

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 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 Craig, Commissioner Carter, Secretary Anderson, Vice Chairman Pilcher, and Chairman Sanders. Commissioner(s) absent were Commissioner Murray, and Commissioner Brookover.

A. MINUTES

The Minutes from the **February 15, 2024**, meeting were considered.

Vice Chairman Pilcher moved and Secretary Anderson seconded to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 5-0-1

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. The resolution is with the Oklahoma Attorney General's office for advice and counsel.

No Action was taken.

C. REMINGTON PARK IS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A CASINO LOBBY AND RESTROOM RENOVATION

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item C. Architect Tony Blatt with ADG Blatt and Executive Vice President of Racing at Remington Park, Matt Vance, presented to the Commission requesting approval to complete a lobby and restroom renovation of the 1st Floor.

The item was continued to the May 16, 2024 meeting.

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

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item D. The Appellant, Mr. Manuel Manta was represented by legal counsel, Norm Hollinsworth who presented. The Appellee, the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, was represented by General Counsel, Richard Herren, who presented.

Secretary Anderson moved to go into Executive Session with Commission Legal Advisor, Ms. Balzer, and Executive Director Dr. John Chancey. The motion was immediately amended to exclude Commissioner Carter. Commissioner Craig seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 5-0-1

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission entered Executive Session at 9:44 am.

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

Motion passed 6-0-0

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission returned to Open Session at 9:56 am.

Commissioner Burget moved and Secretary Anderson seconded to move agenda item D to the May Commission meeting. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 5-0-1

E. THE OKLAHOMA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION, WILL ROGERS DOWNS, AND TRAINER SAMMY MENDOZA SEEK A DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING THE 2023 BLACK GOLD FUTUITY AND BV MISS MONA SATISFING THE ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS.

Chairman Sanders announced consideration of Item E. General Counsel, Richard Herren spoke to the Commission about the need for a hearing officer. Mr. Herren stated that all parties are in agreement of a hearing officer and recommended the appointment of Mr. Geoffrey Long to be that person. Mr. Long will provide a proposed ruling and a basis for the ruling to the Commission.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the recommendation of Mr. Geoffrey Long as the hearing officer, and Secretary Anderson seconded. The vote was as follows:

Motion passed 6-0-0

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

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

05/01/2024- Oklahoma-Bred Advisory Council Meeting

05/02/2024- Agenda Topic Submission Deadline for May 16, 2024 Meeting

05/16/2024- Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

H. ADJOURNMENT..... Chairman Sanders

Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Approved this 16th day of May 2024.



Chairman Sanders

On the behalf of the Commission:

ATTEST:



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

JC/wu/03/21/2024

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 March 15, 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 March 15, 2024.