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Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

History Prior to Legislation enacting the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

1965	<p>Governor Henry Bellmon established the first Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women during his first term as Governor in 1965.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Governor established either a Committee or a Commission by Executive Order and appointed a group of individuals to serve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size ranged from 20 to 90 members.
1982	<p>First Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served as a fund raiser
1983-1993	<p>Five Oklahoma Women’s Halls of Fame conducted: 1983,1984,1985,1986, and 1993</p>

History following the Legislation enacting the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

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1994	Claudia Tarrington 1994-1999	<p>Senate Bill 117— Enabling Legislation, signed by then Governor David Walters, May 9. Codified as §74-665, §74-666, §74-667,§74-668, §74.669 .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership —10 members each appointed by the Governor, President Pro Tempore, and Speaker of the House—terms ending in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 • Leadership—Chair chosen by the President Pro Tempore and Vice–Chair by House Speaker • Support—Oklahoma Secretary of State • Fiscal year was same as calendar year • The Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame was established under the administration of Governor George Nigh in 1982 who delegated and mandated responsibility for the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame to the Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women. Subsequently, Governor David Walters transferred this responsibility to the newly legislated Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women at the closure of the Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women in December 1994.

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1995	Claudia Tarrington 1994-1996	<p>Development of draft rules, mission, and vision, and the policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Commission conducted Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame, 7 women inducted • Advisory Council established January 26, 1995 • First annual retreat • First statewide summit
1996		<p>Draft Rules Approval by the Commission followed by the Legislature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the mission, vision and policies June 22, 1996 • Drafting and approval of the operating guidelines (commonly known as by-laws, June 22, 1996) • Attendance Policy adopted <p>Development of the Topical Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtables/listening session conducted by the Topical Committees • Annual Summit conducted with a keynote speaker and breakout sessions conducted by the topical committees <p>Second Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 7 women inducted</p>
1997		Third Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 8 women inducted
1998		Adopting a proposal from Commissioner Linda Edmondson, the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women created the Kate Barnard Award to honor outstanding women in public service in Oklahoma. Nominees are from the ranks of elected or appointed salaried public officials in Oklahoma.
2000	Linda Maxey 2000	Did not serve a full term
2001	Jilda Motley 2000-2001	<p>International Conference on Women, Oklahoma women attended and presented</p> <p>Fourth Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 8 women inducted</p>



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2002	Rebecca Kennedy 2002-2004	First state appropriation of dollars requested by Senator Kelly Haney
2003		<p>The Amended Act Creating the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, House Bill 556, Governor Brad Henry approved May 3, 2003. Amendments clarified support by Office of Personnel Management, renumbered the codifications, and established §74-669. Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women Revolving Fund.</p> <p>Act Created the Special Task Force for Women Incarcerated in Oklahoma. Senate Bill 810. Approved by Brad Henry, May 14, 2003. Chair and Co-chair of Oklahoma Commission on Status of Women appointed as key members of Task Force. Governor Mary Fallin chaired the Task Force. Senator Debbie Leftwich was driving force behind legislation occurring.</p> <p>Fiscal year changed from calendar year to state fiscal year (July—June)</p> <p>Aging Summit—Summit was held in the House of Representatives chambers.</p> <p>Commission joined NACW</p> <p>Structure of the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame changed from being a fund raiser to egalitarian event with no admission and open to the public. Girl Scouts were invited to attend</p> <p>Developed fact sheets based on the topical issues</p> <p>Fifth Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame: 5 women inducted</p>
2004	Debbie Leftwich 2004-2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-time office support provided by college students giving an opportunity work with women and the Commission • Report of the Special Task Force for Incarcerated Women published <p>Senator Debbie Leftwich, Representative Barbara Staggs, and Representative Betty Boyd were key Commissioners who enabled legislation for the development of Oklahoma's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, its Advisory Task Force and its Revolving fund.</p>

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2005	Bernice Mitchell 2005-2006	Oklahoma Women’s Almanac published. A collaborative venture of Oklahoma Commission on Status of Women and the Women’s Archives at Oklahoma State University. 6th Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 6 women inducted
2006	Patty Presley 2006-2007	Implemented the 2004 Task Force recommendations on reducing the incarceration rate among women with a continued focus Annual Summit demonstrated model family, drug and mental health courts as a way to reduce incarceration.
2007	Jennifer Paustenbaugh 2007-2008	Collaborative working group, OCSW and Women’s Archive, developed survey and data collection tools to conduct a county baseline statistical report. Students enrolled in Women and Politics assisted with the collection of data and writing the draft content Collaborative working group, OCSW and Women’s Archives, developed and published the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame poster (years 1985 –2007). A curriculum for elementary schools was developed to accompany the poster. Poster and curriculum disseminated statewide History Committee developed to preserve the history of the Commission Regional Osteoporosis and Heart Health roundtables in Stillwater and Muskogee 7th Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 9 women inducted
2008	Chris Morriss 2008-2009	Statewide Summit featured U.S. Assistant Secretary of Health, Wanda Jones, Topics covered reducing incarceration of women, women’s health and leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Health Summits focusing on Osteoporosis and Heart Disease among women were conducted in Seminole and Woodward First Guardian Award given.
2009	Mary Walker 2009-2010	Blue Ribbon Panel developed to address reducing the rate of incarceration of women, fourteen Commissioners and Advisory Council members served on the panel representing the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. Blue Ribbon Panel was a collaboration of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the George Kaiser Foundation. The Commission collaborated statewide with groups to plan a summit outlining the 2020 Public Agenda Action Plan to address reducing the rate of incarceration Commission website was developed and produced 8th Women’s Hall of Fame: 7 women inducted



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2010	Joyce Martin 2010	Appointment to the Commission expired prior to term of office expiring
2010	Adeline Yerkes 2010-2013	<p>Oklahoma Women’s County Status’ Baseline Statistical Report, 2010 published and distributed statewide. A group of Commissioners and Advisory Council members promoted report through civic clubs.</p> <p>Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women created the Guardian Award in 2010 to recognize Oklahoma Legislative, Executive, and Judicial elected officials who have made significant governmental contributions to guarding, protecting and preserving the rights of women and families</p> <p>Committee composed of Commissioners and Advisory Council members were delegated the task of conducting a through review of the past by-laws, updating the by-laws and developing procedures to support policies. The procedures describe who, what, where when and why.</p> <p>Solutions, Initiatives, Strategies to Reduce the Incarceration of Oklahoma: A Public Agenda Action Plan was published and disseminated. Commission collaborated with its key partners and conducted justice reform activities statewide.</p> <p>Commission brochure developed and published.</p>
2011		9th Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 8 women inducted
2012		<p>Summit: Wise Choices: Solutions to Obesity and Diabetes in Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit was supported with a US Public Health Service Grant and partner contributions • Program booklet contained resources: websites, fact sheets and luncheon recipes <p>Revised By-laws approved and Procedures Manual completed and approved.</p> <p>Commission approved revising and elevating selection criteria for the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame.</p> <p>Administrative Assistant hired to manage office activities</p> <p>Co-hosted a legislative interim study at the Oklahoma State Capitol on the growing human trafficking problem across the state</p>

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2013	Lou Kohlman 2013-2016	Human trafficking data collection effort and at the 2013 annual retreat human trafficking was selected as 2014 summit topic 10th Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 6 women inducted
2014		Human Trafficking Summit, Keynote speaker, Autumn Burris, founder/director of Survivors for Solutions Bylaws and Procedures revised and approved: By-laws and Procedure Manual re-formatted and printed (2016)
2015		11th Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 7 women inducted Administrative Assistant position elevated to Executive Director with modified duties taps (The Appointment Project) and Links (a network and registry of Oklahoma professional associations and organizations for the advancement of women) were transferred from Carl Albert to OCSW
2016	Maria Trapp-Braly 2016-2019	Regional Community Conversations on domestic violence held in Tulsa, Weatherford, and Stillwater Fact Sheets developed on Status of Women in the US and Oklahoma; Domestic Violence in Women in Oklahoma; Oklahoma Women, Behavioral Health and Incarceration; Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Women’s Health Survey conducted on Domestic Violence at regional community conversations Summit: Oklahoma’s Strategies, Initiatives and Solution: Domestic Violence Commission developed a rebranding plan with portfolio with brochure, letterhead and other graphics
2017		Regional Community Conversations on Mental Health and Substance Abuse held in Ada and the Oklahoma City Hispanic Community. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Survey conducted at community conversations 12th Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 6 women inducted OCSW partnered with the Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 for the Girls Day of Discovery at the Oklahoma History Center.—form Troop 1912

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2018	Maria Trapp-Braly 2016-2019	First virtual Community Conversation held on Facebook: Mental Health and Incarceration 13th Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 5 women inducted
2019	Riki Snyder 2019-2020	14th Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame: 4 women inducted Committees were re-structured based on Powers and Duties of the Commission Due to a Coronavirus 19 pandemic, Governor and Legislature declared that State Agency meeting, commissions and boards could meet through the virtual environment
2020	Gloria Torres 2020-2021	Meetings being held monthly virtually Community Advisory Committee host two conversations through Facebook Live: “Stand Up and Be Counted: Shape Your Future, 2020 Census” followed by “The Growing Epidemic of Human Trafficking in Oklahoma.” Proclamation presented at Capital in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment
2021	Dr. Delores Runnels March –June 30 Victoria Woods July 1– June 30, 2022	Change in leadership due to expired term. Anti–Human Trafficking Luncheon and Discussion Panel rescheduled and held at Governor’s Pavilion. OCSW host Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame Induction combined with Kate Barnard and Guardian Award Commission. raises over \$140,000 in sponsorship.
2022	Brenda Barwick	OCSW migrating to state-of-the-art website. Initiatives identified to further the mission and vision of the Commission. Commission members visiting different sites and having Community conversations