



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE ABLE COMMISSION MEETING**

April 18, 2025

The filing of the meeting and posting of the agenda were in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on October 18, 2024. The agenda was posted on April 16, 2025, on the front and back doors of the 50 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street building in Oklahoma City, the door of the ABLE Commission's office reception area, and the ABLE Commission website.

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis started the meeting with agenda Item #1 and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. at the office of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission at 50 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Vice Chairman Revelis directed Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs to move forward with agenda Item #2 and a roll call of the following ABLE Commissioners were announced: Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis; Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry; Commissioner Keith Mitchell; and Commissioner Austin Benton.

Assistant Attorney General and ABLE Commission legal counsel, Joe Dewey, acknowledged that the ABLE Commission is compliant with the Open Meeting Act and there were enough Commissioners present to complete a quorum for the current meeting. A quorum was then established for the ABLE Commission meeting April 18, 2025. A notice of the meeting and agenda were posted 48 hours prior to the meeting and in accordance with Oklahoma statute 25 O.S. §311.

The visitors that were in attendance were Lauren Kidwell, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Todd Cox, Traditions Hospitality; Dirk Van Veen and Robert Jernigan, Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma (RLAO); Anne McKinney, Oklahoma Beer Alliance; J.B. Jarboe, Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits; Gwendolyn Caldwell, lobbyist for Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits; Spencer Guinn, Beer Distributors of Oklahoma; Samantha Davidson, Institute for Responsible Alcohol Policy (IRAP); and Diana Duran, LegisOK.

The following ABLE Commission employees in attendance were: Executive Director Brandon Clabes; Assistant Director/General Counsel/Public Information Officer Lori Carter; Assistant Attorney General and ABLE Commission legal counsel, Joe Dewey, from the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma; Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding; Deputy General Counsel Leif Arvidson; Licensing Director/Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer; Licensing Supervisor Carla Clanton; Captain Erik Smoot; and Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs.

Vice Chairman Revelis moved to agenda item #5, review, discussion and possible action to approve, amend or reject the minutes from the March 28, 2025, regular meeting of the ABLE Commission. Commissioner Usry made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2025, regular commission meeting. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Robert "Bob" Usry – Yes  
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

Vice Chairman Revelis moved on to Item #6, discussion and possible action of setting time and date for relocation of future Commission meetings to Tulsa and or Lawton. Vice Chairman Revelis stated that this agenda item will be set at a later meeting date.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2025:

Vice Chairman Revelis moved on to Item #7 on the agenda, presentation of Executive Director's report with possible discussion. The reports are a review of administrative and operational activities for March 2025. Executive Director Brandon Clabes provided the following information to the ABLE Commission:

- Director Clabes met with many different entities, committees, agencies and conferences including: meetings with Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS); Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI); attended the Rose State College Regents meeting; attended the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs meeting; meeting with Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD); meeting with Oklahoma State Department of Health; meeting with Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES); meeting with Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (DPS); Oklahoma Association of Chiefs meeting; meeting with Senator Langford; and meetings with members of the media, several constituents and concerned citizens of the public.
- Director Clabes recognized the 30 year anniversary of the Murrah building devastation. Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs presented a PowerPoint slide.
- Director Clabes announced that Licensing Supervisor Carla Clanton has submitted her intent to retire as of June 1st, 2025.
- Assistant Director Carter and I met with Ms. Treadwell and Ms. Chalmers on finance and human resource issues.
- Captain Erik Smoot and Director Clabes met with the Mid-Del School Administration to discuss our TSET grant which provides student education concerning the dangers of vaping and its adverse effect.
- Captain Randol scheduled Defensive Tactics Training and Firearms training for the enforcement side, and it was completed at the Moore-Norman Technology Center
- Director Clabes attended the Metro Law Enforcement Networking group. This consists of local, county, state and federal officials.
- Director Clabes attended the OSBI's 100-year anniversary gala along with Governor Stitt, Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Everest, Representative Turner and other elected officials.
- Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer met with the Oklahoma Tax Commission to discuss the notification of businesses that sell alcohol who are operating out of compliance.
- Director Brandon Clabes, Assistant Director Lori Carter, Chief Todd Peck and Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding attended the Buckledown Awards in Tulsa in which Captain Erik Smoot is the chairperson of the event. The event recognizes the superior work of law enforcement agents from around the State of Oklahoma.
- Director Clabes, Assistant Director Carter, Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer and Chief Peck met with the state fire marshal on a licensing issue.
- Director Clabes and Assistant Director Carter met with Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell and Human Resources Director, Christine Chalmers, regarding several finance and human resource issues.
- Captain Erik Smoot gave an update on the status of the ABLE Commission's grant application from the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Director Clabes presented the enforcement report on behalf of Chief Todd Peck in his absence. He gave an update of all enforcement district duties since the last Commission meeting.
- ABLE staff continues to meet with lobbyists and wholesalers to discuss better communication between the agency and industry.
- The next regular ABLE Commission meeting will be in 4 weeks on May 16, 2025.

Vice Chairman Revelis moved on to Item #9 on the agenda, Assistant Director's operational, docket and legislation report with possible discussion. Assistant Director/General Counsel/Public Information Officer Lori Carter presented the following legislative and legal report to the Commission:

- Assistant Director Carter's docket report consists of 29 cases settled for the month of March 2025. For the month of April 2025, there have been 40 cases resolved. There are 18 cases currently pending on the docket and 57 cases set for the month of May 2025.
- The ABLE Commission has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Oklahoma State Fire Marshall and Moore-Norman Technology Center for different items.
- Public Information Officer Update: There will be upcoming press events that will highlight the work that the able Commission has completed in conjunction with TSET.
- Legislative Report:
  - Oklahoma House and Senate currently have 911 bills that are still active which include 16 alcohol bills that may affect the ABLE Commission.

- She gave updates, deadlines and calendar dates regarding any House and Senate floor submissions.
- The ABLE Commission has responded to the Oklahoma Legislature's possible 2% decrease in the budget across all Oklahoma State agencies. More information will be submitted when available.
- Assistant Director Carter stated that she is still following the bills that she mentioned at the previous Commission meeting. She briefly highlighted some legislation that may cause a fiscal impact for the agency: House Bill 2369 (Melissa Murrow Act); House Bill 1377; House Bill 2799; Senate Bill 465; Senate Bill 531; Senate Bill 1031; and Senate Bill 1046.

Vice Chairman Revelis moved on to Item #10 on the agenda, financial report with possible discussion. Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell presented a financial report PowerPoint presentation for October 2024, and it covered the following topics: cash balances as of March 31, 2025; cash balance comparison; revenue as of March 31, 2025; revenue comparison year-to-date; total revenue comparison by month; transfer of revenue as of March 31, 2025; and fiscal year 2025 expenditures as of March 31, 2025.

Vice Chairman Revelis moved on to Item #11, presentation review and possible vote to approve or reject the 2024 annual report of the ABLE Commission and the Chief Operating Officer's monthly report. Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding presented her first report to the ABLE Commission regarding her DOGE duties and submitted the annual report to the commissioners for possible approval. Commissioner Austin Benton made a motion to approve the able commission's annual report for 2024. Commissioner Usry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
 Commissioner Robert "Bob" Usry – Yes  
 Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
 Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

Vice Chairman Revelis moved to Item #12 on the agenda, comments from the public limited to items on the agenda for meeting date April 18, 2025.

- Todd Cox with Traditions Hospitality made a statement congratulating Licensing Supervisor Carla Clanton on her upcoming retirement .
- Dirk Van Veen with Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma made a statement regarding possible relocation of ABLE Commission meetings & trainings.
- J.B. Jarboe, Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits thanked Licensing Supervisor Carla Clanton for all of her years of service and congratulations on her upcoming retirement.

- Vice Chairman Revelis moved to Item #13 on the agenda, new business in any matter not known about or, which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the posting of the agenda. There was no new business to discuss.

- Vice Chairman Revelis moved on to Item #14 on the agenda, discussion and possible action to enter into Executive Session as authorized by 25 O.S. § 307 (B)(4). Discussion of confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning pending investigations, claims, and actions, the disclosure of which would seriously impair the public body's ability to process the claims or conduct investigations, litigation, or proceedings in the public interest. Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to move into Executive Session. Commissioner Benton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
 Commissioner Robert "Bob" Usry – Yes  
 Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
 Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

Commissioners entered Executive Session at 10:43 a.m.

Commissioners exited Executive Session at 11:41 a.m.

- Vice Chairman Revelis called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. and called for a motion to return from Executive Session. Commissioner Usry made the motion to return from Executive Session. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes  
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes


During executive session, administration and the Commissioners discussed Legal Matter 2025-1. It was decided that a legal opinion is needed by the Oklahoma Attorney General. Commissioner Benton made a motion to request an opinion from the Oklahoma Attorney General regarding the constitutionality of the citizenship requirements of Oklahoma Statute Title §37A-2-146.A1. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes  
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

- Vice Chairman Revelis moved on to Item #15 on the agenda, adjournment. Commissioner Benton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Usry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes  
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

  
Jonathan Brooks, Chairman  
Andrew Revelis