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## AGENDA

Regularly Scheduled Meeting  
Thursday, February 20, 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**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS..... Mr. Anderson,  
Chair**

**ROLL CALL..... Mr. Anderson, Chair**

**BUSINESS..... Mr. Anderson, Chair**

**A. MINUTES**

- 1. The draft Minutes of *January 16, 2025, Regularly* Scheduled Commission Meeting will be considered for approval.

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

**B. REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. JOHN CHANCEY**

Dr. Chancey will present an informational report regarding the agency with a possible review by OMES Share Services for finance and budgeting.

**C. SELECTION OF REMINGTON PARK CHIEF STEWARD BY THE COMMISSION (STATUTE 3A O.S. §203.4)**

Dr. Chancey will present his recommendation for Chief Steward. The Commission will consider the selection of Chief Steward at Remington Park.

**Possible Action:**

Possible action may include but is not limited to: take no action, select a Chief Steward, or continue the matter.

**D. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OKLAHOMA-BRED ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Commission will consider the recommendations of the Oklahoma-Bred Advisory Council as follows:

The Oklahoma-Bred Advisory Council met on December 2, 2024, and forwarded the following recommendations for the Commission’s approval:

1. The Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association (OQHRA) requested Oklahoma-Bred funding for stakes races in CY-2025 at each racetrack based on projections and subject to fund availability.
  - \$1,019,00 for Stakes Races, Futurity and Derby Trials/Finals at Remington Park
  - \$37,800 for Stakes Races at Fair Meadows
  - \$124,000 for Stakes Races, Futurity and Derby Trials/Finals at Will Rogers Downs
  
2. The Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma (TRAO) requested Oklahoma-Bred funding for stakes races in CY-2025 at each racetrack based on projections and subject to fund availability.
  - \$605,600 for Stakes Races at Remington Park
  - \$20,000 for Stakes Races at Fair Meadows
  - \$140,000 for Stakes Races at Will Rogers Downs

**Possible Action:**

Possible action may include but is not limited to: take no action, approve the recommendations as presented, approve the recommendations as modified, deny the recommendations, or continue the matter.

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

The Commission will consider whether to support the Racehorse Health and Safety Act.

**Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: take no action, support the Act, deny support for the Act or continue the matter.

**F. PETITION FOR APPEAL FILED ON BEHALF OF GARY WALKER (OWNER/TRAINER)**

At the January 16, 2025, meeting, the Commission took no action regarding Stewards Order 24-RP-137. The Commission directed the legal advisor from the Attorney General to draft a Final Order for consideration at the February 20, 2025, Commission meeting.

**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.

1. 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, adopt the Final Order as proposed, adopt the Final Order as modified, or continue the matter.

**G. THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT REMINGTON PARK REFERS THE SUBSTANCE VIOLATION MATTER AGAINST LUCIO ESPIRITU TO THE COMMISSION AND REQUESTS THE APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING OFFICER UNDER THE RULES OF RACING 325:70-1-25.**

The Commission will consider engaging a hearing officer to try this matter and issue a proposed ruling in accordance with the Rules of Racing.

**Possible Action:**

Possible action may include but is not limited to: taking no action, direct a hearing officer to try the matter and prepare a proposed order, the Commission hear the matter, or continue the matter.

**H. TRAINER CHAD LYNCH AND THE COMMISSION’S GENERAL COUNSEL HAVE REACH A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CONSENT DECREE IN OHRC v. EDDIE D. WILLIS, COOPER D. WILLIS AND CHAD LYNCH CASE NO. 2024-OHRC-014.**

The Commission will consider whether to approve the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree.

**Possible Action:**

Possible action may include but is not limited to: take no action, approve the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree, modify the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree and approve as modified, disapprove the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree, or continue the matter.

**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**

**02/22/2025-** OQHRA Awards Banquet & Hall of Fame at the Grand Casino, Shawnee Oklahoma

**03/06/2025-** Agenda Topic Submission Deadline for March 20, 2025 Meeting

**03/20/2025-** Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

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