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## **AMENDED AGENDA**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting Thursday, January 16, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

#### **Meeting Location:**

One Remington Place - Eclipse Room Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

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CALL TO ORDER	Mr. Anderson, Chair
ROLL CALL	Mr. Anderson, Chair
BUSINESS	Mr. Anderson. Chair

### A. MINUTES

1. The draft Minutes of the *November 14, 2024, Regularly* Scheduled Commission Meeting will be considered for approval.

### B. MINUTES

1. The draft Minutes of the **November 21, 2024,** Commission Special Meeting will be considered for approval.

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

# C. REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. JOHN CHANCEY

Dr. Chancey will present an informational report regarding the agency.

# D. REMINGTON PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATES ON FOUR (4) BUILDING, REPAIR, AND/OR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Remington Park will present their report on the status of the repairs and replacements and answer any questions.

# E. POSSIBLE FINAL ACTION ON PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN CHAPTERS IN RULES OF RACING UNDER PERMANENT RULEMAKING

At the October 17, 2024, Commission Meeting, the Commission approved the permanent rulemaking process to consider proposed amendments to open certain chapters in *Rules of Racing:* Changes are proposed in the following chapters: *Rules of Racing and Racetrack Gaming* including Chapters 1, 15, 25, 45, 60, & 75.

#### **Rules of Racing:**

**Chapter 1-Commission Powers and Jurisdiction** 

**Chapter 15- Occupation Licensing** 

**Chapter 25- Entries and Declarations** 

**Chapter 45-Prohibited Practices and Equine Testing** 

**Chapter 60-Running the Race** 

**Chapter 75- Oklahoma- Bred Program** 

#### **Current Consideration**

The Commission provided the Secretary of State, the Cabinet Secretary, and the Governor's office of General Counsel proposed rule amendments as authorized at the Commission's November meeting. The Notice of Permanent Rulemaking Intent was published in the Oklahoma Register, public comment was taken, and a hearing on each chapter was conducted.

#### Possible action

Possible action may include, but not limited to: taking no action, adopt the rules as proposed, modify proposed rules and adopt as modified, not adopting proposed rules or continue the matter.

# F. <u>DIRECTIVE REGARDING THE JOCKEY MOUNT FEE</u> <u>CHANGES AS PROPOSED IN COMMISSIONS PERMANENT</u> <u>RULE MAKING AT 325:25-1-30 (2025-D-1) AND ADOPTING</u> THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE

The Commission will consider whether to issue a Directive to modify the application of Rule 325:25-1-30 Jockey Mount Fees as proposed in the permanent rule making. The proposed change is an exhibit to this agenda.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action; adopting the Directive as propose, adopt the Directive as modified or continue the matter(s).

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# G. <u>PETITION FOR APPEAL FILED ON BEHALF OF GARY</u> WALKER (OWNER/TRAINER)

On October 18, 2024, the Commission received a Petition for Appeal for Order 24-RP-137 issued by the Board of Stewards at Remington Park, dated September 11, 2024, and personally served on Mr. Walker on October 13, 2024.

The Board of Stewards found Mr. Walker to be in violation of OAC 325:35-1-31 Fighting.

The Board of Stewards fined Mr. Walker Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

#### **Current Consideration**

The Hearing before the Commission will be conducted pursuant to the authority and jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, Title 75, § 301 et seq., the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act, Title 3A O.S. § 200 et seq., OAC 325 (OHRC Rules of Racing), OAC 325:70-1-22, Grounds for Appeal from Decision of the Stewards, and OAC 325:70-1-24, Appeal Hearing Procedure.

The procedure for the Hearing before the Commission is set as follows:

- 1. The appellant, Mr. Walker, and the Appellee, Commission, are entitled to be present and to present arguments.
- 2. All parties are subject to questioning by Commissioners, Commission Staff and Commission Counsel.

#### **Possible Executive Session**

Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307 (B)(8) and 311 (B)(1), an Executive Session may be proposed for the purpose of deliberations in an individual proceeding regarding Mr. Walker's Appeal of Stewards' Order 24-RP-137.

- Motion and Vote to Go into Executive Session for the Purpose Stated Above
- 2. Motion and Vote to Reconvene in Open Session

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action; take preliminary action on the matter; or continue the matter(s).

# H. OHRC RESPONSE TO ARTICLE "SOMETHING DOESN'T SMELL RIGHT AT THE OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION", WRITTEN BY JOE CARTER AND PUBLISHED IN THE NORMAN TRANSCRIPT. NOVEMBER 14. 2024

#### **Possible Action:**

Discussion and possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action; take preliminary action on the matter(s) and instruct the Commission's Counsel to prepare a draft of a letter to be approved by the Commission, continue the matter(s), or take any other action deemed necessary.

- I. 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

**02/06/2025-** Agenda Topic Submission Deadline for February 20, 2025 Meeting

02/17/2025- Presidents' Holiday

02/20/2025- Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

ADJOURNMENT...... Mr. Anderson, Chair