



Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 3:15pm

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board held its meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 3:15 p.m., located at the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General, 313 NE 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Attorney General.

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:

Attorney General Drummond  
Mr. Josh Cantwell  
Mr. Brad DeLozier  
Mr. Scott Martin  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Dr. Atul Walia  
Dr. LeRoy Young

The following members were absent:

Ms. Carol Bush  
Dr. Kelly Dunn

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, Mr. Brad Clark, Ms. Jill Nichols, along with Mr. Terry Simonson, were present to assist the Board. Attorney General Drummond recognized attending guests and introductions were made.

**Agenda Item 4. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the minutes of the January 28, 2026 regular meeting**

The Board members reviewed the minutes from the January 28, 2026 regular meeting. Dr. Walia moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026, regular meeting. Mr. Cantwell seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Mr. Josh Cantwell  
Mr. Brad DeLozier  
Mr. Scott Martin  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Dr. Atul Walia  
Dr. LeRoy Young

**Abstain:**

Attorney General Drummond

**Agenda Item 5. Discussion and possible action to terminate the following 2024 grants:**

- A. Adair County**
- B. Dickson Public Schools**
- C. Kingfisher County**
- D. LeFlore County**
- E. Muskogee County**
- F. Osage County**
- G. City of Shawnee**
- H. City of Stilwell**
- I. City of Tahlequah**
- J. City of Warr Acres**

**74 O.S. § 30.7, Oklahoma Administrative Code 75:50-3-7; Grant Agreement**

Ms. Ballard explained that the grants issued in 2024 had one year of funding with two years to complete their implementation and reporting. The grantees listed for termination met and/or exceeded the conditions of the escalation chart and were given numerous opportunities to remedy problems and accept technical assistance. Many have undertaken no activities and others have underperformed. All are in a position to not be able to fulfill their agreements in a timely manner. Terminating these grants would release funds for availability to other grantees and no punitive actions will be taken. Mr. Simonson noted that many of the grantees lack capacity to carry out the terms of their awards. Mr. Cantwell asked to confirm that funding already spent will be returned and Ms. Ballard explained that money spent appropriately will not be returned. Dr. Young made a motion to approve the staff recommendations to terminate this list of grantees. Mr. Martin seconded. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Attorney General Drummond  
Mr. Josh Cantwell  
Mr. Brad DeLozier

Mr. Martin  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Dr. Atul Walia  
Dr. LeRoy Young

**Agenda Item 6. Update on the following matters:**

- A. 2026 Board meeting schedule update – Jill Nichols
- B. Legislative update – Traci Ballard

- (A) Ms. Nichols notified the Board that due to a high number of scheduling conflicts among members that an updated meeting schedule is suggested to accommodate the majority.
- (B) Ms. Ballard notified the Board that the legislative team was unable to attend due to house and senate deadline to get bills out of house of origin. There are four bills being tracked in relation to opioids, SB 1646, HB 2941, HB 4421, and SB 1642. Handouts were provided in the agenda packet with brief explanations of each and Ms. Ballard gave a brief overview of the description and status. Ms. Nichols noted the significance of Rain’s Law that had already passed, to the anticipated statewide prevention project the office is looking toward, and that the office had hired Isela Perez to assist in administration of the statewide programs. Mr. Clark noted that the office is working closely with the OSDE and support organizations such as state school board organization and COSSA.

No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 7. Presentation, review, discussion and possible action regarding the 2026 Higher Education Institution grant applications— 74 O.S.2025, § 30.5, 30.8 , OAC 75:50-3-4 – Traci Ballard**

- A. Applications recommended for approval with conditions
- B. Applications not recommended for funding

(A) Ms. Ballard noted that there were 13 eligible applications received and that the review committee identified 10 applications recommended for conditional approval. Those were:

1. Northeastern State University
2. Tulsa Community College
3. East Central University
4. Northwestern Oklahoma State University
5. Rogers State University
6. Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
7. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
8. Langston University
9. Oklahoma City Community College

10. Connors State College

(B) There were 3 that were not recommended for funding. Those were:

1. Redlands Community College
2. Eastern Oklahoma State College
3. Murray State College

Attorney General Drummond asked for observations from the review committee and Dr. Walia noted that the ones not recommended for funding did not follow the primary purposes of the grant strategies. Ms. Nichols advised that there was outreach extended from the AG's office to the applicants not recommended for funding with the offer of technical assistance and that the minimum mark of standards were still not met. Ms. Ballard reinforced that a decline to fund now is not a "no" for future funding. A motion was made by Dr. Walia to approve the recommendations of the review committee for conditional approval. Dr. Young seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Attorney General Drummond  
Mr. Brad DeLozier  
Mr. Scott Martin  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Dr. Atul Walia  
Dr. LeRoy Young

**Abstain:**

Mr. Josh Cantwell

No Action on item 7. B. for applications not recommended for funding.

**Agenda Item 8. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Ponca City Public Schools' request to change the scope of its 2025 grant – Jill Nichols**

Ponca City Public School staff were present to request a budget adjustment to their 2025 grant. Needs identified after implementation included salary for PCPS staff to administer the grant and for training, for mental health counseling for opioid related teacher, parent, and student interactions, and for teacher stipends in delivery of Botvin LST prevention program. Funds were reallocated from other line items. Mr. Cantwell announced his recusal since PCPS will be using Grant Mental Health in delivery of their program but thanked PCPS for their model and observance of dual funding opportunities available. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve. Ms. Parish seconded. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Attorney General Drummond  
Mr. Brad DeLozier  
Mr. Scott Martin  
Ms. Lori Parish

Dr. Atul Walia  
Dr. LeRoy Young

**Abstain:**  
Mr. Josh Cantwell

**Agenda Item 9. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Seiling Public Schools' request to change the scope of its 2025 grant – Jill Nichols**

Ms. Nichols advised Seiling Public Schools initially planned to deliver a program with Family Skills Training and decided to pivot to PAX Good Behavior Game instead. Family skills training was being provided at no cost through another funding method. Mr. Cantwell motioned to approve the amendment. Mr. DeLozier seconded. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Attorney General Drummond  
Mr. Josh Cantwell  
Mr. Brad DeLozier  
Mr. Scott Martin  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Dr. Atul Walia  
Dr. LeRoy Young

**Agenda Item 9. Adjourn**

Before moving to adjourn, Attorney General Drummond asked the Board members to consider volunteering for the review committee for 2026 non-education grant applications and to let Ms. Nichols know if they were interested. Ms. Nichols noted that the anticipated review period would be March – June and that the funding aligns with calendar year to allow for more review time.

Attorney General Drummond took a moment to reflect on the impending end to his time in office and commend the Board, Mr. Clark, Ms. Ballard, Ms. Nichols, and Mr. Simonson on their work to effectively deploy the funds after such a long absence of action before his arrival.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.**