



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE ABLE COMMISSION MEETING
July 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 June 18, 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 Jonathan Brooks started the meeting with agenda Item #1 and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. at the office of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission at 50 Northeast 23rd 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 H. Robert "Bob" Usry; Commissioner Austin Benton; and Commissioner C. Alex Stodghill II.

Assistant Attorney General and ABLE Commission legal counsel, Joe Dewey, addressed agenda Item #3 and acknowledged that the ABLE Commission is compliant with the Open Meeting Act. He also stated that there were enough Commissioners present to complete a quorum for the current meeting. A quorum was then established for the ABLE Commission meeting on July 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.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks introduced the new ABLE Commissioner, Alex Stodghill and welcomed him to the Commission.

Agenda Item #4, recognition of visitors with possible discussion. The visitors that were in attendance were: Gavin Graves and Razann Ghazal, Intern with the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma; Lauren Kidwell, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Todd Cox, Traditions Hospitality; Justin Naifah, Republic National Distributing Company (RNDC); J.B. Jarboe, Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits; Alex Adkins, Beer Distributors of Oklahoma; Ellen Spiropoulos, Phillips Murrah Law Firm; Steve McCaleb, McCaleb Law Firm; Dustin Ellison, Owner of Belle Starr Saloon; Tyler Talley, Quorum Call; and David Oakley, LegisOK.

The following ABLE Commission employees in attendance were: Executive Director Brandon Clabes; Assistant Director/General Counsel/Public Information Officer Lori Carter; Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell (shared services with Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation - OSBI); 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; Prosecuting Attorney Kate Springer; Captain Erik Smoot; Captain Kent James; Lieutenant Ray Fells; Lieutenant Cody Rekstad; Lieutenant Kristen Wilson; and Executive Secretary Shae Isaacs.

Chairman Brooks made an amendment to the current agenda for meeting date July 18, 2025. He stated, in regard to agenda Item #15, case #CV-2025-105/ABLE-2024-309/ABLE2025-173, this item will be removed from Executive Session and will not be reviewed at this time. Steve McCaleb with McCaleb Law Firm and representative for Belle Starr Saloon inquired with the Commission the status of case #CV-2025-105/ABLE-2024-309/ABLE2025-173. Assistant Attorney General and ABLE Commission legal counsel, Joe Dewey, responded and explained that at this time, there will not be a quorum during Executive Session because one of the Commissioners will need to recuse himself during that portion of Executive Session. The item will be placed on a future agenda when more Commissioners are present.

Chairman Jonathan Brooks moved to agenda item #5, review, discussion and possible action to approve, amend or reject the minutes from the June 20, 2025, regular meeting of the ABLE Commission. Commissioner Benton made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2025, regular commission meeting. Commissioner Usry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes
Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
Commissioner C. Alex Stodghill II – Yes

Chairman Brooks moved on to Item #6, recognition of Lieutenant Ray Fells for 25 years of service to the State of Oklahoma. Lieutenant Fells was thanked and congratulated on his years of dedicated service with the ABLE Commission and the State of Oklahoma.

Chairman Brooks moved on to Item #7, review, discussion and possible action on the following employee training to program applicants’ curriculum of instruction pursuant to Oklahoma Administrative Code 45:15-3-1. Commission Benton made a motion to approve the following applicants: ABC Server Training LLC – LiquorExam.com (Re-Certification); Oklahoma High point Beer – Casey’s Convenience Stores (Re-Certification); AACEA: Oklahoma ABLE Training Online Alcohol Server Certification Course – AACEA LLC (Re-Certification); Southern Glazers Oklahoma Alcohol Training Program – Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits of Oklahoma (Re-Certification); and Learn2Serve Oklahoma Alcohol Seller/Server Training – 360training.com, Inc. (Re-Certification). Commissioner Usry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes
Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes
Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
Commissioner C. Alex Stodghill II – Yes

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT FOR JUNE 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 June 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 Metro Executive Law Enforcement Networking meeting; attended the meeting with Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD); meeting with Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET); meeting with Food and Drug Administration (FDA); meeting with representatives from Oklahoma Restaurant Association (ORA); attended the State of the City Oklahoma City Chamber luncheon; meeting with Oklahoma State Department of Health; meeting with Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES); meeting with Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (DPS); met with Representatives Caldwell and Sterling; met Senators Pugh, Seifried and Daniels and Representatives Johns, Sterling, Manger and Ransom at the State Chamber of Oklahoma luncheon; met with members of the media, several constituents and concerned citizens of the public.
- Director Clabes and Assistant Director Carter met with Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell and HR Director Christine Chalmers on finance and human resource related issues. The agency anticipates new hires for the licensing and enforcement divisions in the near future.
- Director Clabes and other ABLE representatives met with ODMHSAS in relation to existing contracts between both agencies.
- The ABLE Commission continues to be in communication with OMES regarding the compliance of Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) equipment installed in state-owned vehicles.
- Chief Operating Officer Andrea Fielding and Captain Erik Smoot continue to work diligently with the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse on grant proposals for the ABLE Commission.
- Chief Todd Peck continues to review and disseminate new policy and procedures on a weekly basis. Chief Operating Officer, Andrea Fielding, is also involved in this process.
- The ABLE Commission continues to work on the request from Chairman Brooks, with adding a “frequently asked questions” section to the ABLE website specifically geared toward the 6% markup on spirits and wines.
- ABLE staff continues to meet with lobbyists and wholesalers to discuss better communication between the agency and industry.

- Director Clabes attended the State Chamber luncheon and met with Senators Pugh, Seifried and Daniels and Representatives Johns, Sterling, Manger and Ransom.
- Director Clabes spoke to Representative Trey Caldwell and Danny Sterling regarding questions and enforcement issues with golf courses.
- The next regular ABLE Commission meeting will be in 4 weeks on August 15, 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 125 cases settled for the month of June 2025. For the month of July 2025, there have been 59 cases resolved and 38 cases pending. There are 48 cases set for the month of August 2025.
- Assistant Director Carter recognized the ABLE Commission's Prosecuting Attorney, Kate Springer, and the entire legal team for their diligence in handling an exceptionally heavy workload, especially this past week.
- There is an ongoing plan to publish and execute several Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) that has been recently formulated. Once completed and signed, they will be published on the ABLE website.
- Assistant Director Carter and the legal team will be visiting all of the ABLE Commission enforcement districts to educate on new laws and changes to existing laws that will soon go into effect.
- The new rules for the ABLE Commission will be published on November 11, 2025, and will go into effect ten (10) days afterwards.
- Assistant Director Carter gave a brief synopsis of her time at the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA) conference that she attended June 15th through the 18th 2025. She spoke with the alcoholic law enforcement agency for the State of Tennessee regarding the appearance of THC/hemp infused alcoholic beverages and how they may effect the industry.
- Assistant Director Carter reminded the public to follow the ABLE Commission's social media pages: Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly known as Twitter).
- Legislative Report:
 - The Legislative session ended on May 30, 2025.
 - Governor Stitt signed 147 bills into law and another 305 became law without the Governor's signature.
 - Some bills that were not voted on will be carried over into Legislative session 2026.
 - The ABLE Commission is monitoring interim studies that may affect the agency.

Chairman Brooks moved on to Item #11 on the agenda, financial report with possible discussion. Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller Jennifer Treadwell presented a financial report PowerPoint presentation for July 2025, and it covered the following topics: cash balances as of June 30, 2025; cash balance comparison; revenue as of June 30, 2025; revenue comparison year-to-date; transfer of revenue as of June 30, 2025; fiscal year 2025 expenditures as of June 30, 2025; and fiscal year 2026 budget and revenue.

Director Brandon Clabes presented agenda item #12, the Chief Operating Officer (COO) Andrea Fielding's report to the Commission in her absence:

- COO Fielding continues focus on the licensing team and the licensing program with Professionalism of the staff, technology issues and upgrades and also issuing overtime to complete tasks that will require extra time.
- Currently the ABLE Commission is waiting to receive the final contract for the FDA grant and the final signed grant contract from TSET. The TSET project has already started.
- Brence is leading our efforts to create a formalized training program for our Licensing team.
- COO Fielding continues to assist Chief Peck with reviewing and updating agency-wide policies.
- COO Fielding also continues to develop multiple training programs and manage multiple recruitment processes.

Chairman Brooks moved to Item #13 on the agenda, comments from the public limited to items on the agenda for meeting date July 18, 2025:

- Lauren Kidwell with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services made a statement regarding tracking of training programs and an update on the contract between ABLE and ODMHSAS. She also made a statement regarding THC/hemp infused products with alcoholic beverages. Chairman Brooks stated possibly at a future Commission meeting, an agenda item may be added to be able to go more in depth regarding THC/hemp infused products with alcoholic beverages.
- J.B. Jarboe of Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits made a statement regarding THC/hemp infused products with alcoholic beverages.

Chairman Brooks moved to Item #14 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 #15 on the agenda, discussion and possible action to enter into Executive Session as authorized by 25 O.S. § 307 (B)(4). Discussion of confidential communication 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 Stodghill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes
 Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes
 Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
 Commissioner C. Alex Stodghill II – Yes

Commissioners entered Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners exited Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. and called for a motion to return from Executive Session. Commissioner Usry made the motion to return from Executive Session. Commissioner Benton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

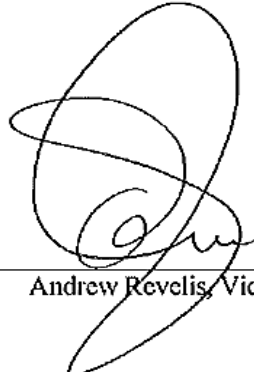
Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes
 Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes
 Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
 Commissioner C. Alex Stodghill II – Yes

No action was taken during Executive Session

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

Chairman Jonathan Brooks – Yes
 Commissioner H. Robert “Bob” Usry – Yes
 Commissioner Austin Benton – Yes
 Commissioner C. Alex Stodghill II – Yes

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:21 a.m.



Andrew Revelis, Vice Chairman