

INCENTIVE EVALUATION COMMISSION**Regular Meeting Minutes****Jan. 23, 2025, 10:00 AM****Oklahoma State Capitol****Senate Conference 4s.9****Oklahoma City, OK 73105****MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lyle Roggow, Chair designee of Select Oklahoma and Economic Development Partnership, Inc.

Mandy Fuller, Auditor/CPA appointed by the Governor

Earl Sears, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mark Wood, Chair of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, Ex-Officio; Non-Voting

Jon Chiappe, Secretary of Commerce designee, Ex-Officio; Non-Voting

Ryan Bair, OMES Executive Director designee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carlos Johnson, CPA, appointed by the Oklahoma Accountancy Board

STAFF/GUESTS:

Beverly Hicks, OMES

Lorena Massey, OTC

Randall Bauer, PFM

Ben Parker, Sen. Kirt Intern

- ◆ *Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES)* ◆ *Public Financial Management Group Consulting LLC (PFM)*
- ◆ *OK Tax Commission (OTC)*

1. Announcement of filing of meeting notice and posting of the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. [Lyle Roggow, chairman]

Chairman Roggow confirmed that the meeting complied with the Open Meeting Act.

2. Call to order and establish a quorum. [Chair]

Chairman Roggow called this regular meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. A meeting notice was filed with the Secretary of State, and the agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

3. Approval of minutes from the December 5, 2024, Commission meeting:

Rep. Earl Sears moved to approve the meeting minutes of December. Mandy Fuller seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Ms. Fuller, yes; Mr. Sears, yes; Mr. Roggow, yes.

4. Discussion and possible action on election of Chairperson:

Rep. Earl Sears moved to elect Lyle Roggow as Chair of the IEC for 2025. Mandy Fuller seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Ms. Fuller, yes; Mr. Sears, yes; Mr. Roggow, yes.

5. Discussion and possible action on election of Vice-Chairperson:

This item was postponed at the request of Commissioner Sears to allow Vice Chairman Carlos Johnson time to arrive, as he was running behind. Since he did not arrive before the meeting was adjourned, the decision was made to continue the election until the next meeting.

Rep. Earl Sears moved to table this item to the next meeting. Mandy Fuller seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Ms. Fuller, yes; Mr. Sears, yes; Mr. Roggow, yes.

6. Discussion and possible action on the 2025-2028 Schedule for Incentives to be evaluated, exempted, and/or determined to have minimal fiscal impact by PFM's Consultant Randall Bauer. [Chair]

Mandy Fuller moved to accept the 2025-2028 Schedule for incentives to be evaluated by PFM. Rep. Earl Sears seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Ms. Fuller, yes; Mr. Sears, yes; Mr. Roggow, yes.

7. Discussion and possible action on Report from Criteria Subcommittee on selection of the 2025 Evaluation Criteria for review of incentives. [Mandy Fuller and Earl Sears]

Commissioner Fuller gave a thorough review of this year's evaluation criteria for each of the 12 incentives and was comfortable with the recommendations. She showed appreciation for the process and was supportive of following the current evaluation structure, seeing no concerns, and was prepared to approve the criteria as presented.

Commissioner Sears also supported Commissioner Fuller's findings and feels comfortable with the evaluation criteria for 2025.

Rep. Earl Sears moved approval to accept the subcommittee report on the selection of the 2025 Evaluation Criteria for review of incentives. Mandy Fuller seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Ms. Fuller, yes; Mr. Sears, yes; Mr. Roggow, yes.

8. Discussion and possible action approving the 2025 Evaluation Criteria for each incentive. [Chair]

Rep. Earl Sears moved approval of the 2025 Evaluation Criteria for each incentive. Mandy Fuller seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Ms. Fuller, yes; Mr. Sears, yes; Mr. Roggow, yes.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding cancellation of the regularly scheduled March 20, 2025, Incentive Evaluation Commission meeting and possible action regarding rescheduling a special meeting in April 2025. [Chair]

Mandy Fuller moved to reschedule the regularly scheduled March 20 meeting to a special meeting on April 10, 2025. Rep. Earl Sears seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Ms. Fuller, yes; Mr. Sears, yes; Mr. Roggow, yes

10. New Business. [Chair]

Commissioner Sears inquired about any current legislation affecting the Incentive Evaluation Commission. Chairman Roggow informed the Commission members that there was a Senate bill of particular concern proposing to repeal the Incentive Evaluation Commission.

The commission members found this development significant and viewed it as an important piece of legislation to monitor, given its potential direct impact on the Commission's existence.

Although Chairman Roggow could not recall the bill number during the meeting, he plans to obtain the information and send it to the commission members for their review, as well as any legislative items related to the recommendations that the Commission has made.

Chairman Roggow asked Mr. Bauer about the Pew Charitable Trust Foundation, which complimented the Incentive Evaluation Commission on their processes. He requested any updated information from Pew that he could review. Mr. Bauer responded that he would look into what Pew has been publishing recently, mentioning that last year they passed a law specifically referencing one of Oklahoma's processes, which may be viewed as a best practice.

Chairman Roggow noted that the cost per each incentive, as taxpayers in Oklahoma, ranges from \$ 21,000 to \$24,000. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that the state is getting its money's worth in terms of efficiencies, stating, "That's a bang for your buck, folks."

Commissioner Sears also informed the commission members that he had been reappointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Kyle Hilbert, to a second four-year term on the commission. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve another term and also conveyed his appreciation for Chairman Roggow's willingness to continue in his role, stating that he believes he does a phenomenal job.

Chairman Roggow acknowledged Commissioner Sear's compliment and congratulated him on his reappointment, emphasizing the value of his continued service.

11. Announcements:

Chairman Roggow announced the next commission meeting date is scheduled for a special meeting on April 10.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Rep. Earl Sears made the motion to adjourn. Mandy Fuller seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.