

Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Oklahoma Department of Agriculture
Board Room
2800 North Lincoln
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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Director

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General Counsel

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Director of Law
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AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held March 26, 2026.
2. Minutes of the Special Commission Meeting held April 23, 2026.

D. Executive Staff Reports

Report and Discussion on operations. *(No action.)*

E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on Proposed FY-2027 Agency Budget

The Commission will consider the proposed FY-2027 agency budget.

F. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Petition for Declaratory Ruling – Trainer Robert Meraz

Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by Trainer Robert Meraz, limited to non-merit procedural matters. Possible action may include but is not limited to: taking no action, declining to issue a ruling, establishing a scheduling order and deadlines, referral to a hearing officer, and/or setting a hearing date.

G. Executive Session – Pending Litigation / Confidential Attorney–Client Communications

1. Discussion and possible action regarding entering Executive Session pursuant to **25 O.S. § 307(B)(4)** for confidential communications between the Commission and its attorneys concerning the pending litigation styled: *Oklahoma Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association d/b/a Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma v. Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, et al., District Court of Oklahoma County, Case No. CJ-2026-1384*, where, with the advice of its attorney, the Commission determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Commission to conduct the litigation in the public interest. Those who may be present in Executive

Session include Commission legal counsel, necessary staff, and outside counsel from the law firm of Leonard Long & Cassil.

2. Executive Session (if approved).

H. Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission will reconvene in Open Session and may take possible action on matters discussed in Item G.

I. Executive Session – Position of Executive Director of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission

1. Discussion and possible action to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(1) and in accordance with 2006 OK AG 17 for the discussion of the employment, hiring, appointment, or promotion for the following individual positions: Executive Director. Those who may be present in Executive Session include Commission legal counsel and necessary staff.
2. Executive Session (if approved).

J. Reconvene in Open Session – Possible Action Regarding Executive Director

The Commission will reconvene in Open Session and may take possible action on matters discussed in Item I, including **authorizing the Chair (or designee) to extend a conditional offer of employment** to a selected candidate for Executive Director, negotiate final employment terms consistent with applicable law and budget authority, and/or take other action deemed necessary.

K. Announcements

- **05/30/2026-** Last day of Live Racing at Remington Park
- **06/01/2026-** Organizational License Applications are Due to the Commission
- **06/03/2026-** First Day of Live Racing at Fair Meadows
- **06/18/2026-** Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

L. Adjournment

Discussion and possible action to adjourn.

NOTICE

Agenda Item Order: The Commission may change the sequence of agenda items or decide not to discuss or vote on any item on the agenda. A matter may not be discussed or acted upon unless it appears on this agenda. **ADA**

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