

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

Roll Call

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

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

- A. 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, AND 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4), CONSISTENT WITH 2005 OK AG 29 ¶ 13, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BOARD AND LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING A PENDING INVESTIGATION WHERE COUNSEL HAS DETERMINED THAT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE MATTER “WILL SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF THE [COMMISSION] TO PROCESS THE CLAIM OR CONDUCT A PENDING INVESTIGATION, LITIGATION, OR PROCEEDING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST”.**

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item A. .

Secretary Anderson moved to go into Executive Session with Commission Legal Counsel, Ms. Niki Batt, and Gary Henry, with the option to include Executive Director Dr. John Chancey. Commissioner Brookover seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 8-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission entered Executive Session at 10:31 am.

During the Executive Session Commissioner Burget joined the Session, Chairman Sanders and Secretary Anderson exited the Session. Chairman Sanders was ill, and Secretary Anderson had a prior commitment. After leaving neither further participated in the Executive Session of meeting. Executive Director John Chancey participated in the Executive Session for approximately fifteen minutes towards the end of the Session.

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

Motion passed 7-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission returned to Open Session at 3:44 pm.

Commissioner Craig moved to develop a personal review committee made of four commissioners to meet directly with Executive Director, Dr. John Chancey and to authorize Vice Chairman Pilcher to assign the members. Commissioner Burget seconded to motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 7-0-0

ADJOURNMENT..... Mr. Sanders, Chair

Vice Chairman Pilcher adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of January 2025.



Chairman Anderson

On the behalf of the Commission:

ATTEST:



Richard D. Herren, General Counsel

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 November 19, 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 November 19, 2024.