



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE ABLE COMMISSION MEETING**

May 16, 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 May 14, 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 10:00 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; Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis; Commissioner Matthew Crook; 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 May 16, 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); Justin Naifeh, Republic National; Adam Mose, Intern with the Office of the Attorney General; Brett Robinson, Beer Distributors of Oklahoma (BDO); Randy Malone, Attorney/Oklahoma Beverage Law; 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; Deputy General Counsel Leif Arvidson; Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding; Chief Law Enforcement Agent Todd Peck; Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer; Licensing Supervisor Jessica Brence; Captain Erik Smoot; Captain Kent James; 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 April 18, 2025, regular meeting of the ABLE Commission. Commissioner Revelis made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2025, regular commission meeting. 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 Matthew Crook – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

Chairman Brooks moved on to Item #6, recognition of Commissioner Matthew Crook for 5 years of service to the State of Oklahoma with possible discussion. Commissioner Crook was presented with a plaque and words of gratitude as he comes to the end of his term with the ABLE Commission.

Chairman Brooks moved on to Item #6; introduction of new ABLE Commission employees with possible discussion. Mike Harris, McAlester Enforcement Agent and Jessica Brence, Licensing Supervisor, were introduced to the ABLE Commission.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2025:

Chairman 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 April 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 Oklahoma State Department of Health; meeting with Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES); meeting with Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (DPS); with members of the media, several constituents and concerned citizens of the public.
- Director Clabes announced that Licensing Supervisor Carla Clanton has submitted her intent to retire as of June 1st, 2025. The agency will transition Jessica Brence as the new Licensing Supervisor.
- Assistant Director Carter and I met with Ms. Treadwell and Ms. Chalmers on finance and human resource issues.
- Captain Erik Smoot continues to meet with the Mid-Del School Administration to discuss our TSET grant which provides student education concerning the dangers of vaping and its adverse effect.
- Director Clabes attended the Metro Law Enforcement Networking group. This consists of local, county, state and federal officials.
- 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.
- Prosecuting Attorney, Kate Springer, continues to meet with the Oklahoma Tax Commission to discuss the notification of businesses that sell alcohol who are operating out of compliance.
- 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.
- Director Clabes, Assistant Director Carter, Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer and Chief Peck met again with the state fire marshal on a licensing issue.
- 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 June 20, 2025.

Chairman Brooks moved to agenda item #9, 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.

Chairman 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 54 cases settled for the month of April 2025. For the month of May 2025, there have been 70 cases resolved. There are 89 cases set for the month of June 2025.
- Assistant Director Carter presented an update to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Oklahoma State Fire Marshall and Moore-Norman Technology Center for different items.
- Assistant Director Carter gave an update regarding the budget for the ABLE Commission.
- Assistant Director Carter gave an update of possible new licensing that may be implemented due to new legislation.
- Legislative Report:
  - Oklahoma House and Senate currently have 687 bills that are still active in which there are still some alcohol bills that may affect the ABLE Commission.
  - She gave updates, deadlines and calendar dates regarding any House and Senate floor submissions.
  - She briefly highlighted some legislation that she is following that may affect the ABLE Commission: House Bill 1062; House Bill 1270; House Bill; House Bill 1377; House Bill 1381; House Bill 2365; House Bill 2799; House Bill 2803; House Bill 2804; Senate Bill 465; Senate Bill 1031; and Senate Bill 1046.

Chairman Brooks moved on to Item #11 on the agenda, presentation of Chief Operating Officer's report with possible discussion. Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding presented an overview of her duties, tasks and assignments as the agency's Chief Operating Officer and resident DOGE representative for the State of Oklahoma.

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

- Dirk Van Veen with the Retail Liquor Association of Oklahoma made a statement regarding upcoming legislation.
- Lauren Kidwell with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services made a statement in regard to the status of the compliance checks that have been completed by ABLE Enforcement.

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 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 Crook made a motion to move into 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 Matthew Crook – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

Commissioners entered Executive Session at 11:07 a.m.

Commissioners exited Executive Session at 12:02 p.m.

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and called for a motion to return from Executive Session. Commissioner Benton made the motion to return from Executive Session. Commissioner Revelis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes  
Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Matthew Crook – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

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

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes  
Vice Chairman Andrew Revelis – Yes  
Commissioner Matthew Crook – Yes  
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes

The meeting was then adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



Jonathan Brooks, Chairman