline. Staff discussed the concerns of potential applicants with completing the applications in time. The Board discussed the impact of the extension of the timeline on the grant rollout. Staff recommended extending the application deadline to March 29, 2024. Dr. Young moved to extend the application deadline to March 29, 2024. Mr. Cantwell seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

AG Drummond	Ms. Parish
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Mr. Hoskins	Dr. Young
Mr. Martin	

- **Establish a subcommittee for the purpose of scoring the Opioid Abatement Grant Award Application**

AG Drummond initiated a discussion on the scoring process of the grant applications. The first step would be an initial staff screening for compliance with grant requirements. The second step would be a review by a subcommittee of the board in conjunction with staff from the Healthy Minds Initiative. The subcommittee will make a recommendation to the Board. The final step would be Board review and approval. The Board discussed the process, the time commitment, and possible members of the subcommittee. AG Drummond stated that he recommended Ms. Parish and Dr. Dunn serve along with Jennifer Needham as his designee. Mr. Hoskins also requested to serve. Mr. Martin moved to approve the establishment of a subcommittee consisting of AG Drummond or his designee, Dr. Dunn, Mr. Hoskins and Ms. Parish. Mr. Cantwell seconded the motion.

The following members voted in favor of the motion:

AG Drummond	Ms. Parish
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Mr. Hoskins	Dr. Young
Mr. Martin	

**Agenda Item 7. Review, discussion, and possible action to accept two school districts as separate applicants in place of applicant Osage County Interlocal Cooperative**

The Board discussed the acceptance of Pawhuska Public Schools and South Coffeyville Public Schools in place of Osage County Interlocal Cooperative, a consortium of school districts, the original applicant. Each school district was included in the original letter. After a brief discussion, the Board determined allowing the school districts to apply as separate applicants complied with the requirement for applicants to submit a letter of intent. Mr. Hoskins moved to accept Pawhuska Public Schools and South Coffeyville Public School district as separate applicants in place of the Osage County Interlocal Cooperative, and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

AG Drummond	Ms. Parish
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Mr. Hoskins	Dr. Young
Mr. Martin	

**Agenda Item 8A and 8B. Review, discussion and adoption of permanent administrative rules**

- Presentation on public comments received and the February 16, 2024, public hearing, and
- Possible action (adoption) of permanent administrative rules.

Mr. Schneider informed the Board of the hearing held on the proposed permanent rules on February 16, 2024. The office received no public comments through U.S. mail or electronic mail. Moreover, no entity or person appeared at the public hearing and provided oral argument, data, or views on the proposed rules. Mr. Schneider informed the Board that the permanent rules were identical to the emergency rules previously passed by the Board. After a brief discussion, Mr. Cantwell moved to adopt the permanent administrative rules as presented. Dr Young seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

AG Drummond	Ms. Parish
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Mr. Hoskins	Dr. Young
Mr. Martin	

#### Item 9. **Legislative update for 2024 Regular Session**

Macey Whitehouse and Carolyn Thompson presented legislation of interest to the Board. These bills include:

SB 1280 – Senate Author: Darrell Weaver, House Author: Robert Manger

- Expands felony offenses under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act to include combining Fentanyl with illegal substances or creating mixtures including fentanyl and its analogs or derivatives.

SB 1453 – Senate Author: Paul Rosino, House Author: Carl Newton

- Includes public colleges and universities as eligible political subdivisions to receive grants.

- It authorizes the Attorney General to withhold up to 5% of the settlement funds for administrative support, and for research and evaluation of the effectiveness of the grants.

SB 1740 – Senate Author: Todd Gollihare, House Author: Jeff Boatman

- Offers civil liability protections for certain individuals administering emergency opioid antagonists to prevent overdose

SB 1806 – Senate Author: Paul Rosino, House Author: Jeff Boatman

- Grants the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services the authority to oversee and coordinate emergency opioid antagonist use by state agencies and compile an annual report.

SB 1897 – Senate Author: Rob Standridge, House Author: Chris Kannady

- Establishes a registration and regulatory framework for pain management

**Item 10. Adjournment**

Dr. Young moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hoskins seconded the meeting. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

AG Drummond	Ms. Parish
Mr. Cantwell	Dr. Walia
Mr. Hoskins	Dr. Young
Mr. Martin	