

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Commissioners answering roll call were Commissioner Murray, Commissioner Brookover, Commissioner Burget, Commissioner Von Hemel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Pilcher, Secretary Sanders, Vice Chairman Keener and Chairman Lucas

A. MINUTES

The Minutes from the **January 19, 2023**, meeting were considered for approval. Commissioner Pilcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2023, meeting. Vice Chairman Keener seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

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

B. CONTINUED DELIBERATIONS FOR GARY WALKER REGARDING HIS APPEAL OF STEWARDS ORDER 22-WRD-072

Background

The OHRC received a petition for appeal on November 30,2022, for OHRC Licensee Gary Walker on behalf of himself for order 22-WRD-072 issued by the board of Stewards at Will Rogers Downs, dated November 21,2022. At the January 19, 2023, meeting the Commission voted to overrule the Stewards Order.

Vice Chairman Keener made a motion to go into Executive Session with legal counsel for deliberation on Item B at 9:32 a. m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pilcher.

Motion passed 9-0-0

At 9:37 a.m. a motion was made to reconvene regular session by Commissioner Anderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brookover. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

Vice Chairman Keener made a motion to adopt Order 2023-OHRC-0005 with changes made in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Von Hemel. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

C. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In light of the Executive Director's resignation, it is necessary that an Interim Executive Director be appointed to act until such time as the Commission can appoint a permanent Executive Director. Proposed for the Commission's consideration is appointment of an Interim Executive Director.

Dr. John Chancey was considered for the interim Executive Director role. Vice Chairman Keener made a motion to affirm the consideration of Interim Executive Director, Dr. John Chancey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 9-0-0

D. COMMENTS TO COMMISSION BY WILLIAM E SMITH AND CAROL S. SMITH RELATING TO THEIR REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION REGARDING A HARDSHIP REQUEST FOR THE OKLAHOMA BRED REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF RECIPIENT MARES AND RESULTING FOALS BORN IN 2022

Carol Smith presented comments to the Commission. Mrs. Smith asked the Commission for a hardship for her recipient broodmares. Stating the recipient mare form and its deadline placed an undue burden on the horseman. Discussion was had on the matter with attendees of the Commission meeting.

Vice Chairman Keener made a motion to issue a directive pertaining to Rules of Racing Chapter (75) 325:75-1-19, to temporarily suspend enforcement of a portion of this rule immediately as it pertains to Recipient Mares registration in the Oklahoma Bred program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 8-1-0

E. ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORSEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA 24 O.S. § 311 (A)(10)

F. REPORT

HISA/HIWU update- there was no new update on the subject

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

03/02/2023 – Agenda Topic Submission Deadline for March 16, 2023, Meeting

03/16/2023 – Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

03/09/2023—Opening Day at Remington Park for Quarter Horses, Paints and Appaloosas

03/06/2023- Opening Day at Will Rogers Downs for Thoroughbreds

ADJOURNMENT..... CHAIRMAN LUCAS

Chairman Lucas adjourned the meeting at 10:29a.m.

Approved this 16th day of March ,2023



Chairman Joe Lucas

On the behalf of the Commission:

ATTEST:



Dr. John Chancey, Interim Executive Director

JC/nsc/3/16/2023

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 January 13th, 2023; 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 January 27th, 2023. The announcement of the CY 2023 Commission meetings was posted on the OHRC website on September 7, 2022. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the OHRC Website, www.ohrc.ok.gov, on January 27th, 2023.