

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Commissioners answering roll call were, Commissioner Burget, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Craig, Commissioner Murray, Vice Chairman Pilcher, and Chairman Sanders. Commissioner(s) absent were Commissioner Brookover and Secretary Anderson.

A. MINUTES

The Minutes from the **June 20, 2024**, meeting were considered.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved, and Commissioner Burget seconded to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024, meeting. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 7-0-0

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

B. MR. WILEY HARTWELL PRESENTATION ON RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING GUIDELINES

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item B, after which, Mr. Wiley Hartwell presented to the Commission his report on Responsible Gambling Guideline inspections from the tracks.

No action was taken.

C. REMINGTON PARK IS REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR FOUR BUILDING, REPAIR, AND/OR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item C, after which, Matt Vance with Remington Park and Mr. Stonecipher with Global Gaming Solutions presented to the Commission requesting approval to repair and replace the air conditioning systems in the twenty-one dorms on the backside, to complete a lobby and restroom renovation of the 1st Floor, repair the bank erosion on the Deep Fork River along the north side of Remington Park, and designation with fencing for an employee parking area.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved and Commissioner Carter seconded to approve all the projects listed. The vote was as follows.

Motion passed 7-0-0

D. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF CY 2025 RACING AND GAMING APPLICATIONS

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item D. The Commission received renewal applications for racing licenses and accompanying gaming licenses from Remington Park and Will Rogers Downs to conduct racing and gaming activities in CY 2025. The Commission also received renewal applications from Fair Meadows Tulsa for a Racing and a Recipient Racetrack Gaming License.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved and Commissioner Craig seconded to approve the CY 2025 Racetrack Organizational and Gaming licenses for Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs, and Fair Meadows Tulsa. The vote was as follows.

Motion passed 6-0-1

E. PROPOSED OPENINGS OF THE PERMANENT RULEMAKING PROCESS TO CONSIDER RULE AMENDMENTS FOR THE OHRC RULES OF RACING AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chairman Sanders announced Item E, after which, Executive Director Dr. John Chancey spoke to the Commission and proposed opening the permanent rulemaking process to consider amendments in the *Rules of Racing*. Dr. Chancey's request is to open chapters 1, 15, 25, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, and 90 in the Rules of Racing.

Commissioner McNally moved and Vice Chairman Pilcher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 7-0-0

F. CY 2025 COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Chairman Sanders announced Item F. Commission Staff recommends that the Commission consider scheduling eight (8) monthly meetings in CY 2025 for the months of January, February, March, May, June, August, October, and November.

The proposed CY 2025 meeting dates will include January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, May 15th, June 19th, August 21st, October 16th, and November 20th.

Commissioner Burget moved, and Commissioner Murray seconded to approve the calendar. The vote was as follows:

Motion denied 7-0-0

G. NOTICE OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Sanders announced Item G. He advised each commissioner has received in the notice their “ad hoc committee assignments.” If anyone “has an issue check with Dr. Chancey or I.”

No action was taken.

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), TO DISCUSS THE “THE EMPLOYMENT, HIRING, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINING OR RESIGNATION” OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Chairman Sanders announced Item H. He advised “the investigation continues and is not complete.”

No action was taken.

I. **ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORSEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDS 25O.S. § 311 (A)(10)**

J. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

08/16/2024- 1st day of live racing at Remington Park

08/25/2024- Permanent Rules for 2024 are effective.

09/02/2024- Labor Day Holiday

09/09/2024- 1st day of live racing at Will Rogers Downs

****There is no September 2024 Regularly Scheduled Meeting****

10/03/2024- Agenda Topic deadline for the October Commission Meeting

10/17/2024- Regularly scheduled Commission Meeting

K. **ADJOURNMENT..... Chairman Sanders**

Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Approved this 17th day of October 2024.



Vice-Chair Pilcher

On the behalf of the Commission:

ATTEST:



Dr. John Chancey, Executive Director & Director of Equine Welfare

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 September 22, 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 August 9, 2024. The announcement of the CY 2024 Commission meetings was posted on the OHRC website on September 7, 2023. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the OHRC Website, www.ohrc.ok.gov, on August 9, 2024.