

# Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) Board

State of Oklahoma

## MEETING MINUTES

prepared by Laura Russell

### Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2026 1:00 p.m.  
Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General  
313 NE 21<sup>st</sup>, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

<b>Voting Members – Need 7 for Quorum</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Role</b>
Kyle Keller, Chair	Oklahoma Sheriff's Association
Linda Terrell, Co-Chair	Survivor
Amanda Lilley	OIDs
Bill Weaver or Jason Samuel	OCPD
Danielle Tudor, Special Designee to AG	Survivor
Darin Ehrenrich	TPD
Todd Bussell	CLEET
Kasey Magness	SANE
Mikela Rhodes	YWCA-OKC (Sexual Assault Advocate)
Mistie Burris or Jenny Virden – Designee	OSBI
Ryan Stephenson – Designee	DAC
Shelley Miller or Sonya Spray – Designee	NAAV
Billy Parker	Woodward Police Chief

<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
AG Gentner Drummond	Attorney General's Office
Karen Cunningham	Admin/OAG Victim Advocate
Laura Russell, SAFE Board Secretary	Admin/OAG
Jaiden Balthrop – Russell	Admin/OAG
Susan Laib	Admin/OAG VASU Director
Senator Carri Hicks (D)	Oklahoma State Senate
Senator Julie McIntosh (R)	Oklahoma State Senate
Representative Melissa Provenzano	Oklahoma House of Representatives
Representative Cynthia Roe (R)	Oklahoma House of Representatives

I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Laura Russell at 2:06 p.m.

**A. Roll Call**

1. **Voting Members Present:** Danielle Tudor, Mistie Burris, Bill Weaver, Darin Ehrenrich, Ryan Stephenson, Sonya Spray, Todd Bussell; Linda Terrell, Mikela Rhodes, Amanda Lilley, Billy Parker, Kyle Keller, and Kasey Magness
2. **Alternate Designees Present:** Susan Laib and Jenny Virden
3. **Non-Voting Members Present:** Alexis Ruiz attending for Carri Hicks, Ashley Everett attending for Julie McIntosh, and Melissa Provenzano
4. **Members Absent:** Linda Terrell, Kyle Keller, and Billy Parker
5. **Board Administrative Assistance:** Susan Laib, Laura Russell, Jaiden Balthrop Russell, Jessica Hartline, Maria Maule (Sr. Assistant Attorney General, and Chayse Caram
6. **Guests Present:** Dr. Melinda Chen (OU), Gary Tudor, Miguel Mojica (OAG), Macey Whitehouse (OAG), Sharla Colbert-Dunbar (OAG), Alyssa Oko (OAG), Tressie Chapman (OAG), Anthony Hernandez-Rivera (OAG), Sammi Harp (YWCA-OKC), and Moriah Norman (Sexual Assault Survivor)

**B. Establishment of Quorum:** Susi confirmed quorum established.

1. **Required:** 7 Voting Members
2. **Met:** 10 Voting Members

**C. Assurance of Compliance with Open Meeting Act:** Laura Russell confirmed OMA compliance. The meeting agenda was posted at the principal office of the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. and on the OAG's website on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**D. Introduction Invitation:** Laura Russell welcomed public attendees to introduce themselves.

**E.** Marie Muele, Assistant Attorney General, attended the meeting and said a motion would need to be made to elect a chair pro tempore in the absence of the chair and vice-chair. Danielle Tudor moved and Mistie Burris seconded to have Bill Weaver serve as the chair. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. Possible Discussion, Revision, and Vote to Approve the Board's November 20, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**A.** Darin Ehrenrich moved and Kasey Magness seconded to approve the meeting minutes. The vote passed unanimously.

### **III. Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Updates from TPD, OCPD, and OSBI**

#### **A. Tulsa SAKI Program:**

1. Tulsa PD program updates by Lt. Darin Ehrenrich:
  - 2,750 kits tested or currently at lab
  - 92 kits outsourced
  - 1,568 kits remaining to be tested
  - 512 eligible profiles entered into CODIS
  - 168 hits on CODIS
  - 9 Serial Rapists - show up in multiple cases
2. One cold case was recently adjudicated with the offender receiving a life sentence plus 40 years.

#### **B. Oklahoma City SAKI Program:**

1. Oklahoma City PD program updates by Bill Weaver
  - 142 kits sent for full analysis
  - 109 profiles developed and all entered into CODIS
  - 63 individual hits on CODIS
  - 11 serial case hits – 3 of which are linked to out of state cases – NY, TX

#### **C. OSBI City SAKI Program:**

1. OSBI program updates by Mistie Burris:
  - 3,301 kits on untested inventory
  - 2,870 kits analyzed
  - 431 remaining on backlog to be tested
  - 1,220 with no male DNA
  - 964 DNA profiles uploaded into CODIS
  - 473 hits on CODIS
  - 68 forensic or case to case hits
  - 405 hits to the offender
2. Jenny Virden reported that they are working on the Sexual Assault Symposium for Sexual Assault Awareness Month to be held 4/24/2026 in OKC. It will feature many of the same speakers from the Tulsa Symposium held in 2025. Registration will hopefully open 2/1/2026.
3. OSBI is working on several cases including one with the Texas Rangers.

### **IV. Update and Discussion on Statewide SANE Program – Kasey Magness**

- A. Kasey Magness reported that the Statewide SANE Coordinator has still not been hired yet but the Clinical Coordinator position has been filled and Brandy is working with the telehealth option and has sent information out to the nurses. The grant was extended until September, 2026 but with such a short time remaining, it is doubtful that the Statewide SANE Coordinator position will be filled. Both of these positions are grant funded.

**V. Presentation of SAFE Board Annual Report – Jessica Hartline and Chayse Caram**

- A. Jessica Hartline stated that the SAFE Board Annual Report was emailed to board members on 1/7/2026. Feedback is still needed from the board members. The final review needs to be done within the next two weeks before the report gets published.
- B. Mistie Burris wanted to make a motion to have the Chair, Vice-Chair, and the Committee heads be appointed to review and given the authority to approve the report prior to the Attorney General’s approval.
- C. Marie Muele responded that because the agenda item did not include the words possible action but only presentation, a motion and vote could not be taken today. No action is needed to ask volunteers to serve on a committee; however.
- D. The report must be approved by next Friday to be sent to the AG for his approval
- E. A video meeting can only be held if there are 7 board members physically present and those attending virtually would need to be in a space open to the public.
- F. It was decided to hold a special meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Attorney General’s Office. The agenda must be posted at least 48 hours prior, not including weekends. Mistie Burris, Mikela Rhodes, Kasey Magness, Todd Bussell, Bill Weaver, Ryan Stephenson, and Susan Laib (designee for Linda Terrell) agreed to attend the meeting.
- G. Any suggestions or corrections to the report need to be sent to Susan Laib, Jessica Hartline, or Chayse Caram as soon as possible.
- H. The report will be sent via Bcc to the members.

**VI. Presentation and Discussion on Proposed Legislation Requiring School Resource Officers to Receive Sexual Assault Training – Representative Provenzano and Jenny Virden**

- A. Melissa Provenzano stated that she had received the statute language just that morning and was sent to Jenny Virden for her review prior to the meeting.
- B. The statute requires SROs who have contract status to be required to have the same sexual assault training mandated for law enforcement officers by CLEET. It also makes them mandatory reports as public citizens.
- C. Enforcement of the statute was discussed.
  - 1. It will be the responsibility of the Contract Agency to make sure their contractors receive the training.
  - 2. It will be the responsibility of the school district to make sure the contracted security company has made sure their contractors have had the training.
  - 3. Todd Burris will review the statutory language.

**VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Next Meeting’s “Terms of Art” Presentation – Linda Terrell**

- A. Susan Laib tabled this agenda item until the next regularly scheduled meeting due to the absence of Linda Terrell

**VIII. Presentation and Possible Action on Victims’ Rights Handouts – Mikela Rhodes**

- A. Mikela Rhodes pointed out that all the handouts regarding victims’ rights don’t include all the requirements of the Victim Rights Information Act, especially that victims are entitled to advocacy at law enforcement investigation and prosecution. She would like a statewide uniform handout created to reflect these statutory requirements.
- B. For medical facilities, this information would be available in printed form as well as posted in the facility.
- C. Jaiden Balthrop Russell stated that she is currently working on updating the victims’ rights brochures and will add this information. She also recommended possibly adding a QR code to the brochures. She would make sure they also include the state-wide SAFELINE number for calls about advocacy resources.

**IX. New Business**

- A. There was no new business

**X. Announcements**

- A. No announcements

**XI. Adjournment**

- A. Amanda Lilley moved and Darin Ehrenrich seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*Next SAFE Board Meeting: April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
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