



Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd. Suite 101
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Remington Park
Eclipse Room
One Remington Place
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

Commissioners answering roll call were, Commissioner Carter, Vice Chairman Burget, Commissioner Murray, Commissioner Craig, Commissioner Gregg, Commissioner Fuser, Commissioner McNally, and Chairman Anderson. Commissioner(s) absent were Commissioner Brookover.

C. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONER JAMES FUSER (AFTON)

Chairman Anderson recognized newly appointed Commissioner James Fuser.

Chairman Anderson requested the board, and attendees observe a minute of silence in remembrance of Hanna Miller, agent with the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission law enforcement division. (moment of silence was observed)

D. MINUTES

The Minutes from the March 20, 2025, meeting was considered.

Commissioner Murray moved, and Commissioner Craig seconded to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2025, meeting. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 8-0-0

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

E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item E, after which, Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission discussed the review from diagnostics labs of the OHRC necropsy program for 2024. Dr Chancey also discussed budget issues and updates, forensic audit, State Auditors audit, Binkley issues and licensing software upgrades.

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION CHART

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of item F, after which, Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission answered questions.

Commissioner Carter moved to accept the organizational chart as presented. Commissioner McNally seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion Passed 6-2-0

G. LABORATORY RFP LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSION.

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item G, after which, Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director presented, answered questions concerning the recommendation letter.

Commissioner McNally moved to accept the recommendation and go with Industrial Laboratory. Vice Chairman Burget seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion Passed 8-0-0

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REMINGTON PARK'S REQUEST TO MODIFY THE 2025 THOROUGHBRED RACE MEETING DAYS.

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item H, after which, Matt Vance, Executive Vice President, Remington Park presented and answered question in regard to the modified race days.

Vice Chairman Burget moved to accept the amended calendar as presented. Commissioner Craig seconded the motions. The vote was as follows:

Motion Passed 8-0-0

I. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4), FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND ITS COUNSEL PERTAINING TO EEOC CHARGE NOS. 564-2025-00104; 564-2025-00741; AND 564-2025-00765, WHERE COUNSEL HAS DETERMINED THAT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE CLAIM(S) OR ACTION(S) WILL SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF THE COMMISSION TO PROCESS OR CONDUCT LITIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item I.

Commissioner Murray moved to go into executive session. Commissioner McNally seconded. The vote was as follows:

Motion Passed 8-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission entered executive session at 9:58 am.

Commissioner Carter moved to reconvene in open session. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 8-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission returned to open session at 11:45 am.

J. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FINAL ORDER IN OHRC V. LUCIO ESPIRITU CASE NO. 2024-OHRC-013 CONCERNING A SUBSTANCE VIOLATION.

Chairman Anderson announced consideration for Item J.

Vice Chairman Burget moved to approve the proposed order as drafted by the A.L.J. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 8-0-0

K. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FINAL ORDER IN OHRC v. EDDIE DWAYNE WILLIS AND COOPER DWAYNE WILLIS CASE NO. 2024-OHRC-014 CONCERNING A VIOLATION OF THE RULE AGAINST FIGHTING.

Chairman Anderson announced consideration for Item K.

Vice Chairman Burget moved to approve the proposed order as drafted by the A.L.J. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 8-0-0

L. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FINAL ORDER IN OQHRA AND WILL ROGERS DOWNS V. SAMMY MENDOZA CASE NO. 2024-OHRC-015 CONCERNING A SUBSTANCE VIOLATION AS CONDITION OF ENTRY.

Chairman Anderson announced consideration for Item L., after which, Niki Batt, Oklahoma Attorney Generals Office asked questions to represented parties present.

Vice Chairman Burget moved to continue the matter to the next meeting until the order can be revised by the ALJ to include the information related to the declaratory ruling. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 8-0-0

M. ETNIEL SANABRIA SEEKS A DECLARATORY RULING PURSUANT TO RULES OF RACING 325:1-1-18(a). THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPOINTMENT A HEARING EXAMINER UNDER THE RULES OF RACING 325:70-1-25.

Chairman Anderson announced consideration for Item M, after which Niki Batt, Oklahoma Attorney Generals Office asked questions to represented parties and recommended to the Commission that it decline to issue the declaratory ruling because this particular request conflates an individual proceeding under State law with a declaratory ruling.

Vice Chairman Burget moved to deny the request to appoint a hearing officer for a declaratory judgement ruling. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNally.

Motion Passed 8-0-0

- N. THE CHAIR WILL APPOINT A NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS TO DEVELOP A SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR COMMISSION OFFICERS (CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY) TO SERVE IN FY2026; JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027. AT THE JUNE 19, 2025, COMMISSION MEETING, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT A PROPOSED SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR THE THREE POSITIONS FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION.**

Chairman Anderson announced consideration for Item N, after which he announced he was nominating Commissioner Gregg, himself and Niki Batt to serve on the nominating committee to develop a slate of nominees.

- O. ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORESEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA 25 O.S. § 311 (A) (10)**

P. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Anderson announced the re-appointment of Dr. Craig to the executive personnel review.

Chairman Anderson announced the June 19 commission meeting will be held in Oklahoma City.

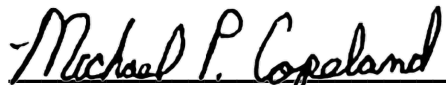
Q. ADJOURNEMENT

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of June


Chairman Anderson

**On behalf of the Commission:
ATTEST:**


Michael Copeland, 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 May 13, 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 May 13, 2025.