



Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 9:00am

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., located at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, 921 NE 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. OAG staff provided proper notice of the meeting, as required under the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S.2021, § 311, to the Secretary of State on July 24, 2025. 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 Chief Medical Examiner.

Attorney General Gentner Drummond called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

AG Drummond	Mr. Scott Martin
Mr. Josh Cantwell	Dr. LeRoy Young
Dr. Kelly Dunn	
Mr. Mike Hoskins	

Members Ms. Carol Bush, Ms. Lori Parish, and Dr. Atul Walia were absent.

Ms. Traci Ballard noted that the meeting notice and agenda were posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Members of the OAG staff, including Ms. Traci Ballard, Ms. Jill Nichols, Mr. Brad Clark, along with Mr. Terry Simonson, were present to assist the Board. Attorney General Drummond recognized attending guests and introductions were made.

Ms. Lori Parish arrived at 9:07 a.m.

Agenda Item 4. Presentation, review, discussion and possible action on awarding all other grants for 2025 – Traci Ballard

Ms. Ballard presented the list of applicants by category of funding recommendations by the review subcommittee. Those categories are: applications recommended for approval, applications recommended for conditional approval, those not recommended for funding. Attorney General asked for reasons for more detailed decision information, as there were many applicants that were

not recommended for funding. Dr. Dunn offered that the review subcommittee spent a great deal of time vetting the applications looking for evidence that they were trying to prevent addiction, using the published priority strategies and evidence-based practices, and if there were any concerns that there would be issues with project implementation such as prior compliance issues or issues with prior outcome measures. Mr. Simonson noted some of the reasons he found to be grounds for denial such as pass-thru funding, interdiction, non evidence-based practices, hiring personnel that was directly tied to abatement, lack of clear direction or capacity to implement, and supplantation of other forms of funding. Many were offered conditional approval at the maximum tier limit due to requesting far over what was determined allowable for this round by the Board. Attorney General Drummond was concerned that applicants may be discouraged from applying in the future and Mr. Simonson and Ms. Jessica Hawkins (Healthy Minds) assured that every opportunity was given and will be given for technical support to produce effective programs moving forward. Ms. Hawkins applauded the reviewers for their care in focusing on high impact priorities, and making difficult decisions to focus on making sure the funds are invested wisely.

Mr. Cantwell asked about funding, how much would be available for colleges and universities, and statewide projects, there was a brief conversation about what may be left after current awards are funded and what could be appropriated next term.

Ms. Nichols presented slides showing each applicant by decision category for the Board to review.

Mr. Hoskins made a motion to approve the funding recommendations of the review subcommittee. Dr. Young seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

AG Drummond	Mr. Scott Martin
Mr. Josh Cantwell	Ms. Lori Parish
Mr. Hoskins	Dr. LeRoy Young

Dr. Dunn recused herself from voting on Grady Memorial Hospital Authority, but voted in favor of all others.

Mr. Cantwell recused himself from votes on the following: Mayes County, Rogers Co/Claremore, Tulsa County, Ponca City, Delaware County, Salina/Salina Public Schools, City of Miami, Tulsa, Sand Springs, Bixby, Washington County, Jay/Jay Public Schools, Glenpool, Craig County. He voted in favor of the remaining recommendations.

Agenda Item 5. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Attorney General Drummond declared the meeting adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.