



Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 3:15pm

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board held its meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., located at the Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, 921 NE 23rd St., 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 December 2, 2025. OAG staff posted the agenda no less than twenty-four hours in advance of the public meeting in prominent public view at the Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Mr. Brad Clark for Attorney General Gentner Drummond called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

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

Mr. Brad Clark for AG Drummond
Mr. Josh Cantwell
Mr. Brad DeLozier
Dr. Kelly Dunn
Ms. Lori Parish
Dr. Atul Walia
Dr. LeRoy Young

The following members were absent:

Ms. Carol Bush
Mr. Scott Martin

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, along with Mr. Terry Simonson, were present to assist the Board. Mr. Brad Clark recognized attending guests and introductions were made. Mr. Clark shared statistics on reduction in overdose deaths in the state, congratulated the Board on their success in fund distributions since inception of the program, and updated the Board on anticipated staffing changes.

Agenda Item 2. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the minutes of the November 13, 2025, regular meeting

The Board members reviewed the minutes from the November 13, 2025 regular meeting. Dr. Young moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2025, regular meeting. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Mr. Brad Clark for
AG Drummond
Mr. Josh Cantwell
Mr. Brad DeLozier
Dr. Kelly Dunn
Ms. Lori Parish
Dr. Atul Walia
Dr. LeRoy Young

Agenda Item 3. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the 2026 funding opportunity schedule and extension options for existing 2024 public school grants

Ms. Nichols presented the tentatively scheduled funding opportunity opening/closing dates for all 2026 grants and also presented an opportunity to extend eligible school district grants from 2024 due to the delay in opening education subdivision grants until Fall of 2026. Mr. Cantwell made a motion to approve the dates as presented. Mr. DeLozier seconded. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Mr. Brad Clark for AG Drummond
Mr. Josh Cantwell
Mr. Brad DeLozier
Dr. Kelly Dunn
Ms. Lori Parish
Dr. Atul Walia
Dr. LeRoy Young

Agenda Item 4. Update on the following matters:

- A. Higher education grant application reviews – Jill Nichols
- B. Grant program updates – Jill Nichols
- C. Status of proposed 2025 administrative rule amendments – Traci Ballard
- D. Project Spotlight – Lincoln County

(A) Ms. Nichols notified the Board that there have been 13 applications submitted for higher education institutions, common themes include naloxone distribution, prevention education and integrated care. Review committee received applications to review this week and have been asked to complete reviews by end of February.

- (B) Ms. Nichols notified the Board that everyone from the 2025 round has had agreements executed and been funded with the exception of one. Wellston PS declined their award. Healthy Minds hosted regional conferences in person and will poll attendees to gauge success. Mr. DeLozier commented that he attended Lawton conference to learn more about the program. Mr. DeLozier's biggest takeaways were being impressed with Healthy Minds performance and dedication, and got a lot out of the visit. Ms. Nichols advised that NiVACk is hosting office hours for grantee compliance education, and that a grant writer contractor pilot program is being introduced to assist with applications for eligible applicants who may lack capacity to write their grants, an applicant resource document is now available online, dashboard delivery will be soon and it is highly interactive and informative. Mr. Clark also noted that tech will be ready soon to broadcast meetings.
- (C) Ms. Ballard updated the Board that the administrative rules that were approved and submitted in the Fall were rejected by the Governor's office due to a misunderstanding, though they were not material. The administrative rules will be reviewed again next year.
- (D) Lincoln County staff Judy Smith and Alicia Wagnon on the success of their opioid abatement grant award programs.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 5. Review, discussion, and possible action on grantee non-compliance framework

Ms. Ballard gave an overview of the non-compliance escalation framework that was developed in the event an intervention is necessary if a grantee fails to comply with conditions of award. Ms. Ballard noted that it outlines when there are notifications, opportunity for support, and provides context for escalation of cases where conditions aren't met. A motion was made by Dr. Walia to approve the use of the framework by staff in administration of grants. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Mr. Brad Clark for AG Drummond
Mr. Josh Cantwell
Mr. Brad DeLozier
Dr. Kelly Dunn
Ms. Lori Parish
Dr. Atul Walia
Dr. LeRoy Young

Agenda Item 6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Pontotoc County's 2024 grant program scope change request

Ms. Nichols advised the Board that Pontotoc County had some funds in their transportation expense budget that they were not going to fully utilize and they requested to transfer those funds to provide funding for GED and vocational training for opioid related justice-involved individuals

and to attend evidence-based conferences. Mr. Cantwell made a motion to approve. Ms. Parish seconded. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Mr. Brad Clark for AG Drummond
Mr. Josh Cantwell
Mr. Brad DeLozier
Dr. Kelly Dunn
Ms. Lori Parish
Dr. Atul Walia
Dr. LeRoy Young

Agenda Item 7. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the City of Tulsa & Tulsa Public Schools' 2024 grant program scope change request

Ms. Nichols advised the Board of the requested change to City of Tulsa's 2024 program. The City of Tulsa had a late start and some compliance issues but got back on track and wanted to reallocate some funds from that time frame to programs that could easily be completed during the given time frame, including grant employee expenses, and evidence-based professional development, and naloxone distribution. Board members asked Healthy Minds to offer assistance on naloxone pricing. Dr. Young motioned to approve the amendment. Ms. Parish seconded. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Mr. Brad Clark for AG Drummond
Mr. Josh Cantwell
Mr. Brad DeLozier
Dr. Kelly Dunn
Ms. Lori Parish
Dr. Atul Walia
Dr. LeRoy Young

Agenda Item 8. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Wagoner County's 2024 grant program scope change request

Ms. Nichols explained that Wagoner County's Sheriff's office received alternative funding for some objectives in their opioid abatement grant, so the County asked to move that funding over to the WRAP partner for additional support for compliance checks, case management, continued recovery. Mr. Cantwell made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. DeLozier seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Mr. Brad Clark for AG Drummond
Mr. Josh Cantwell
Mr. Brad DeLozier

Dr. Kelly Dunn
Ms. Lori Parish
Dr. Atul Walia
Dr. LeRoy Young

Agenda Item 9. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.