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**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
BOARD OF MEDICOLEGAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**BOARD OF MEDICOLEGAL INVESTIGATIONS
REGULAR MEETING**

Board Meeting Minutes from
Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
Location Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
901 N. Stonewall, Oklahoma City, OK 73117, 405-239-7141 and
Via Videoconference at 1115 W. 17th St., Tulsa, OK 74117, 918-582-0985

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 12, 2014, at 12:42 PM and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted in prominent public view on the front door of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, 901 N. Stonewall, Oklahoma City, OK and on the front door of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Eastern Division, 1115 W. 17th, Tulsa.

Members Present: Mr. Charles Curtis, Mr. Rocky McElvany, Dr. Steve Vogel & Dr. Barbara Bane

Members Absent: Dr. Karlis Sloka, Dr. Doug Stewart, Mr. Chris Ferguson and Mr. Thomas Mortensen

Others Present: Amy Elliott (OCME), Callie Farrar (OCME) via videoconference, Dr. Marc Harrison (OCME), Timothy Dwyer (OCME), Dr. Byron Curtis (OCME), Tiffany Wythe (OAG), Alyssa Harrison (United Tissue Network)

Mr. Curtis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Dr. Bane motioned to adopt the minutes from the March 5, 2015 meeting. Mr. McElvany seconded the motion. Roll was called, Dr. Vogel abstained and all were in favor.

Update from Chief Administrative Officer, Amy Elliott

- Financial snapshot – Last month the Agency had \$949K expenditures and \$122K carryover. The Agency will continue to pre-purchase items for the new building for another year.
- The Office of Real Estate Development is deciding who will finance the new building for the central office. They continue to look at other location options. Mr. Curtis advised the OSBI (Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations) may have storage space that the OCME (Office of the Chief Medical Examiner) could use to house equipment that is pre-purchased for the new building.
- The on-line permit system has been implemented and has been going very well.

- Key personnel have received training on the RFID (Radiofrequency identification) system. We are currently looking at different samples for tagging. The system is still a couple of months away from going live.
- The Agency has received training on evidence collection and touch DNA from Rhonda Williams with OSBI.
- The ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) site visit was conducted March 11th. This is the accreditation for our fellowship program. We should know the results of the visit approximately May 15th. We anticipate requesting a second fellowship position for the Tulsa practice.
- In preparation of storm season, both offices have conducted tornado drills. Investigators have received the hand held emergency radios and they have been trained.
- Our annual policy review with LifeShare was performed and the policy was approved.
- SB150 (OCME language clean up) passed the Senate 45-0 and passed the House 8-0. On pproximately March 17th HB 2184 was created by Senator Barrington to allow the Medical Examiner's office scene vehicles to have flashing lights, sirens and allow the vehicles to exceed the maximum speed limit. We are not first responders and the Agency has policies against this. The request for this Bill was not initiated from within the Agency but from a constituent. We spoke with Sen. Barrington and the Bill was stricken on March 31st.

Update from Tulsa office manager, Callie Farrar

- The Tulsa office has 2 new pathologists starting in July, Drs. Ross Miller and David Arboe. Tulsa is back to full staff.

Mr. Curtis motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.