



**OKLAHOMA**  
Office of Management  
& Enterprise Services

**MEETING TITLE:** State Use Advisory Council Regular Meeting

**DATE:** Oct. 6, 2026

**TIME:** 10 a.m. CST

**LOCATION:** OMES Will Rogers Building, Motivation Conference Room 303; 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105

**MINUTE TAKER:** Lisa VanHorn (State Purchasing Director Designee)

**NEXT MEETING:** Oct. 5, 2027, 10 a.m.

**AGENDA POSTED:** Will Rogers Building Bulletin Board outside door entry (2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105) is the official public place for posting notices, as required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The agenda was posted Oct. 2, 2026, at 10 a.m.

**I. Roll Call and Attendance**

- 1) **Council Members Present:** Marshall Ottinger (Governor Appointee), Lesli Bajema (OMES Director Designee), Tina Hanna (Senate President Pro Tem Designee), Tracy Brigham (DRS Director Designee) Frank Stone (House Speaker Designee), Lindsey Kanaly (OKDHS Director Designee), Lisa VanHorn (State Purchasing Director Designee)
- 2) **Council Member Absent:** None
- 3) **State Staff Present:** Craig Mullen (OMES Legal Counsel), Cristi Cole (OMES Central Purchasing Category Manager)

**II. Formal Proceedings and Information Items**

- 1) Call to Order
  - a) Cristi Cole called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. CST
- 2) Council Member Introductions
- 3) QNA Spotlight
  - a) Tina Hanna presented from South Central Industries.
    - i. South Central Industries (SCI) is a nonprofit in Shawnee, OK, empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).
    - ii. SCI offers vocational training, employment, daily life skills, and residential services
    - iii. Clients receive transition planning, job coaching, employability skill development, and affordable housing

iv. Annual impact:

- 120,000 vocational hours
  - 3,700 volunteer opportunities
  - 5,300 social activities
  - 17,000 residential hours
  - 350 medical appointments
  - 40,000+ medication administrations
- v. SCI operates 23 business models to create equitable career pathways, using adaptive technology and partnerships
- vi. Accessible jobs include manufacturing, janitorial, lawncare, food service, and furniture installation
- vii. SCI advocates for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), emphasizing the need to include people with disabilities in DEI efforts
- viii. Employers benefit from hiring IDD individuals through federal incentives, higher retention rates, and improved workplace diversity
- ix. Wraparound Services: Support from high school graduation through workforce longevity, including transition planning, job coaching, and affordable housing.
- x. Volunteer Opportunities: Purpose-driven lives for clients, emphasizing their contributions to community, families, and social life.
- xi. Events: Statewide participation, athletic events (“Spectacular Olympics”), Night to Dream, and memorable employer engagement to build awareness.

b) Avery Oden presented from NewView (State Use Alliance-Micro Economic Impact Strategy)

- i. The State Use Program helps Oklahomans with disabilities get jobs, with about 240 workers at four agencies studied.
- ii. An informal estimate shows the program brings a positive net benefit to the state—even when prices are above market—mainly by reducing state-funded support costs.
- iii. The estimate is not a formal study; key figures need confirmation from state agencies.
- iv. The presenters recommend a formal, independent study to validate these findings and support future planning.
- v. Small agencies face challenges in contracting, procurement, logistics, and operation.

4) State Use Strategic Plan for 2027

a) Highlights FY26 accomplishments and FY27 Strategic Priorities

b) **3 Key Points**

- i. Expand research and marketing
- ii. Identify and develop new service areas

- iii. Strengthen structured training and technical assistance
- iv. [2027 Strategic Plan](#)

### **III. Action Items**

#### **1) Vote 2027 Regular Meeting Dates**

- a) According to statute, the State Use Advisory Council (SUAC) must meet at least twice per year.
- b) Proposed dates for 2027: April 6, 2027, and October 5, 2027.
- c) The motion passes (roll call) with 7 ayes and 0 nays. The 2027 regular SUAC meeting dates are formally adopted.

### **IV. Public Forum & Closing**

#### **1) Public Comments**

- a) Concerns about the Aramark contract with Corrections under the privatization process & SU suppliers being impacted.
- b) Discussion about getting an independent economic study after January.

#### **2) Adjournment**

- a) Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Lindsey Kanalay.
- b) Second: The motion was seconded by Frank Stone.
- c) The motion passes (roll call) with 7 ayes and 0 nays. The 10.06.2026 SUAC Meeting is adjourned.
- d) The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. CST.