



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE ABLE COMMISSION MEETING

March 28, 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 March 26, 2025, on the front and back doors of the 50 Northeast 23rd Street building in Oklahoma City, the door of the ABLE Commission's office reception area, and the ABLE Commission website.

Chairman Brooks started the meeting with agenda Item #1 and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at the office of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission at 50 Northeast 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Chairman Brooks directed Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs to move forward with agenda Item #2 and a roll call of the following ABLE Commissioners was announced: Chairman Jonathan Brooks; Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis; Commissioner H. Robert "Bob" Usry; Commissioner Matthew Crook; 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 March 28, 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.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks recognized the reappointment of Commissioner Robert "Bob" Usry to the ABLE Commission for another 5 year term.

The visitors that were in attendance were: Ty Mowdy, Office of the Attorney General – State of Oklahoma; Lauren Kidwell, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Todd Cox, Traditions Spirits; Brett Robinson, Beer Distributors of Oklahoma (BDO); Dirk Van Veen and Robert Jernigan, Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma (RLAO); J.B. Jarboe, Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits; Randy Malone, Attorney/Oklahoma Beverage Law; Gwendolyn Caldwell, lobbyist for Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits; Samantha Davidson, Institute for Responsible Alcohol Policy (IRAP); and Ellen Spiropoulos, Phillips Murrah Law Firm.

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; Chief Law Enforcement Agent Todd Peck; Deputy General Counsel Leif Arvidson; Licensing Director/Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer; Licensing Supervisor Carla Clanton; Captain Erik Smoot; Captain Scott Smith; Captain Mike Randol; Captain Kent James; Lieutenant Kristen Wilson; Customer Service Representative Kayla Grant-Suarez; 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 February 21, 2025 regular meeting of the ABLE Commission. Commissioner Benton made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2025 regular commission meeting. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes
Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes
Commissioner Robert "Bob" Usry – Yes
Commissioner Matthew Crook – Yes
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

Chairman Jonathan Brooks moved on to Item #6, introduction of the new ABLE Commission employees. Director Clabes introduced the following new ABLE Commission employees: Customer Service Representative Kayla Grant-Suarez and Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding. A brief synopsis of their duties was explained and they were welcomed to the agency.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks moved on to Item #7, presentation of employee license alcohol programs analysis with possible discussion. Epidemiologist and Synar Coordinator, Lauren Kidwell of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services presented a powerpoint presentation of an overview of the ABLE Commission's employee licensee training programs and how they affect the compliance rates for the State of Oklahoma.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025:

Chairman Jonathan Brooks moved on to Item #8 on the agenda, presentation of Executive Director's report with possible discussion. The reports are a review of administrative and operational activities for February 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); meeting with Oklahoma Restaurant Association (ORA); meeting with Brian Bobek, Director of Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives for the State of Oklahoma; meeting with Secretary of State Josh Cockroft for the State of Oklahoma; meeting with State of Oklahoma House Speaker Pro Tempore Anthony Moore; and meetings with members of the media, several constituents and concerned citizens of the public.
- The ABLE Commission has hired a Chief Operations Officer, Andrea Fielding, that will take over several duties. She started on March 3, 2025.
- Director Clabes and Assistant Director Carter met with Secretary of State Josh Cockroft, COO Rick Rose, Representative Osburn and House Speaker Pro Tempore Anthony Moore regarding a previous case.
- Director Clabes, Assistant Director Carter and Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding went to the Tulsa district enforcement office and met with some of their personnel and also met with Chairman Brooks.
- 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.
- Director Clabes attended a State Chamber breakfast where the speakers were Governor Stitt, Senator Thompson, Senator Seifried and Senator Pugh. Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Tricia Everest was also present.
- Captain Randol has scheduled Defensive Tactics Training and Firearms training for enforcement.
- 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 congratulated Commissioner Usry on his reappointment and expressed his appreciation for his contribution to the Commission.
- ABLE staff continues to meet with lobbyists and wholesalers to discuss better communication among the agency and industry.
- The next regular ABLE Commission meeting will be in 3 weeks on April 18, 2025.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks moved on to Item #9 on the agenda, presentation of the enforcement report with possible discussion by Chief Law Enforcement Agent Todd Peck:

- Chief Peck continues to disseminate new agency policy and procedures on a weekly basis via the Lexipol application.
- The agency's digitization project with Standley Systems has begun. The first files on the list are legal files and ABLE Commission meeting information.
- The enforcement team has been transitioned to the red-dot system for their weapons. All agents have been trained and certified to use this new piece of equipment.
- The body-worn cameras for ABLE agents have been received and all of enforcement will complete training before they are put to use. The policy draft and information has been posted on the ABLE website for the public to submit comments to Chief Peck until March 31, 2025.

- ABLE has obtained 20 tazers that were donated from a law enforcement agency. Once the policy and training is completed, they will be issued to the districts.
- Chief Peck gave a brief synopsis of several cases, investigations and tasks that enforcement is completing.
- Chief Peck also recognized the passing of former ABLE agent, Trooper Joe Cantrell. Mr. Cantrell was a part of the ABLE enforcement team from 1994-2007.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks moved on to Item #10 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 42 cases settled for the month of February 2025. For the month of March 2025, there have been 28 cases resolved. There are 4 cases currently pending on the docket and 46 cases set for the month of April.
- 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.
- The ABLE Commission has responded and completed two (2) of the Governor's Executive Orders.
- AD Carter gave an update regarding a previously addressed issue with the ACCELA payment processing system.
- She mentioned to the public to view and follow the ABLE Commission's social media pages (Facebook, Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter).
- Legislative Report:
 - Oklahoma House and Senate currently have 829 bills that are still active.
 - She gave updates, deadlines and calendar dates regarding any House and Senate floor submissions.
 - The ABLE Commission has requested for a flat budget (no increase) this year with the Oklahoma Legislature. The Senate has made that recommendation as well. The Oklahoma Legislature is considering establishing a 2% decrease in the budget across all Oklahoma State agencies in order to assist in reducing the Oklahoma deficit. 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 an fiscal impact for the agency: House Bill 2369 (Melissa Murrow Act); House Bill 2977; Senate Bill 1046; Senate Bill 1094; and Senate Bill 1102 (Vape Registry Bill).

Chairman Jonathan Brooks moved on to Item #11 on the agenda, the ACCELA information technology update and licensing department report with possible discussion. Licensing Supervisor Carla Clanton presented a PowerPoint presentation report for the licensing department and Accela licensing system update for February 2025 and covered the following topics: the Gray Quarter Gwiz Interface Project update; the MAS TEAM cases pending and resolved; and the overall top cases pending and resolved.

Also, a licensing report was provided over the following topics: The number of new business licenses issued from February 14, 2025 to March 21, 2025 (112); The number of individual licenses issued from February 14, 2025 to March 21, 2025 (6,039); Plus, the total of active licenses (160,660); A copy of the monthly applications services reporting contract was also provided to the Commissioners for February 2025. The latest count of the ABLE public users that have registered in the new online system is 249,535.

Chairman Brooks moved to Item #12 on the agenda, comments from the public limited to items on the agenda for meeting date March 28, 2025.

- Todd Cox with Traditions Spirits made a statement regarding how the employee training information is stored with his business.
- Dirk Van Veen with Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma made a statement regarding upcoming legislation.
- Ellen Spiropoulos with Phillips Murrah Law Firm made a statement regarding the ACCELA IT system.

- Chairman Brooks 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.

- Chairman Jonathan Brooks 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 Benton made a motion to move into Executive Session. Commissioner Usry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Commissioners entered Executive Session at 11:32 a.m.

Commissioners exited Executive Session at 12:00 p.m.

- Chairman Jonathan Brooks called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and called for a motion to return from Executive Session. It was announced that Commissioner Matthew Crook exited the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to return from Executive Session. Commissioner Benton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

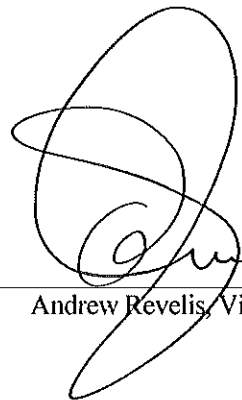
Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes
Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes
Commissioner Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes
Commissioner Keith Mitchell – Yes
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

No action was taken in Executive Session

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

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

The meeting was then adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Revelis', is written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Revelis, Vice Chairman