



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE ABLE COMMISSION MEETING

June 20, 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 June 18, 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.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks started the meeting with agenda Item #1 and called the meeting to order at 10:07 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.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks directed Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs to move forward with agenda Item #2 and a roll call of the following ABLE Commissioners were announced: Chairman Jonathan Brooks; Commissioner Matthew Crook; Commissioner A. Ainslie Stanford II; 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 on June 20, 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 and Blanca Juarez, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Todd Cox, Traditions Hospitality; Robert Jernigan, Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma (RLAO); J.B. Jarboe, Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits; Alex Adkins, Beer Distributors of Oklahoma; Ellen Spiropoulos, Phillips Murrah Law Firm; Tyler Talley, Quorum Call; and David Oakley, LegisOK.

The following ABLE Commission employees in attendance were: Executive Director Brandon Clabes; Assistant Attorney General and ABLE Commission legal counsel, Joe Dewey, from the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma; Chief Law Enforcement Agent Todd Peck; Licensing Supervisor Jessica Brence; Captain Kent James; Captain Scott Smith; Captain Mike Randol; Lieutenant Cody Rekstad; Lieutenant Kristin Wilson; and Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks moved to agenda item #5, review, discussion and possible action to approve, amend or reject the minutes from the May 16, 2025, regular meeting of the ABLE Commission. Commissioner Revelis made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2025, regular commission meeting. Commissioner Benton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes  
Commissioner Matthew Crook – Yes  
Commissioner A. Ainslie Stanford II – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

Chairman Brooks moved on to Item #6, recognition of the retirement of Captain Greg Bynum for 39 years of service to the State of Oklahoma with possible discussion. Director Brandon Clabes and Chief Todd Peck presented Captain Bynum with a plaque and words of gratitude.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 2025:

Chairman Brooks 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 May 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; United States Medal of Valor meeting; meeting with Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD); meeting with Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET); meeting with Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA); meeting with Oklahoma State Department of Health; meeting with Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES); meeting with Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (DPS); quarterly meeting with Arnall Foundation; attended the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs conference in Durant, OK; with members of the media, several constituents and concerned citizens of the public.
- The ABLE Commission has been in communication with OMES regarding the compliance of Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) equipment installed in state-owned vehicles.
- Representatives from the ABLE Commission met with Madison Franklin from the Department of Agriculture to revise our educational information regarding guidance for Oklahoma winemakers and small farm wineries that are disseminated to the public.
- Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding and Captain Erik Smoot continue to work diligently with the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) on grant proposals for the ABLE Commission.
- Agent Alan Davis was recognized at the Capitol on the House of Representatives floor for helping save lives during a tornado that occurred last year near his home.
- Chief Todd Peck continues to disseminate new policy and procedures on a weekly basis. Chief Operating Officer, Andrea Fielding, will also be involved in this process.
- Director Brandon Clabes met with Alex Stodghill. Mr. Stodghill will replace Commissioner Crook at the end of his term as a board member of the ABLE Commission.
- ABLE staff continues to meet with lobbyists and wholesalers to discuss better communication between the agency and industry.
- Director Clabes presented agenda item #9, the Assistant Director Lori Carter's legislative and legal report to the Commission in her absence:
  - Docket Report: 72 cases settled for the month of May 2025. For the month of June 2025, there have been 94 cases resolved. There are 83 cases set for the month of July 2025.
  - Legislative Update: An update was provided regarding legislative changes with the Oklahoma Senate.
  - Assistant Director Carter and Director Clabes met with the Comptroller, Jennifer Treadwell and the Human Resources Director, Christine Chalmers, on finance and human resource issues.
  - Assistant Director Carter and Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer will have regional training courses with the ABLE Commission offices to discuss new law changes.
  - Assistant Director Carter and Captain Erik Smoot represented Oklahoma at the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators in Hawaii.
- The next regular ABLE Commission meeting will be in 4 weeks on July 18, 2025.

Chairman Brooks moved to agenda item #8, the enforcement report by Chief Law Enforcement Agent Todd Peck with possible discussion. Chief Peck presented an overview of completed and ongoing enforcement activities since the last Commission meeting.

Licensing Supervisor Jessica Brence presented agenda item #10, the Chief Operating Officer (COO) Andrea Fielding's report to the Commission in her absence:

- COO Fielding is working with HR to recruit and hire two CSRs
- Brence is leading our efforts to create a formalized training program for our Licensing team.
- The ABLE Commission was notified mid-June that the FDA will award funding to the agency based on the grant application that was submitted earlier this year, 2025. ABLE was also notified in early June that TSET will award funding to ABLE based on a grant application that the agency had previously submitted.
- COO Fielding continues the review of ABLE's policy manual and will draft new policies where needed and make recommendations for updates where appropriate.

- COO Fielding and Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer will work to develop Courtroom Testimony training for Enforcement and Licensing team members.
- COO Fielding is working to develop leadership and management training for our Lieutenants and Captains.

Chairman Brooks moved to Item #11 on the agenda, comments from the public limited to items on the agenda for meeting date June 20, 2025.

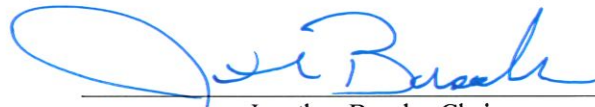
- Robert Jernigan with the Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma made a statement regarding upcoming legislation and clarification on certain laws.
- Robert Jernigan with the Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma, J.B. Jarboe with Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits and Ellen Spiropoulos with Phillips Murrah Law Firm congratulated Captain Bynum on his retirement.

Chairman Brooks moved to Item #12 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. Chairman Brooks stated he would like to have training with the Commissioners after the next meeting. The training would be taught by the ABLE Commission's legal counsel, Joe Dewey, from the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma. It would go over the open meetings act.

Commissioner Matthew Crook moved on to Item #13 on the agenda, adjournment. Commissioner Benton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stanford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes  
 Commissioner Matthew Crook – Yes  
 Commissioner A. Ainslie Stanford II – Yes  
 Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:06 a.m.



Jonathan Brooks, Chairman