

**OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION**  
**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 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 Brookover, Commissioner Burget, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Craig, Commissioner Murray, Secretary Anderson, Vice Chairman Pilcher, and Chairman Sanders. No Commissioner(s) were absent.

**A. MINUTES**

The Minutes from the **March 21, 2024**, meeting were considered.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved, and Secretary Anderson seconded to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2024, meeting. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 8-0-0

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

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION**

Chairman Sanders explained Item B, after which, Attorney General Gentner Drummond presented to the Commission recommending rejecting the Governor's "Resolution 2023-XX", regarding the model gaming compact.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved, and Commissioner Carter seconded to reject the motion based on the recommendation of the Attorney General, Gentner Drummond. The vote was as follows:

Motion rejected 7-0-1

**C. PROPOSED FY-2025 AGENCY BUDGET**

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item C. The Ad HOC Budget Committee and stake holders have reviewed the FY-2025 budget as presented.

Secretary Anderson moved and Vice Chairman Pilcher seconded to approve the proposed agency FY- 2025 budget. The vote was as follows.

Motion passed 7-0-1

**D. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO PRESENT A PROPOSED SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR FY-2025.**

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item D.

Commissioner Brookover moved, and Commissioner Craig seconded to approve the keeping the current officers in place. The vote was as follows.

Motion passed 8-0-0

**E. DIRECTIVE MODIFYING THE INTERFERENCE AND PLACEMENT RULE AT OAC 325:60-1-20 (2024-D-6)**

Chairman Sanders announced Item E, after which, Executive Director Dr. John Chancey spoke to the Commission and answered questions about the need for a directive regarding changes made to OAC:325:60-1-20.

Commissioner Carter moved and Secretary Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 8-0-0

**F. CONTINUED DELIBERATIONS ON MANUEL MATA'S PETITION FOR ENDING SUSPENSION EARLY, OTHER POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR RECONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION ORDER 2017-OHRC-003**

Chairman Sanders announced Item F. The Appellant, Mr. Manuel Manta was represented by legal counsel, Norm Hollinsworth who was not present. The Appellee, the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, was represented by General Counsel, Richard Herren, who was present.

Secretary Anderson moved to go into Executive Session with Commission Legal Advisor, Ms. Niki Batt, without Executive Director Dr. John Chancey and without Commission Carter. Commissioner Brookover seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 7-0-1

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission entered Executive Session at 9:42 am.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved to reconvene Open Session. Secretary Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 8-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission returned to Open Session at 9:55 am.

Commissioner Burget moved, and Commissioner Craig seconded to deny the petition to end the suspension early. The vote was as follows:

Motion denied 7-0-1

**G. 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 G.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved to go into Executive Session with Commission Legal Advisor, Ms. Niki Batt, and without Executive Director Dr. John Chancey. Secretary Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 8-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission entered Executive Session at 9:57 am.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved to reconvene Open Session. Commissioner Craig seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 8-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission returned to Open Session at 11:07 am.

No action was taken.

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

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**05/27/2024-** Memorial Day Holiday

**06/01/2024-** Last day of Live Racing at Remington Park

**06/01/2024-** Track CY 2025 License Renewals are Due to OHRC

**06/05/2024-** First day of Live Racing at Fair Meadows Tulsa

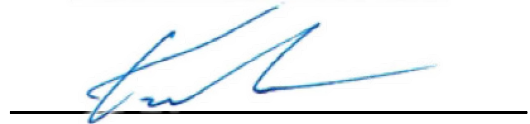
**06/06/2024-** Agenda Topic Submission Deadline for June 20, 2024 Meeting

**06/20/2024-** Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

**J. ADJOURNMENT..... Chairman Sanders**

Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



Chairman Sanders

On the behalf of the Commission:

ATTEST:



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

JC/wu/06/20/2024

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 June 14, 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](http://www.ohrc.ok.gov), on June 14, 2024.