

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners answering roll call were, Commissioner Murray, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Burget, Commissioner Craig, Commissioner Brookover, Commissioner Hass, Commissioner McNally, and Chairman Anderson. No Commissioner(s) were absent.

A. MINUTES

The Minutes from the **January 16, 2025**, meeting were considered.

Commissioner Burget moved, and Commissioner Craig seconded to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2025, meeting. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 7-0-2

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION.

B. REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. JOHN CHANCEY

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item B. Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, presented to the Commission and answered questions.

No action was taken

C. SELECTION OF REMINGTON PARK CHIEF STEWARD BY THE COMMISSION (STATUTE 3A O.S. § 203.4)

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item C. Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, presented to the Commission and recommended Glen Murphy for the Chief Steward position at Remington Park.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve Dr. Chancey's recommendation of Glen Murphy as the Chief Stewards of Remington Park. Commissioner McNally seconded to the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 5-0-4

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OKLAHOMA-BRED ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item D. Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, presented to the Commission and answered questions.

Commissioner Burget moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Commissioner Hass seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS RACEHORSE HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT (RHSA) PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION FOR POSSIBLE SUPPORT BY THE COMMISSION

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item E, after which, Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission and Joe Lucas with the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma presented to the Commission and answered questions.

Commissioner Hass moved, seconded by Commissioner Burget, to approve supporting the Act. This motion was withdrawn. Commissioner Burget moved to continue the matter. Commissioner Craig seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

F. PETITION FOR APPEAL FILED ON BEHALF OF GARY WALKER (OWNER/TRAINER)

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item F, after which, A five (5) minute recess was called by Commission legal advisor, Ms. Niki Batt. Upon return from the recess, the Commissioners were asked if there were any conflicts. Each Commissioner responded no.

Commissioner Burget moved to go into Executive Session with Commission Legal Advisors, Ms. Niki Batt and Ms. Sandra Balzer. Commissioner Hass seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission entered Executive Session at 10:18 am.

Commissioner Carter moved to reconvene in Open Session. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission returned to Open Session at 10:45 am.

Commissioner Burget moved to affirm the final draft order with the revisions discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Hass seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 7-1-1

G. THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT REMINGTON PARK REFERS THE SUBSTANCE VIOLATION MATTER AGAINST LUCIO ESMIRITU TO THE COMMISSION AND REQUESTS THE APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING OFFICER UNDER THE RULES OF RACING 325:70-1-25

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item G, after which, the Commissioners were asked if there were any conflicts. Each Commissioner responded no. Richard Herren, General Counsel for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission presented, answered questions and requested the Commission take up the matter and appoint a hearing officer to try it and provide the Commission with a proposed order.

Commissioner McNally moved to approve a hearing officer to try the matter and prepare a proposed order for the Commission. Commissioner Burget seconded

the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

H. TRAINER CHAD LYNCH AND THE COMMISSION'S GENERAL COUNSEL HAVE REACH A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CONSENT DECREE IN OHRC v. EDDIE D. WILLIS, COOPER D. WILLIS, AND CHAD LYNCH CASE NO. 2024-OHRC-014

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item H, after which, the Commissioners were asked if there were any conflicts. Each Commissioner responded no. Richard Herren, General Counsel for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission presented, answered questions, and requested the Commission approve the settlement.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the settlement agreement and consent decree as presented. Commissioner Craig seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

I. NEW BUSINESS: ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORSEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA 25 O.S. § 311(A)(10)

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

02/22/2025- OQHRA Awards Banquet & Hall of Fame at the Grand Casino, Shawnee, Oklahoma

03/06/2025- Agenda Topic Submission Deadline for March 20, 2025, Meeting

03/20/2025- Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

ADJOURNMENT..... Mr. Anderson, Chair

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Approved this 20th day of March 2025.

Chairman Anderson

On behalf of the Commission:

ATTEST:

Richard D. Herren, General Counsel

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of this regular Commission meeting was originally transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on August 29, 2024; and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda was posted in prominent view in the lobby of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Oklahoma City on February 14, 2025. The announcement of the CY 2025 Commission meetings was posted on the OHRC website on August 29, 2024. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the OHRC Website, www.ohrc.ok.gov, on February 14, 2025.