

Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board
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MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2025

Meeting Venue: Loving/Cartwright Conference Room
Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General
313 NE 21st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

MEMBERS

Celia Cobb (OCME) [P]	Jim Jackson(ODMHSAS) [P]	Sara Coffey (OOA) [P]
Melissa Van Duyne (OAG) [P]	Janelle Bretten (OJA) [P]	Janice Carr (ONA) [P]Angela
Jackie Kanak (OSDH alt.) [A]	Nicole Flemming [P]	Beatty (OCADVSA) [P]
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn (OSDH IPS) [P]	Joe Harper (OSA) [P]	Vacant (OCADVSA)
Amanda Dembowski (OKDHS alt.) [P]	Don Sweger (OACP) [A]	Sheila Stinson (Judiciary) [P]
Jenny Virden (OSBI) [P]	Laura McConnell (OBA) [P]	Shelly Harrison (NAAV) [P]
	Laura Thomas (DAC) [P]	Tania Bardin (NAAV) [P]
	Martina Jelley (OSMA) [A]	

I. Call to Order and Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Act

Due to vacancies in both the DVFRB Chair and Vice Chairmanship positions, the Board agreed Laura Thomas (DAC) would be the presiding officer of the meeting after she made herself available for the role. As a result, Laura Thomas presided over the start of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, which was held at Office of the Attorney General, 313 NE 21st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 on September 24, 2025.

Notice of the meeting was posted with the Secretary of State before the December 15, 2024, deadline, and at the front door of the Office of the Attorney General and the agency's website more than 24 hours in advance. Laura Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:24 am.

II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Roll call was conducted at 9:24 am. Quorum was achieved at roll call with 17 members present. Three additional members, including Sara Wray (OAG), Emily Nicholls (OSDH-IPS), and Francia Thompson (OSBI) were present but were not counted towards quorum due to the primary designees being present. DVFRB staff present included Anthony Hernández Rivera, OAG DVFRB Program Manager (PM), Nicholas Massey, OAG Research Analyst (RA), OAG Lead Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) Coordinator Scott Hawkins, and Jaiden Balthrop-Russell. Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from the March 26, 2025, Regular Meeting*

No action was taken on this action item due to minutes not having been finalized by the time of the meeting.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from the April 30, 2025, Regular Meeting*

No action was taken on this action item due to minutes not having been finalized by the time of the meeting.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from the June 25, 2025, Regular Meeting*

No action was taken on this action item due to minutes not having been finalized by the time of the meeting.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from the August 27, 2025, Regular Meeting*

No action was taken on this action item due to minutes not having been finalized by the time of the meeting.

VII. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session*

Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307B for the purpose of case review

- a. Adjourn to Executive Session*
- b. Review and Discussion on whether potential 2024 homicide fit into the DVFRB data collection criteria
- c. Review of case #220085
- d. Consideration to exit from executive session and return to regular meeting agenda.

DVFRB Chair Janice Carr (ONA) made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:30 am. Judge Sheila Stinson (Judiciary) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (17 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain). The Board exited executive session at 10:18 am.

VIII. Presentation – Domestic Violence Issues, Barriers, and Policy Gaps/Recommendations from a Judge’s Perspective. Speaker: Oklahoma County District Court Judge Sara Murphy Bondurant.

DVFRB PM Anthony Hernández announced Judge Sara Bondurant requested her presentation be postponed to the next meeting date.

IX. Presentation – Domestic Violence Issues, Barriers, and Policy Gaps/Recommendations from a Judge’s Perspective. Speaker: District 8 ADA Shawna Taylor

ADA Taylor’s presentation included providing an overview of the following topics:

- Professional background and current role in District 8 – Sole person handling domestic violence, stalking, and Victim Protective Orders in Kay County.
- Overview of barriers to achieving justice for:
 - Domestic Violence Advocates
 - Domestic Violence Prosecutors
 - Domestic Violence Victims
- Statutory proposals regarding the following:
 - Mandated annual domestic violence training for Oklahoma peace officers, including emphasis on mandatory vs. discretionary powers
 - Witness intimidation (21 O.S. §455)
 - Forfeiture by Wrongdoing
 - No Contact Orders
 - Stalking/Harassment – Banning prosecution by municipalities

X. Discussion and Possible Action on Possible Recommendations and Spotlight Article Candidates for the 2025 Edition of the DVFRB Annual Report*

Mr. Hernández provided an overview of five (5) initial recommendation candidates that could be slated for the 2025 DVFRB Annual Report. These candidates were drawn from both executive session homicide review discussions and subject matter expert presentations. These included:

1. Request the legislature for a budget appropriation to continue supporting and expanding (Tulsa), the Oklahoma Child and Adolescent Survivor Initiative (OCASI).
2. Addressing issues surrounding high-risk domestic violence offender ankle monitoring, or in our state' case, the lack of funding to support the procurement of the hardware and monitoring service
3. Addressing the discrepancies and system gaps of Oklahoma's Violent and Sex Offender Registration System
4. Firearm and domestic violence – Aligning some of our gun-related statutes with federal law (e.g. Operation 922)
5. Domestic Violence Propensity

Mr. Hernández requested the Board give him direction as to which ones they would like to see a preliminary draft of. Janice Carr (ONA) made a motion for DVFRB staff to prioritize the development of candidates one, three, and five, while making candidate two a spotlight article candidate. Nicole Flemming (DOC) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (17 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain).

XI. Announcement by Chair as to the necessity of an Board action as a result of Executive Session. Vote as a result of Executive Session*

No action was taken due to no adjournment to executive session.

XII. New Business Not Known or Which Could Not Have Been Reasonably Foreseen Before the Posting of the Agenda *in Accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(9).*

No new business.

XIII. Announcements

No new announcements.

XIV. Adjournment*

Shelly Harrison (NAAV) made a motion to adjourn at 12:08 pm. Sarah Coffey (OOA) seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.