

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners answering roll call were, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Burget, Commissioner Hass, Commissioner McNally, and Chairman Anderson. Commissioner(s) absent were Commissioner Murray, Commissioner Craig, and Commissioner Brookover.

A. MINUTES

The Minutes from the **February 20, 2025**, meeting were considered.

Commissioner Burget moved, and Commissioner Hass seconded to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2025, meeting. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 6-0-0

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION.

B. REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. JOHN CHANCEY

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item B, after which, Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, and Christine Tubbs, Financial Manager with OMES, presented to the Commission and answered questions.

No action was taken

C. THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT WILL ROGERS DOWNS HAS REFERRED THE SUBSTANCE VIOLATION MATTER AGAINST DAVID GUARJARDO TO THE COMMISSION UNDER RULE OF RACING 325:1-1-7(d). THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPOINT A HEARING OFFICER UNDER THE RULES OF RACING 325:70-1-25

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item C, after which, Richard Herren, General Counsel for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission presented, answered questions and requested the Commission take up the matter and appoint a hearing officer to try it and provide the Commission with a proposed order.

Commissioner Burget moved to approve a hearing officer to try the matter and prepare a proposed order for the Commission. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 6-0-0

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS RACEHORSE HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT (RHSA) PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION FOR POSSIBLE SUPPORT BY THE COMMISSION

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item D, after which, Joe Lucas with the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma, Krissy Bamberg, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association, Mark Enterline, Consulting General Manager of Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows Tulsa, and Matt Vance, Executive Vice President of Remington Park presented to the Commission and answered questions.

Commissioner Hass moved to support RHSA but did not receive a second. Commissioner Burget moved to show support for an alternative to HISA, but not necessarily RHSA. Commissioner Hass seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 6-0-0

E. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO PRESENT A PROPOSED SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR COMMISSION OFFICERS OPEN POSITIONS FOR FY-2025

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item E, after which, the Nominating Committee proposed Commissioner Burget for Vice Chairman, and Commissioner Wright for Secretary.

Commissioner Hass moved to approve the proposed slate of officers. Commissioner Burget seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 4-2-0

F. PETITION PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND ITS COUNSEL FROM THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PERTAINING TO EEOC CHARGE NOS. 564-2025-00104; 564-2025-00741; AND 564-2025-00765, WHERE COUNSEL HAS DETERMINED THAT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE CLAIM(S) OR ACTION(S) WILL SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF THE COMMISSION TO PROCESS OR CONDUCT LITIGATION IN THIS MATTER

Chairman Anderson announced consideration of Item F.

Commissioner McNally moved to go into Executive Session with Commission Legal Advisors, Ms. Sandra Balzer and Ms. Tracy Neel. Commissioner Hass seconded the motion. The vote was a follows:

Motion passed 6-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission entered Executive Session at 10:20 am.

Commissioner Hass moved to reconvene in Open Session. Commissioner McNally seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 6-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission returned to Open Session at 12:10 pm.

Commissioner Burget moved to appoint Chairman Anderson and Commissioner McNally to be the Commission representative for the EEOC Charges. Commissioner Hass seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 6-0-0

G. NEW BUSINESS: ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORSEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA 25 O.S. § 311(A)(10)

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

****There is no April 2025 Regularly Scheduled Meeting****

05/01/2025- Agenda topic submission deadline for May 15, 2025 Meeting

05/06/2025- 2025 ARCI Annual Meeting & Conference

05/07/2025- Oklahoma-Bred Advisory Council Meeting

05/14/2025- Last day of Live Racing at Will Rogers Downs

05/15/2025- Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

ADJOURNMENT..... Mr. Anderson, Chair

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of May 2025.

Chairman Anderson

On behalf of the Commission:

ATTEST:

Richard D. Herren

Richard D. Herren, General Counsel

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of this regular Commission meeting was originally transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on August 29, 2024; and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda was posted in prominent view in the lobby of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Oklahoma City on March 14, 2025. The announcement of the CY 2025 Commission meetings was posted on the OHRC website on August 29, 2024. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the OHRC Website, www.ohrc.ok.gov, on March 14, 2025.