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Executive Branch
Governor Mary Fallin

Constitution, Article 6 § 1

In 2010 Mary Copeland Fallin was elected the first woman governor of Oklahoma. She was reelected in 2014 to her second term by a fifteen point margin, carrying seventy-one out of seventy-seven counties. Since she took office in 2011, Oklahoma has consistently ranked among the top states for job creation. Prior to serving as governor, Fallin represented the people of Oklahoma in a number of state and federal positions. She served two terms as a state representative before becoming Oklahoma’s first Republican and first woman lieutenant governor in 1995. After serving as lieutenant governor for twelve years, Fallin served two terms in the United States House of Representatives from 2007 to 2011.

At the governor’s direction, the state has increased funding for K-12 education by over $154 million, putting more money into the classroom and helping to boost student performance.

As the former chair of the National Governors Association, Fallin led the nationwide initiative “America Works: Education and Training for Tomorrow’s Jobs,” seeking to better align education with twenty-first century workforce needs.

Fallin is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. She is married to Wade Christensen, Oklahoma’s first “First Gentleman.” The couple has six children between them.

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Constitution, Article 6 § 1

Todd Lamb, Republican, Oklahoma elected Lamb as lieutenant governor on November 2, 2010. After a term in which he successfully advocated for workers’ compensation reform, higher pay for Oklahoma’s troopers, and growing Oklahoma’s oil and gas industry, Lamb was reelected in 2014, winning in each of Oklahoma’s seventy-seven counties.

Lamb continues to focus on being the voice of Oklahomans in the capitol. Every year he visits each of Oklahoma’s seventy-seven counties. He continues to champion small business and is currently pushing for reforms to the state’s unemployment compensation system as well as other regulatory reforms to help entrepreneurs prosper.

An Enid native, Lamb played football at Louisiana Tech University, then returned to Oklahoma earning a bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University, and his law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law.

At the start of his career, Lamb worked for then gubernatorial candidate Frank Keating, and then served in the Keating administration until 1998, when Lamb became special agent with the United States Secret Service. During his U.S. Secret Service tenure, he investigated and made numerous arrests in the areas of counterfeiting, bank fraud, threats against the president, and identity theft. His duties included domestic and international protection assignments during the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations. In early 2001, he was appointed to the national Joint Terrorism Task Force, and after the terrorists’ attacks, he was assigned to portions of the 9–11 investigation.

In 2004 Lamb was elected to serve in the Oklahoma State Senate. Lamb was reelected in 2008, and in 2009 he became the first Republican majority floor leader in state history. Lamb has worked in the private sector as a landman in Oklahoma’s energy industry, and was general counsel for an energy and wireless company in Edmond, Oklahoma. He has been consistently recognized as a leader. He was elected chair of the National Lieutenant Governors Association and the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association. Lamb and his wife, Monica, have been married twenty-three years and have two children, Griffin and Lauren. They are active members of Quail Springs Baptist Church, where Lamb serves as a church deacon.

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Mike Hunter was appointed Oklahoma Attorney General by Governor Mary Fallin on February 20, 2017, to succeed Scott Pruitt. Hunter previously served as secretary of state and special legal counsel to Governor Mary Fallin from October 2016 until his appointment as attorney general.

Hunter served as first assistant attorney general from June 2015 to October 2016, where he was the chief legal advisor to Attorney General Scott Pruitt and oversaw a staff of over 200 lawyers, law enforcement agents and support staff. From 2010 to 2015, Hunter was the chief operating officer of the American Bankers Association (ABA), which represents banks of all sizes and charters and is the champion for the nation’s $13 trillion banking industry and its 2 million employees. He managed government relations, regulatory, legal, and communications activities for the ABA.

Prior to joining ABA, Hunter was secretary of the Commissioners of the Land Office, a $4 billion public land and investment trust in Oklahoma. From 2002 through 2009, Hunter was executive vice president and chief operating officer of the American Council of Life Insurers, the advocacy, legal and research arm of the life insurance industry. From 1999 to 2002, Hunter served as Oklahoma’s secretary of state under Governor Frank Keating also acting as the governor’s chief liaison to the Oklahoma Legislature, the state judiciary and the state’s federal delegation.

Hunter served as chief of staff to former U.S. Representative J. C. Watts Jr., of Oklahoma, from 1995 to 1999. His position involved the management of the congressman’s office in Washington, D.C., and district offices in Oklahoma. He also served as legal counsel to Watts in his work on the National Security Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in Congress. In 1993 and 1994, Hunter served as general counsel of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the state regulatory authority for public utilities, oil and gas, transportation and pipelines. He has also taught political science as an adjunct professor at the University of Central Oklahoma and at the University of Oklahoma. While in private practice as an energy and real estate lawyer, Hunter served as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for six years. In 1988, he was one of eight lawmakers recognized by The Daily Oklahoman as “Oklahoma’s Best Legislators.”

Hunter received his law degree from the University of Oklahoma and his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University. He is married to Cheryl Plaxico Hunter, and they have two sons, Barrett and Brock.
Gary Jones, Republican, has spent much of his adult life seeking to expand the accountability of elected officials and to improve the delivery of government services. As a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner, Jones understands the important contributions the state auditor can make in identifying inefficiencies in government entities and in offering recommendations and solutions to provide a better product for taxpayers.

Jones’s strong personal belief in the importance of public service led him to run for Comanche County Commissioner in 1994. Jones graduated from Lawton Eisenhower High School in 1972, and earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting from Cameron University in 1978.

Along with Mary Jane, his wife of more than forty years, Jones values Oklahoma’s rugged, rural heritage. They live on their farm southwest of Cache, where they raised two children, and built their cow-calf operation for over thirty years. Mary Jane retired in 2011 after a thirty-six year career teaching kindergarten.

Daughter Kelly is married with three children and is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Chattanooga Elementary School. Son Chris manages the family farm and is employed at the Comanche County Juvenile Detention Center. When it comes to getting the most out of life, Jones holds close the three traditional virtues of God, country, and family. These values have defined his life as they have molded his character.

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Salary—$114,713 annually
Personnel—120 non-merit, unclassified
Ken Miller, Republican, is the eighteenth state treasurer of Oklahoma. Miller was first elected to a four-year term in 2010 and was unopposed for re-election in 2014. As the state’s top elected financial officer, Miller protects and manages more than $32 billion of taxpayer money, safeguards the financial health of the state, promotes responsible fiscal policy, and operates the state’s unclaimed property program. Miller chairs the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Board of Trustees, the State Pension Oversight Commission, and the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund Board of Investors. He is a member of the State Board of Equalization, the Teachers Retirement System Board of Trustees, the Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees, and the Council on Bond Oversight.

During 2017, Miller served as president of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), composed of all state treasurers and state finance officials with comparable responsibilities from the United States, its commonwealths, territories, and the District of Columbia. NAST provides advocacy and support to enable member states to administer sound financial policies and programs.

Miller earned his PhD from the University of Oklahoma, a MBA from Pepperdine University and a bachelor’s degree in economics and finance from Lipscomb University.

As state treasurer, Miller has built upon his reputation as a reformer and common-sense fiscal conservative by reducing waste and inefficiency, doubling the amount of unclaimed property returned each year through use of a groundbreaking incentive pay program, eliminating leased office space and consolidating the agency into one location in the State Capitol Building, and cutting the agency’s operating budget and staff while increasing service delivery and output. Miller’s fiscal policy experience in both the executive and legislative branches, combined with his credentials in economics and finance, led him to become an influential voice on major initiatives in areas of taxation, budget, and incentives.

Miller served six years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where he led efforts to modernize state government and enhance transparency and accountability. During his last three years in the House, he served as chair of the Appropriations and Budget Committee, where he guided Oklahoma through the largest spending cuts in state history while maintaining the delivery of core government services.

Key Personnel—Susan Nicewander, Chief Deputy Treasurer; Tim Allen, Deputy Treasurer for Communications and Program Administration; Andrew Messer, Deputy Treasurer for Policy and Debt Management and State Bond Advisor; Craig Sanger, Compliance Officer/Internal Auditor; Lisa Murray, Chief Investment Officer; Charles Hover, Portfolio Accounting and Reporting Director; Kathy Janes, Unclaimed Property Director; and Kiran Nallayahgari, Banking Services Director.

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Salary—$114,713 annually

Personnel—43 unclassified
John Doak, Republican, was sworn in as the twelfth insurance commissioner of Oklahoma on January 10, 2011. He was sworn into office for a second term on January 12, 2015, after receiving 77 percent of the vote.

Doak graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. Shortly after graduation, he opened a successful insurance business in Tulsa. As his career thrived, Doak worked in numerous roles within the insurance industry. He served as an executive for several risk and insurance service companies including Marsh, Aon, HNI, and Ascension.

Under Doak’s leadership, each year the Oklahoma Insurance Department has operated under budget. In the last six years, the department has returned a total of $34.5 million in unspent funds to the state treasury, and has generated more than $1.7 billion in revenue for the state. As an active member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Doak is the chair of the Property and Casualty Insurance Committee, and a member of the International Insurance Relations Committee. He also serves as the vice chair of the Midwest Zone of the NAIC and shapes important national insurance policy issues as a member of the Government Relations Leadership Council as well as international issues as a member of the International Insurance Relations Leadership Group. Doak also addresses NAIC anti-fraud initiatives as the chair of the Anti-Fraud Task Force, and important issues as the vice chair of the Surplus Lines Task Force. He also represents the NAIC with the international Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

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Qualifications for Office—The Oklahoma State Code specifies that the commissioner shall be at least twenty-five years of age and a resident of the State of Oklahoma for at least five years, and have had at least five years experience in the insurance industry in administration, sales, servicing or regulation. The commissioner shall not be financially interested directly or indirectly, in any insurer, agency or insurance transaction except as a policy holder or claimant under a policy. 36 O.S. Section 302

Personnel—120 non-merit, unclassified

Salary—$126,713 annually
Melissa McLawhorn Houston serves the State of Oklahoma as commissioner of labor. Governor Mary Fallin appointed her to the office on November 20, 2015. In addition, Fallin appointed her Secretary of Education and Workforce Development on June 6, 2018.

Houston is an experienced administrator with extensive knowledge of state government. Her career accomplishments include chief of staff for the Oklahoma Attorney General, 2012–2015; chief of staff for the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, 2002–2011; deputy director for the Oklahoma Sheriffs Association; and an attorney for the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission. As a survivor of the Oklahoma City Murrah bombing, she is a frequent speaker on the impact of terrorism. Houston has extensive experience in state agency operational management, legislative process, and budgeting. She has overseen and directed administrative operations of $30 million in the attorney general’s office, and she oversaw and managed more than $170 million in federal programming and funds while chief of staff at the Office of Homeland Security.

Houston earned a bachelor’s degree in Letters in 1991 from the University of Oklahoma, and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from the University of Oklahoma School of Law. She is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma, Leadership Norman, and served as commissioner on the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. She and her husband, Ben Houston, who also is an attorney, live in Norman with their two young sons.

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Qualifications For Office—There are no constitutional or statutory requirements.

Salary—$105,053 annually
Personnel—46 classified, 26 unclassified
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Constitution, Article 6 § 1

Joy Hofmeister, Republican. On January 12, 2015, Joy Hofmeister of Tulsa was sworn in as Oklahoma’s fourteenth state superintendent of public instruction. During her time in office, she has led efforts to improve public education in Oklahoma, including repealing ineffective state exams, strengthening the state’s accountability system, ensuring every high school junior in the state can take the ACT or SAT in school at no cost to families or the district and effecting a culture change to lift outcomes for all students.

Under her leadership, Oklahoma has made tremendous strides forward: strengthening academic standards and testing, bolstering student safety, improving teacher evaluation and combating a teacher shortage. Hofmeister has long fought for a teacher pay increase; last spring, a state law she championed successfully saw regionally competitive compensation for teachers. Hofmeister serves on dozens of commissions and state boards, chairs the State Board of Education and State Board of Career and Technology Education, is a regent for the Regional University of Oklahoma (RUSO), and serves the Board of Equalization, Commission of the Land Office, the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, and the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority.

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Salary—$124,373 annually
Personnel—287 unclassified
Corporation Commission
Constitution, Article 9 § 15

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Bob Anthony, Republican, is currently the longest serving utility commissioner in the United States and has served six times as chairman of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. He is a member of the board of directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and past chairman of the National Regulatory Research Institute. The United States Secretary of Energy has appointed Anthony to a fifth term on the National Petroleum Council. He currently serves on the Public Interest Advisory Committee of the Gas Technology Institute. He is past president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, a member and past president of the Economic Club of Oklahoma, and for eight years served as a delegate to the worldwide General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Anthony holds a BS from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania; a Master of Science from the London School of Economics; a Master of Arts from Yale University; and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University. He rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. In 1972 he served as staff economist for the United States House of Representatives Interior and Insular Affairs Committee (now called the Natural Resources Committee). From 1979 to 1980 Anthony served on the Oklahoma City Council as Ward 2 Councilman and then as vice mayor. In 1980, at age thirty-two, Anthony became president of C.R. Anthony Company retail stores, then the largest privately-owned firm headquartered in Oklahoma. During his seven-year term as president, annual sales for the retail chain increased from $256 to $411 million, with payroll, employment, and dollar profits reaching all-time record levels. In 1988 he was chairman of the Trust Committee of Oklahoma’s largest bank trust department.

In 1995 the Federal Bureau of Investigation honored Anthony with its highest award given to a citizen who “at great personal sacrifice, has unselfishly served his community and the nation.” Among other recognitions, the American Association of Retired Persons of Oklahoma presented Anthony with an award “in appreciation of his tireless efforts on behalf of Oklahoma consumers.” Anthony has served as a statewide elected official longer than any current Oklahoma office holder, winning his fifth consecutive six-year term on the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in 2012, winning all seventy-seven counties. He initially ran for the Corporation Commission in 1988, becoming the first Republican elected to that body in sixty years and receiving more votes than any Republican since statehood. In 1994 Anthony became the first Republican incumbent in Oklahoma history to win statewide reelection to a state office. In 2000 he was reelected, receiving more votes at that time than any candidate for state office in Oklahoma history.

All four of Anthony’s grandparents came to Oklahoma before statehood. His father was born in Cleveland, Oklahoma, and his mother grew up in Enid, Oklahoma. He and his wife, Nancy, were married in 1975. They are the parents of four daughters and have five grandchildren.

Todd Hiett, Republican, was elected to serve as Oklahoma’s newest corporation commissioner. Hiett, a graduate of Oklahoma State University, was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1994, at the age of twenty-seven. Hiett quickly ascended into leadership and was selected by his colleagues to serve as House minority leader in November 2002. Two years later, he led the state House Republicans to their first majority in eight decades and their largest victory in nearly a half-century. Marking a historic shift in power at the capitol, Hiett was chosen the first Republican
Speaker of the House in more than eight decades. During his first year as Speaker, Hiett oversaw a smooth transition as House Republicans ascended to power with a bold agenda. Hiett pushed through the largest tax cut in state history, the most significant right-to-life legislation in thirty years, an innovative highway-funding bill, and significant education reforms, collectively known as the ACE Initiative, which raised the bar for curriculum standards and graduation requirements in Oklahoma.

After a successful twelve years in the Oklahoma Legislature, Speaker Hiett has worked for the past eight years with various entities in manufacturing, navigation, and energy industries. In this role, he has enjoyed the opportunity to work with many pro-growth companies such as Webco Industries and Callidus Technologies to strengthen and expand their ability to provide jobs.

Hiett and his wife, Bridget, have three children, Jimmy, John, and Hillary. The Hiett family lives on a ranch, two miles south of Kellyville, that they continue to operate. Bridget teaches fourth grade at Kellyville Elementary; son Jimmy graduated from Oklahoma State University; son John is attending medical school at Texas A&M; and daughter Hillary is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University. The Hietts attend First Baptist Church of Kellyville.

Dana L. Murphy, Republican, was born in Woodward, Oklahoma, and is a fifth generation Oklahoman deeply committed to her home state. After attending Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, where she received the Best All-Around Freshman Athlete Award, she attended Oklahoma State University. She graduated in the top 10 percent in her class at OSU, and received a bachelor’s degree in geology. After practicing as a geologist for ten years, she obtained her law degree cum laude, while working and attending night school at Oklahoma City University.

On November 4, 2008, Murphy was first elected to the statewide office of Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner for a partial two-year term. She was re-elected to a full six-year terms on July 7, 2010, and July 13, 2016. Murphy served as chair of the commission, following election by her fellow commissioners, effective February 1, 2017. She previously served as chair from January 3, 2011, through July 31, 2012.

Murphy’s prior experience includes working for almost six years as an administrative law judge at the commission, where she was named Co-Employee of the Year in 1997, and received the Commissioners’ Public Servant Award in 2001. She has more than twenty-two years experience in the petroleum industry including owning and operating her own private law firm focused on oil and gas title, regulatory practice and transactional work, and working as a geologist.

Prior to joining the commission, Murphy was a member of the board of directors for Farmers Royalty Company. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where she serves on the Electricity Committee. Murphy is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council. Moreover, she is the Oklahoma member of the Regional State Committee of Southwest Power Pool, Inc., the Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute Advisory Board, the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board, and the Salvation Army’s Central Oklahoma Area Command Advisory Board. She is also a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Oklahoma City Geological Society, and the Oklahoma Women’s Coalition. She is a member of Energy Advocates, and in March 2007 was recognized as an outstanding woman in energy. In 2010 she was recognized for dedicated service by the National Association of Royalty Owners, and in 2011 received the Friends of Agriculture Cooperatives Award. Murphy is also a recipient of the University of Central Oklahoma Distinguished Alumni Award for 2012. She previously served as a care chaplain and currently serves as a trustee for the Church of the Servant United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Murphy, a part-time personal fitness trainer, lives in Edmond, but continues to be actively involved in her family’s farm and ranch in Ellis County, Oklahoma.
Governor Fallin’s Cabinet

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Secretary of State James A. Williamson holds Bachelor of Science in Education and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Tulsa. He has had numerous occupations, including teaching high school social studies for the Tulsa Public Schools. Williamson practiced law in Tulsa for over four decades. He is also a past president of the Tulsa Jaycees and launched and became president of the Oklahoma Hugh O’Brian Youth Foundation.

Williamson has a long history with the Oklahoma Legislature. He was a six-year member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives where he was elected Assistant House Republican Floor Leader. He was voted into the Oklahoma State Senate for twelve years, where he served as Senate Republican Floor Leader. Senator Williamson is an acknowledged advocate for economic development and Oklahoma families and was recognized as a national Pro-life Leader. He currently holds the title of Senator Emeritus, a title bestowed upon him at his retirement from the Oklahoma Senate. Following his elected service, Williamson served for three years as legal counsel and senior policy analyst for the Oklahoma Senate by appointment of President Pro Tem, Senator Brian Bingman. He also currently serves as a legal advisor to Governor Mary Fallin.

Williamson’s high ethical standards and his dedication to the State of Oklahoma earned him the honor of “One of Ten Outstanding Legislators in the Nation” awarded by President Ronald Reagan.

Williamson and his wife, Sandra, are active in ministry at Victory Christian Church in Tulsa and have been on multiple mission trips overseas. For forty-one years he practiced law in Tulsa, and during the last fifteen years focused on family law and estate planning. Williamson and his wife together have four adult children and six grandchildren.

The secretary of state is responsible for the following executive entities:

- Access to Justice Commission, Oklahoma
- Archives and Records Commission
- Attorney General
- Board of Registration for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors
- Board of Registration for Professional Responsibility Tribunal
- Board of Registration for Real Estate Appraiser Board
- Commission on Real Estate Commission, Oklahoma
- Commission on Real Estate Contract Form Committee, Oklahoma
- Council on Secretaries of State
- Commission on National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law
- Council on Native American Affairs, Secretary of
Secretary of Agriculture
Jim Reese

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Jim Reese was appointed secretary of agriculture by Governor Mary Fallin and has been serving in that capacity since January 10, 2011. Reese was raised on a wheat and dairy farm in north central Oklahoma, where he continues to farm today. He attended Deer Creek-Lamont High School, Northern Oklahoma College, and Oklahoma State University and received a bachelor’s degree in engineering technology. In 1986 he was elected to the House of Representatives where he served for fifteen years. While serving in the Oklahoma Legislature he was selected by the George W. Bush administration to serve as state executive director of the Farm Service Agency for eight years. He was then chosen by House Speaker Chris Benge to serve as policy advisor to the Speaker of the House. Secretary Reese is a long time agricultural and rural advocate. He and his wife Margaret have four children.

The secretary of agriculture is responsible for the following executive entities and programs:

- Agriculture, State Board of
- Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Department of
- Apiary Act
- Boll Weevil Eradication Organization
- Commodity Commissions, Peanut, Oilseed, Sheep and Wool, Sorghum, and Wheat
- Conservation Commission, Oklahoma
- Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board
- Farm to School Program
- Farmers Market Program
- Horse Racing Commission, Oklahoma
- Industry Advisory Committee
- Made in Oklahoma Coalition
- Southern Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact and Advisory Committee
- Southern Dairy Compact
- Standards, Bureau of
- State Pollinator Plan
- Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Board of

Secretary of Commerce and Tourism
Deby Snodgrass

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Snodgrass serves as the Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Tourism in addition to her duties as executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Snodgrass previously served as secretary of tourism and executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation. During her four year tenure at the tourism department, the economic impact of the tourism industry in Oklahoma grew from $7.4 billion in 2010 to $8.9 billion in 2014, despite substantial cuts in the agency’s appropriated budget. In 2012, Snodgrass was awarded the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs Sheer Vision Award for her efforts to “right size” state government. In 2014, she received the Byliner Award for Public Service from the Association of Women in Communication.

As secretary of commerce and tourism, Snodgrass is responsible for thirty-two state agencies, boards, and commissions, in addition to her duties as executive director. She serves on the Oklahoma Industrial Finance Authority, Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Board, Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development, and the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority. Additionally, she has been appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to co-chair the Oklahoma F–35 Task Force, Oklahoma Standards Setting Steering Committee and the Oklahoma Compensation and Unclassified Positions Review Board. Snodgrass also serves as an ex-officio
board member of Allied Arts, State Chamber of Oklahoma Board of Directors, and the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority.

Prior to her public service, Snodgrass served as senior director of public affairs for Chesapeake Energy (NYSE CHK). In that role, she developed and executed strategic political and public policy initiatives, managed both state and federal political action committees, and monitored federal, state, and local issues. Previous to her tenure at CHK, she was a founding partner of the public policy and research firm, Cole, Hargrave, Snodgrass and Associates.

The secretary of commerce and tourism is responsible for the following executive entities:

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Secretary of Education and Workforce Environment
Melissa McLawhorn Houston

Melissa McLawhorn Houston was appointed by Governor Mary Fallin as secretary of Education and Workforce Development on June 6, 2018. Fallin also appointed her as commissioner of labor on November 20, 2015.

Houston is an experienced administrator with extensive knowledge of state government. Her career accomplishments include chief of staff for the Oklahoma Attorney General, 2012–2015; chief of staff for the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, 2002–2011; deputy director for the Oklahoma Sheriffs Association; and an attorney...
for the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission. As a survivor of the Oklahoma City Murrah bombing, she is a frequent speaker on the impact of terrorism. Houston has extensive experience in state agency operational management, legislative process, and budgeting. She has overseen and directed administrative operations of $30 million in the attorney general's office, and she oversaw and managed more than $170 million in federal programming and funds while chief of staff at the Office of Homeland Security.

Houston earned a bachelor’s degree in Letters in 1991 from the University of Oklahoma, and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from the University of Oklahoma School of Law. She is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma, Leadership Norman, and served as commissioner on the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. She and her husband, Ben Houston, who also is an attorney, live in Norman with their two young sons.

The secretary of education and workforce development is responsible for the following executive entities:

- Accrediting Agency, State
- Anatomical Board, State
- Career and Technology Education, State Board of
- College and University Board of Regents or Trustees
- Dyslexia Teacher Training Pilot Program Advisory Committee
- Education Commission of the States
- Education Quality and Accountability, Office of, and Commission for Education Quality and Accountability
- Education, State Board of, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Department of Education
- Educational Television Authority (OETA)
- Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development
- Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Division of the Oklahoma Career and Technology Education Advisory Committee
- Partnership in School Readiness Board, Oklahoma
- Physician Manpower Training Commission
- Private Vocational Schools Board
- School and County Funds Management Commission
- School of Science and Mathematics, and Oklahoma Board of Trustees of Student Loan Authority
- Student Tracking and Reporting Coordinating Committee (STAR)
- Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Commission
- Textbook Committee, State
- Virtual Charter School Board, Statewide

Secretary of Energy and Environment

Michael Teague

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Michael Teague serves as Oklahoma’s first secretary of energy and environment. Appointed in 2013, he is responsible for coordinating over thirty state agencies, boards, compacts, and commissions in advancing policies that encourage energy production and environmental stewardship throughout Oklahoma.

Prior to his appointment, Teague served in the U.S. Army for nearly thirty years before retiring with the rank of colonel. As the commander for the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he managed a civil works program encompassing all of Oklahoma, a large portion of southern Kansas and the panhandle of northern Texas. He oversaw over 700 employees in engineering, construction, and operations, as well as an annual budget of $700 million.

Throughout his career, Teague has dealt with construction, power generation and distribution, water supply and flood control, and environmental impact studies. He has facilitated and negotiated numerous solutions regarding federal and state agencies, tribes, and local stakeholders.

Teague received a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Norwich University. He also received master’s degrees in operations analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School, and in national security and
Strategic studies from the Naval War College.

The secretary of energy and environment is responsible for the following executive entities:

- Arkansas River Basin Compact Commission, Arkansas-Oklahoma
- Arkansas River Basin Compact Commission, Kansas-Oklahoma
- Canadian River Commission
- Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact and Commission
- Climatological Survey
- Corporation Commission
- Energy Resources Board, Oklahoma
- Energy Initiative and Energy Initiative Board, Oklahoma
- Environmental Quality Board and Air Quality Advisory Council, Hazardous Materials
- Emergency Response Commission, Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council,
  Radiation Management Advisory Council,
  Solid Waste Management Advisory Council,
  Water Quality Management Advisory Council,
  and Department of Environmental Quality
- Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) and GRDA Board of Directors
- Geological Survey
- Interstate Oil Compact Commission
- Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Board, Oklahoma
- LPG Research, Marketing, and Safety Commission, Oklahoma
- Mining Commission, Interstate,
  Mining Commission, Oklahoma, and Department of Mines
- Miner Training Institute, Oklahoma
- Municipal Power Authority Board, Oklahoma
- Oil and Gas Compact Commission, Interstate
- Red River Compact and Commission, Arkansas-
  Louisiana-Oklahoma-Texas
- Southern States Energy Compact and Southern States Energy Board
- Storage Tank Advisory Council
- Sustaining Oklahoma’s Energy Resources Committee
- Water for 2060 Advisory Council
- Water Resources Board, Oklahoma
- Well Drillers and Pump Installers Advisory Council
- Wildlife Conservation Commission and Wildlife Conservation Department

Secretary of Finance, Administration,
and Information Technology

Clark Jolley

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Governor Mary Fallin appointed Clark Jolley to serve as secretary of finance, administration, and information technology on March 1, 2018.

The secretary of finance, administration, and information technology is responsible for the following executive entities:

- Abstractors Board, Oklahoma
- Accountancy Board, Oklahoma
- Alternative Fuels Technician Examiners and Board, Oklahoma
- Auditor and Inspector, State
- Banking Board, State, and State Banking Department
- Bipartisan Legislative Apportionment Commission
- Bond Advisor, State
- Bond Oversight, Council of
- Building Bonds Commission
- Capital Investment Board, Oklahoma
- Capitol-Medical Center Improvement and Zoning Commission
- Capitol Preservation Commission, State
- Cash Management Oversight Committee
- Compensation and Unclassified Positions Review Board, Oklahoma
- Construction Industries Board
Secretary of Health and Human Services

Steve Buck

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Buck was appointed secretary of health and human services by Governor Mary Fallin on November 2, 2017. Buck serves as secretary of health and human services and as executive director of the Office of Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs (OJA).

Buck has served as OJA’s executive director since February 2016. As executive director, he is responsible for the overall management of the agency’s portfolio of operated and contracted programs and services. He works directly with the agency’s governing board to facilitate agency priorities, planning and operational performance.

He has spent most of his professional career working with mental health agencies and organizations. As secretary of health and human services, Buck is responsible for about 80 agencies, boards and commissions, including the Department of Human Services, the Oklahoma State Health Department, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Before joining OJA, Buck served nine years as deputy commissioner for communications and prevention at the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. He directed the agency’s prevention and provider certification initiatives.
Buck, a native Oklahoman, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University.

The secretary of health and human services is responsible for the following executive entities or their successors:

- Advancement of Wellness Advisory Council
- Agent Orange Outreach Committee
- Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Oklahoma Board of Licensed
- Alzheimer’s Research Advisory Council
- Athletic Commission, Oklahoma State
- Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee
- Behavioral Health Licensure, State Board of
- Blind Vendors, Committee of
- Catastrophic Health Emergency Planning Task Force, Oklahoma
- Cerebral Palsy Commission, Oklahoma
- Alzheimer’s Research Advisory Council
- Blind Vendors, Committee of
- Cerebral Palsy Commission, Oklahoma and J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities
- Child Abuse Examination Board of
- Chile Abuse Prevention, Office of
- Child Abuse Training and Coordination Council
- Child Death Review Board
- Children and Youth, Oklahoma Commission on
- Chiropractic Examiners, Board of
- Citizens Advisory Panels for Administration, Aging Issues, Children and Family Issues, and Disability Issues
- Community Hospitals Authority
- Community Social Service Center Authority
- Cosmetology and Barbering, State Board of
- Consumer Advocacy, Office of
- Consumer Protection Licensing Advisory Council
- Dentistry, Board of
- Dietetic Registration, Advisory Committee
- Developmental Disabilities Council
- Disability Concerns, Employment of People with Disabilities, Governor’s Advisory Committee on, and Office of, Disability Concerns
- Early Childhood Intervention, Interagency Coordination Council for
- Employment of People with Disabilities, Governor’s Advisory Committee on
- Faith-based and Community Initiatives, Office of
- Food Service Advisory Council, Oklahoma
- Funeral Board, Oklahoma
- Governor’s Council on Fitness, Sports, & Nutrition
- Group Homes for Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Advisory Board
- Health Care Authority, Oklahoma
- Health Care Information Advisory Committee
- Health, State Board of, and Department of Health
- Home Care, Hospice, and Palliative Care Advisory Council
- Hospital Advisory Committee
- Hospital Advisory Council, Oklahoma
- Human Services, Department of
- Infant and Children’s Health Advisory Council
- Juvenile Affairs Board of, and Office of Juvenile Affairs
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, State Advisory Group on
- Licensed Social Workers, State Board of
- Long-Term Care Administrators, Oklahoma
- State Board of Examiners for
- Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board
- Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients, Advisory Committee on
- Medical Licensure and Supervision, Board of
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Board of, and Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Mental Health, Interstate Compact on
- Nursing, Board of, and Formulary Advisory Council
- Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee, Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, The State Planning and Advisory Council to the
- Oklahoma State University Medical Authority
- Optometry, Board of Examiners in
- Osteopathic Examiners, State Board of
- Partnership for Children’s Behavioral Health
- Perfusionists, State Board of Examiners of
- Pharmacy, Board of
- Physical Therapy Committee
- Placement of Children, Interstate Compact
- Podiatric Medical Examiners, Board of
- Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board
- Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of
- Public Guardian, Office of
- Registered Electrologists, Advisory Committee on
- Rehabilitation Services Commission, Oklahoma
- Rehabilitation Services, Department of
Residents and Family State Council
Respiratory Care Advisory Committee
Sanitarian and Environmental Specialist
Registration Advisory Council
Santa Claus Commission
Self-Directed Services Program Committee
Speech Pathology and Audiology, Board of Examiners for
Statewide Independent Living Council
Suicide Prevention Council, Oklahoma
Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund
Board of Directors
Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council
Traumatic Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury, Advisory Council on
University Hospitals Authority
Vulnerable Adult Intervention Task Force

Secretary of the Military and Adjutant General
Major General Michael C. Thompson

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Major General Michael C. Thompson was appointed secretary of the military by Governor Mary Fallin in November 2017. He previously served as commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. Thompson is also a brigadier general in the Oklahoma National Guard, and a decorated combat veteran of two deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He received a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Langston University; a master’s degree from Oklahoma State University; and a master’s degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of the 208th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

On October 19, 2017, Governor Mary Fallin named Thompson as Oklahoma’s adjutant general.

The secretary of the military is responsible for the following executive entities or their successors:

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Military Department

Secretary of Safety and Security
Rusty Rhoades

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Rhoades is the secretary of safety and security and commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

Rhoades began his career with the patrol in 1989 as a patrolman with the Oklahoma Capitol Patrol. He served as a trooper in Mayes County in Troop Land and in Oklahoma City in Troop A. He was assigned to the governor’s security detail for then-Gov. David Walters in 1994, and then later was assigned to serve on the FBI Gang/Violent Crimes Task Force and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

He was promoted to lieutenant in 2003 and was assigned to the state Capitol where he was responsible for daily security operations. He was promoted to captain in 2006, and his duties included serving as legislative liaison for the Department of Public Safety. He was promoted to major in 2009.

Governor Mary Fallin appointed Roades as secretary of safety and security on November 10, 2017.

The secretary of safety and security is responsible for the following executive entities:

Adult Offender Supervision, Oklahoma State Council for Interstate Alcohol and Drug Influence Board of Tests Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Attorney General, Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation Commission, Oklahoma State, (OSBI), and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs 
Control Commission, Oklahoma State, and 
Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and 
Dangerous Drugs 
Chief Medical Examiner, Office of, and Board of 
Medicolegal Investigations 
Corrections, Department of, and Board of 
Corrections 
Crime Victims Compensation Board 
District Attorney’s Council 
Driver’s License Compact 
Driver’s License Medical Advisory Committee 
Emergency Management, Oklahoma 
Department of 
Homeland Security Director, Office of 

Indigent Defense System Board, Appellate 
Law Enforcement Education and Training, 
Council on (CLEET), and CLEET Advisory 
Council 
Motorcycle Safety and Education, Committee 
for 
National Crime Prevention and Privacy 
Compact Council 
Nonresident Violator Compact Board 
Pardon and Parole Board 
Polygraph Examiners Board 
Public Safety, Department of 
State Fire Marshal Commission, and State Fire 
Marshal, Office of 
Statewide Nine-One-One Advisory Board

Secretary of Science and Technology
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(Editor’s Note: In July 2018, President Trump nominated Dr. Droegemeier to serve 
as Science Advisor to the President. In September 2018, the nomination was unani-
mously approved in Senate Committee. At press time, the full senate had not voted 
on the confirmation.)

Governor Mary Fallin appointed Droegemeier as secretary of science and technology 
on March 9, 2017. Droegemeier is a Regents’ professor of meteorology, Weathernews 
chair emeritus, and Teigen presidential professor at the University of Oklahoma. He 
formerly served on Governor Fallin’s Science and Technology Council, chairing the academic research 
and development subcommittee.

Droegemeier co-founded the National Science Foundation (NSF) Science and Technology Center (STC) 
for Analysis and Prediction of Storms (CAPS), which is today recognized around the world as the pioneer 
of storm-scale numerical weather prediction. He also co-founded the NSF Engineering Research Center 
for Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA), and served on the National Science Board 
under both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. He is a Fellow of the American 
Meteorological Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and, under then-
Governor Brad Henry, he chaired the Weather and Climate Team for the EDGE (Economic Development 
Generating Excellence) Program.

Droegemeier earned a Bachelor of Science degree with special distinction in meteorology from OU, 
and Master of Science and doctorate degrees in atmospheric science from the University of Illinois at 
Urbana-Champaign. He joined OU in 1985 as an assistant professor of meteorology. He and his wife, 
Lisa, reside in Norman.

The secretary of science and technology is responsible for the following executive entities:

Center for the Advancement of Science and 
Technology, Oklahoma (OCAST) 
Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive 
Research Advisory Committee (EPSCOR) 
Science and Technology Council 

Science and Technology Research and 
Development Board, Oklahoma 
Space Industry Development Authority, 
Oklahoma
Secretary of Transportation
Mike Patterson

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In June 2017, Governor Fallin appointed Patterson to join her cabinet as secretary of transportation for the State of Oklahoma. He continues to serve as executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, as he has since 2013. Prior to that appointment he served as the deputy director for the agency for three years as well as filling the role of chief financial officer since September 1999. Patterson previously served as the comptroller for the agency for fifteen years, having begun his career with ODOT as the deputy comptroller in 1980.

Patterson has been active with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials for many years serving in several leadership roles. Currently he serves as the chair of the Standing Committee on Administration and as a member of the Strategic Management Committee. He also serves as a member of the Governmental Technology Review Board for the State of Oklahoma.

Patterson’s education credentials consist of a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Central State University, now the University of Central Oklahoma, in 1976, and a Masters of Business Administration in finance from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1993.

Patterson currently serves as a member of the board of directors for the Oklahoma Employees Credit Union. His service with the credit union began in 1983 when he served on the Supervisory Committee until 1991. Since that time, he has served as a member of the board of directors in various leadership positions. Patterson’s spare time is devoted to coaching girls fast pitch softball and piloting airplanes. He and his wife, Joy, live in Edmond and have two daughters and five granddaughters.

The secretary of transportation is responsible for the following executive entities:

- Aeronautics Commission
- Highway Construction Materials Technician Certification Board
- Port Authorities
- Tourism Signage Advisory Task Force, Okla.
- Transportation Commission, and Transportation Department
- Transportation County Adv. Board, Dept. of Transportation
- Tribal Adv. Board, Dept. of Turnpike Authority, Oklahoma
- Waterways Advisory Board

Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Major General Myles Deering

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Major General Myles L. Deering serves as the secretary of veterans affairs. He formerly served as secretary of the military and adjutant general under Governor Brad Henry and Governor Mary Fallin. Deering was commissioned in 1976 through the Texas Army National Guard. After his transfer into the Oklahoma Army National Guard, he rose through the ranks to command the 700th Support Battalion and served as director for the Human Resources Directorate as well as the director for the Plans, Operations, and Training Directorate. He served as joint staff director before he assumed command of the 45th Infantry Brigade in December 2004. He commanded the 45th Infantry Brigade during deployments to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008. Governor Henry appointed Deering as secretary of the military in February 2009, and Governor
Mary Fallin reappointed on December 13, 2010. Fallin appointed Deering as secretary of veterans affairs in February 2015.

The secretary of veterans affairs is responsible for the following executive entities:

- Strategic Military Planning Commission, Oklahoma
- Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Commission
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Judicial Branch
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| Courts of Last Resort | Civil—Supreme Court
| Court of Criminal Appeals |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Intermediate Appellate Court | Court of Civil Appeals |
| Courts of General Jurisdiction | District Courts |
| Courts of Limited Jurisdiction | Court on the Judiciary
| | Court of Tax Review
| | Workers’ Compensation Court of Existing Claims
| | Municipal Criminal Courts of Record
| | Municipal Courts Not of Record |
| Court-Related Entities | Judicial Nominating Commission
| | Dispute Resolution Advisory Board |

Unlike most states, Oklahoma has two courts of last resort. The Oklahoma Supreme Court determines all issues of a civil nature, and the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals decides all criminal matters. Members of these courts, and of the Court of Civil Appeals, are appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission. The Oklahoma Supreme Court has nine justices; the Court of Criminal Appeals, five judges; and the Court of Civil Appeals, twelve judges.

The Court of Civil Appeals is responsible for the majority of appellate decisions. These opinions may be released for publication by either the Oklahoma Supreme Court or the Court of Civil Appeals. When the opinions are released by the Oklahoma Supreme Court, they have precedential value. The Court of Civil Appeals is made up of four divisions, each composed of three judges. Two divisions of the Court of Civil Appeals are located in Oklahoma City, and two are in Tulsa.

Deciding cases is only one of the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s functions. The court is also responsible for administering the state’s entire judicial system. The court establishes rules of operation for all other courts in the state. The court formulates rules for practice of law, which govern the conduct of all attorneys, and it administers discipline in appropriate cases.

Administrative services for the court system are provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts. For more information please contact the Administrative Office of the Courts at 405/556–9300.
Supreme Court

Constitution, Article 7 § 1

History and Function—The Oklahoma Supreme Court determines all issues of a civil nature in the State of Oklahoma. Members of this court are appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission.

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Clerk of the Appellate Courts (Constitution, Article 7 § 5; 20 O.S. 2001, § 78), John Hadden. Clerk Office is located in the Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105 ■ 405/556-9400

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Marshall—Sharon Schooley
Chief Justice Douglas L. Combs, District 8. Combs is currently serving as chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. He was born on October 17, 1951, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He is a member of the Muscogee Nation. Combs was appointed by Governor Brad Henry to the Oklahoma Supreme Court on January 1, 2011. He served as district judge in the twenty-third judicial district from 2003 through 2010, and served as special judge from 1995 to 2003. Prior to taking the bench, Combs was in private practice and served as an assistant state attorney general and as a deputy clerk for the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Combs graduated from Shawnee High School in 1969. He attended St. Gregory’s Junior College, now St. Gregory’s University, and the University of Oklahoma to earn a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1973. He earned his juris doctorate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1976, and was admitted to the bar the same year. Combs has served as chief judge of the twenty-third judicial district and as the presiding judge of the North Central Administrative Judicial District. He served as a board member of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference from 2006 to 2010, and held the office of president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference in 2009. Combs is married to Janet Lea Combs, and they have two children: Christopher T. Combs and Eric L. Combs, both members of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is a resident of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Combs can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or 405/556–9361.

Vice Chief Justice Noma D. Gurich, District 3. Born on September 26, 1952, in South Bend, Indiana, Gurich graduated from Penn High School in Mishawaka, Indiana. She graduated magna cum laude from Indiana State University in 1975 with a degree in political science. Gurich received her juris doctorate degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1978. She was an editor of the American Indian Law Review, and received the Professional Responsibility Award. Gurich has lived in Oklahoma City for more than forty years. Before she began her judicial career, Gurich was engaged in private law practice in Oklahoma City for ten years. In 1988 she was appointed by Governor Henry Bellmon to serve as a judge on the Oklahoma Workers’ Compensation Court. She served as the presiding judge of that court for four years. She was reappointed for a second term by Governor David Walters in 1994. After being appointed by Governor Frank Keating to the district court bench in July 1998, she won a countywide election for district judge that same year. She was re-elected without opposition in 2002, 2006, and 2010. Gurich served as the presiding administrative judge for the Seventh Judicial District, Oklahoma County, from January 2003 to December 31, 2004. She presided over more than 190 jury trials during her career as district judge. While serving as a district judge, Gurich served as the presiding judge of both the 11th and 12th Multi-county Grand Juries (2007–2008 and 2009–2010) by order of the chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Gurich was appointed by Governor Brad Henry as the third woman justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and she took office on February 15, 2011. Gurich served as president of the William J. Holloway, Jr. American Inn of Court from 2007 to April of 2008. She continues as a master member of the Inn. She received the 2003 Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award from the OBA Women in Law Committee. Gurich was a three time Journal Record Honoree for Woman of the Year in 2005, 2008, and 2011, and a member of the Circle of Excellence. She was named Judge of the Year by ABOTA in 2011. Indiana State University selected her as a 2012 Distinguished Alumni. In 2013, the Association of Women in Communications honored Gurich with a Byliner Award. In March 2014, Gurich received a Valuable Volunteer Award by the Foundation for Oklahoma City Public Schools. In 2016 she was inducted into the OU College of Law Order of the Owl Hall of Fame. She is a member of the OU College of Law Board of Visitors. Gurich is also a member of the Salt & Light Leadership Training Class 8. She is the Key Club advisor for the Southeast High School Key Club, and a volunteer with El Sistema Oklahoma, after school orchestra for elementary school children attending Oklahoma City Public Schools. Gurich is past president (2006–2007) and member of the Kiwanis Club of Oklahoma City. She is the Kiwanis Advisor for the Southeast High School Key Club (Oklahoma City). Gurich served from 2015 to 2016 on the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Task Force. She serves annually on the Application Screening Committee for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. She is an active member of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, where she is a volunteer Mobile Meals driver and television camera operator. Gurich is married to
John E. Miley, who is the general counsel of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. Gurich can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or 405/556–9362.

**Justice Tom Colbert**, District 6. Colbert, the first African-American to serve on the Oklahoma Supreme Court, was born in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Sapulpa High School, earned an associate’s degree from Eastern Oklahoma State College in 1970, and a bachelor of science degree from Kentucky State University in 1973. While at Kentucky State, Colbert was named an All-American in track and field. Colbert served in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1975. He earned a master of education degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1976 and taught in the public schools in Chicago, Illinois. Colbert received his juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in 1982. He was an assistant dean at Marquette University Law School from 1982–1984, and an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County from 1984–1986, before entering private law practice at Miles-LaGrange and Colbert from 1986 to 1989. Colbert continued his practice under the name Colbert and Associates from 1989 to 2000. He also served as an attorney for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services from 1988 to 1989 and again in 1999. In March 2000, Colbert became the first African-American appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. He was appointed by Governor Brad Henry. He served as chief judge of that court in 2004. On October 7, 2004, Governor Henry appointed Colbert to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. In January 2011, Colbert was sworn in as the court’s first African-American vice chief justice. On January 1, 2013, he became the first African-American to be sworn in as the court’s chief justice. Colbert is a member of the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Tulsa County Bar Association. He is a frequent speaker at schools. Colbert can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or 405/556–9365.

**Justice James E. Edmondson**, District 7. Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Edmondson received a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern State University in 1967. He served in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1969. Following his military service, Edmondson enrolled at Georgetown University Law School and received his law degree in 1973. His legal career includes serving as Muskogee County’s assistant district attorney from 1976 to 1978, assistant United States attorney from 1978 to 1980, and acting U.S. attorney for Oklahoma’s Eastern District from 1980 to 1981. Edmondson entered private law practice and was a partner in the Edmondson Law Office from 1981 through 1983. He served as district judge for District 15 in 1983 and continued in that capacity for twenty years. Governor Brad Henry appointed Edmondson as justice to the Oklahoma Supreme Court on December 2, 2003. He served as chief justice in 2009 and 2010. He and his wife, Suzanne, have two grown children, Jimmy and Sarah, a granddaughter Essie, and a grandson, Jack. Edmondson can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9316.

**Justice Yvonne Kauger**, District 4. A fourth generation Oklahoman, Kauger was born in Cordell, Oklahoma, on August 3, 1937, and raised in Colony. A graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma City University School of Law, Kauger served as presiding judge for the Court on the Judiciary, and on the Law School and Bench and Bar Committees of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Governor George Nigh appointed her as justice to the Oklahoma Supreme Court on March 11, 1984. She served as the court’s chief justice from January 1997 to December 1998, and she is the only woman to serve as the court’s chief justice and vice chief justice. Kauger founded the Gallery of the Plains Indian in Colony, co-founded Red Earth, and has served as coordinator for the Sovereignty Symposium since its inception in 1987. The symposium is a seminar on Indian law sponsored by the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Kauger has received numerous honors and awards throughout her distinguished career including being named valedictorian of her graduating class at Colony High School, and graduating first in her class from the OCU School of Law. In 1984 she was adopted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma. She was named National Delta Zeta in 1988, and received the Oklahoma City Pioneer Award in 1989. Kauger served
Justice John F. Reif, District 1. Reif served as Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court for 2015 and 2016. Reif was appointed to the court in October 2007 by Governor Brad Henry. He was chosen to serve on the Oklahoma Court on the Judiciary, Appellate Division, March 1, 2011, through March 1, 2013. Prior to his service on the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Reif was appointed by Governor George Nigh to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in May 1984, where he served twenty-three years, exercising jurisdiction over civil appeals as assigned by the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Reif started judicial service in February 1981 as a special district judge for the Fourteenth Judicial District in Tulsa County, where his primary duties included arraignments and preliminary hearings. Reif began his legal career in 1977 with the Tulsa County District Attorney’s Office, where he worked in the civil division; providing general legal services to the county. Before practicing law, he provided planning and grant assistance to law enforcement agencies in the Tulsa area through the Indian Nations Council of Governments from 1974 to 1977. Reif also served as a police officer for the City of Owasso from 1973 to 1975. While on the bench, teaching has been Reif’s way of giving back to the community. He has made over 120 presentations for Oklahoma Bar Association sponsored CLEs and community education programs. In 1995 Reif was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from Oral Roberts University for his teaching at ORU. In December 2010 the Oklahoma Bar Association awarded Reif the Earl Sneed Award in recognition of his continuing legal and community education presentations and programs over the past thirty years. From 1994 through 2001, Reif completed extensive judicial training provided by The National Judicial College, and joined the faculty of the National Tribal Judicial Center at the NJC in 2003. He presents classes in essential skills for both appellate and tribal court judges at The National Judicial College. Reif also is an active participant in The Sovereignty Symposium, annually presenting the ethics portion of the program. Reif was born June 19, 1951, in Skiatook, Oklahoma. He attended high school at Cascia Hall, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, under a work study scholarship and graduated as valedictorian of his Class of 1969. He attended the University of Tulsa, receiving a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice in 1973, and his Juris Doctor from the College of Law in 1977. Reif was married for thirty-five years to Aylo (Brewer) Reif until her death in 2008. Reif can be reached at Suite N–230, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9360.

Justice Richard Darby, District 9. Governor Mary Fallin appointed Richard Darby to the Oklahoma Supreme Court from District 9 on April 5, 2018. Darby earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. He served as a district judge for the 3rd Judicial, which includes Jackson, Kiowa, Tillman, Greer, and Harmon counties. He also served as a special judge and an associate district judge for Jackson County. Darby, and his wife Dana, have two grown sons. Darby can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9359.

Justice James R. Winchester, District 5. Winchester was appointed as a member of the Oklahoma Supreme Court by Governor Frank Keating in 2000. He served as chief justice of the court January 2007 to Decem-
ber 2008. A native of Clinton, Oklahoma, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma and his juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University. After graduating from law school, Winchester practiced law in western Oklahoma before being named associate district judge for Caddo County in January 1983. In December 1983, at age 30, he became one of the youngest district judges in the state when he was appointed by Governor George Nigh as district judge for the Sixth Judicial District of Oklahoma. He was named an Outstanding State Trial Court Judge and is a past president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference. During his fifteen years on the bench, he presided over both civil and criminal cases, including death-penalty trials and multi-million dollar oil and gas disputes. He oversaw hundreds of jury trials ranging from dog bites to first degree murder. For two years, Winchester served as a U.S. administrative law judge in Oklahoma City and New Orleans. Winchester is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma and the recent recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award. He recently completed the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. He resides in Chickasha, Oklahoma, with his wife, Susan Winchester, and their son Davis. Winchester can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9367.

Justice Patrick Wyrick, District 2. Patrick Wyrick was born on March 11, 1981, in Denison, Texas. Wyrick is a fourth-generation native of Atoka County, which is home to the family business, Wyrick Lumber Company. He graduated from Atoka High School in 1999, and attended the University of Oklahoma on a baseball scholarship. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in sociology in 2004, Wyrick entered law school at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he graduated with distinction in 2007. He began his legal career in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as a law clerk to Judge James Payne, chief judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. After his one-year clerkship ended, Wyrick joined the law firm of Gable, Gotwals, where he practiced general civil litigation. In 2011, Wyrick was named Oklahoma's first solicitor general, and served in that position for six years under Oklahoma Attorney General E. Scott Pruitt. As solicitor general, Wyrick was the chief appellate lawyer for the State of Oklahoma, supervising all appellate litigation on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General and directly handling appeals determined to be most significant to Oklahoma and to the development of federal and state jurisprudence. During his time as solicitor general, he appeared in numerous high-profile cases in courts across the country, including before the U.S. Supreme Court. On February 9, 2017, Governor Mary Fallin appointed Wyrick to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. He filled the seat left vacant by the retirement of Justice Steven Taylor, who had served as a justice since 2004. Wyrick and his wife, Jamie, were married in 2004. They have twin boys, Cole and Carter, and a daughter, Claire. Wyrick can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.
**Court of Criminal Appeals**

Constitution, Article 7 § 1

**History and Function**—The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals is the highest court in Oklahoma with appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases. It is the state court of last resort in criminal matters. The court derives its origin and jurisdiction from the state constitution, which was formulated by the constitutional convention and submitted to and adopted by the people of Oklahoma at the first election on September 17, 1907. Members of this court are appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission.

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Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals

Presiding Judge Gary L. Lumpkin, District 3. Originally a native of Sentinel, Oklahoma, Lumpkin graduated from Weatherford High School in 1964. He received a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Southwestern State College in 1968, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1974. Lumpkin served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1971, serving eighteen months in Vietnam. He retired in 1998, after thirty years of service, with the rank of colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves. He completed his military service as one of only two Marine Reserve judges assigned to the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. Lumpkin worked as a staff attorney for the Oklahoma Department of Consumer Affairs. He was appointed assistant district attorney for Marshall County in 1976, and subsequently first assistant district attorney for the Twentieth District. Lumpkin served as associate district judge for Marshall County from 1982 to 1985, and as district judge, Twentieth Judicial District, Division II from 1985 to 1989. Governor Henry Bellmon appointed him to the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, and he began his service on the court in January 1989. Lumpkin was named Outstanding Young Man of America by the U.S. Jaycees in 1979, and Outstanding Assistant District Attorney of the Third Congressional District by the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association in 1981. He also received the 1999 William J. Holloway Jr. Professionalism Award from the William J. Holloway Jr. American Inn of Court. Southwestern Oklahoma State University selected him as their 2007 Distinguished Alumnus and inducted him into the University Hall of Fame. Lumpkin is a member of the Marine Corps Reserve Association; Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, and Marshall County bar associations; Benefactor Fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation; Oklahoma Judicial Conference; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4611; and the William J. Holloway Jr. American Inns of Court CV. In addition, he is a member of the Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29, and a Paul Harris Fellow. From 2001 to 2007, he was a member of the National Center for State Courts Board of Directors in Williamsburg, Virginia, and is currently a member of The Conferences of Chief Justices. He is a current member of the advisory board for the Trinity Legal Clinic. Lumpkin and his wife, Barbara, are from Madill and have one child. They are members of Waterloo Road Baptist Church. Lumpkin can be reached at Room N 308, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9642.

Vice Presiding Judge David Lewis, District 5. Lewis was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Governor Brad Henry appointed him to the position on August 4, 2005. He served as presiding judge for 2013–2014. Lewis earned a bachelor’s degree with high honors from the University of Oklahoma in 1980. He also earned his law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1983. He served four years as a Comanche County prosecutor, after serving four years in private practice. Lewis served as Comanche County special district judge from 1991 to 1999. He was a district judge for Comanche, Stephens, Jefferson, and Cotton counties from 1999 to 2005. He has served as president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference and is a fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Lewis was selected as a member of the Class of 2008 Henry Toll Fellowship Program of the Council of State Governments, and also served as chairman of Reach Out and Read Oklahoma. Currently he serves on the Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma Board of Directors. In 2017 he was inducted into the Order of the Owl Hall of Fame at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Lewis has two children—a son, David Jr., and a daughter, Danielle. Lewis can be reached at Suite 2, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9611.

Judge Robert L. Hudson, District 2, was born in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and graduated from Guthrie High School in 1975. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1980 with a double major in agricultural economics and accounting. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1983. After graduating from law school, Hudson was in the private practice of law in Guthrie, Oklahoma, from 1983 to 1996. In April 1996 he was appointed by then Governor Frank Keating as district attorney for Payne and
Logan counties, a post he was re-elected to four consecutive terms. In 2011 Hudson accepted the position of first assistant attorney general in the Attorney General’s Office. In November 2012, he became special judge in the 9th Judicial District, where he served the citizens of Logan and Payne counties for over two years before being appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals by Governor Mary Fallin in April 2015. Among Hudson’s achievements, honors, and awards, in 1980 he was named Oklahoma State University College of Agriculture’s Most Outstanding Graduate and one of OSU’s Top Five Graduating Senior Men. While in law school, he was a member of the 1983 Regional Winning National Mock Trial Team. In 2000 and 2011, he was named the state’s Outstanding District Attorney by the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association, and served two terms as president of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association (2000 and 2008). Hudson is a member of Leadership Oklahoma Class XVII. He served as a commissioner for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for nearly ten years. Hudson and his wife, Mary Hughes Hudson, married in 1981. She is a school teacher. They have five adult children and numerous grandchildren. Hudson also owns and operates a wheat and cow-calf operation in the Guthrie area. He is a deacon in the First Southern Baptist Church in Guthrie. Hudson can be reached at Suite 2, Oklahoma Judicial Center, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or 405/556–9649.

Judge Dana Kuehn, District 1, Kuehn was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on October 2, 2017, by Governor Mary Fallin to fill the unexpired term of Judge Clancy Smith. A native of Tulsa, she attended Oklahoma State University, receiving a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1993. Kuehn was a top-ten graduate of the OSU College of Arts and Sciences and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority of which she served as president. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1996. After graduating law school, Kuehn served as a felony prosecutor for almost ten years with the Tulsa County District Attorney’s Office. As lead counsel, she tried more than seventy-five cases. She headed the Crimes Against Children Unit and also served as chief of the Juvenile Division. She was an associate with the firm of Steidley & Neal from 1999–2000. In 2006, Judge Kuehn was elected Associate District Judge of Tulsa County. She presided over a felony docket and conducted more than seventy-five jury trials. In that capacity, she also worked closely with Women In Recovery for alternative sentencing options for women. Judge Kuehn then presided over a civil docket from 2008 to 2017 conducting more than 100 jury trials. Judge Kuehn served as chief of the Civil Division at Tulsa County from 2010 through 2012. She teaches a Juvenile Law and Evidence Workshop at the University of Tulsa College of Law. She is past president of the Alumnae Board and was selected Outstanding Junior Alumnae. In May 2017, she was inducted into the Tulsa College of Law Hall of Fame and received the Thomas Coffman Community Service Award. Judge Kuehn is an active member of the Tulsa County Bar Association and Oklahoma Bar Association. She is a recipient of the 2016 Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award. In 2017, the American Board of Trial Advocates recognized her as Judge of the Year for the State of Oklahoma. Judge Kuehn is a proud mother of four boys and wife of Patrick Kuehn. She is a Youth Deacon at her family’s church, Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian. Her favorite past-times are volunteering for her children’s school and sports teams, cheering on the Oklahoma State Cowboys, and reading history.

Judge Scott Rowland, District 4, was appointed to the Court of Criminal Appeals in November 2017 by Governor Mary Fallin. He grew up in Wynnewood graduating from high school there in 1983, and then earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism/political science from the University of Oklahoma in 1987. After earning his Juris Doctor cum laude from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1994, Rowland served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Oklahoma, general counsel to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, and for eleven years as first assistant district attorney in the Oklahoma County District Attorney’s Office. He has lectured throughout the United States on various areas of criminal constitutional procedure, authored numerous articles on Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment law, and has been an adjunct instructor of criminal and constitutional law at Oklahoma State University at Oklahoma City since 1998. Rowland was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame in 2016, named outstanding Adjunct Faculty at OSU-OKC in 2017, Outstanding Okla-
homaha Prosecutor for 2013 by the Oklahoma District Attorneys’ Association, and State Prosecutor of the Year for 2001 and 2004 by the Association of Oklahoma Narcotic Enforcers. He and his wife, Shannon, live in Oklahoma City with their daughters Caroline and Emma.
History and Function—The Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals is the intermediate Court of Appeals for all civil cases filed in Oklahoma. Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1968, six new positions were added to the original six judges of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in 1982. With terms of six years each, judges are elected on a non-partisan retention ballot from each of the six congressional districts as they existed before the 2002 election. If a majority of those who cast ballots vote in favor of retention, the judge will serve another term. If a vacancy occurs on the Court of Civil Appeals prior to the expiration of a term, the governor appoints a successor, from three names submitted by the Judicial Nominating Commission. The clerk of the Oklahoma Supreme Court serves as clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals. The Court of Civil Appeals consists of twelve judges, six that sit in Oklahoma City, and six that sit in Tulsa. Those judges from Congressional Districts 1, 2, and 3 comprise Divisions 2 and 4 in Tulsa. Those judges from Congressional Districts 4, 5, and 6, comprise Divisions 1 and 3 in Oklahoma City. These divisions are three-judge panels, the membership of which changes each year. Divisions 2 and 4 in Tulsa will each be comprised of a combination of three of the following judges: Deborah Barnes, Jerry L. Goodman, John F. Fischer, Keith Rapp, Tom Thornbrugh, and Jane P. Wiseman. Divisions 1 and 3 in Oklahoma City are comprised of a combination of three of the following judges: Robert D. Bell, Kenneth L. Buettner, Brian Jack Goree, Larry Joplin, E. Bay Mitchell, and Barbara Swinton. The chief judge and vice-chief judge are selected and rotate each year between Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

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Judges of the Court of Civil Appeals

Oklahoma City

Judge Robert D. Bell, District 5, Office 2. Born on May 11, 1967, in Norman, Oklahoma, Bell graduated from the Norman Public School system. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law, and an LLM from the Duke University School of Law. Following law school, Bell worked in private law practice in Norman for thirteen years. During the same time, he served as municipal judge for the cities of Blanchard, Broken Arrow, Noble, Moore, and Purcell. He has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law since 1998. In June 2005 he was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. He was retained in a statewide vote in 2006 and 2012. He was elected chief judge for 2011. The Journal Record named Bell as one of Oklahoma’s Achievers Under 40 (Class III) in 2006. Bell has been given commendations for judicial service by both Governor Brad Henry and Governor Mary Fallin. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Oklahoma bar associations. In 2015, Bell was appointed to serve on the United States Supreme Court Historical Society. Bell and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Bradleigh and Addy.

Judge Kenneth L. Buettner, District 5, Office 1. Born on June 17, 1950, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Buettner received a bachelor’s degree from Texas Christian University in 1972, and a Juris Doctor degree from Southern Methodist University in 1975. He has completed additional graduate work at the University of Denver and the University of Central Oklahoma. Buettner served in the United States Air Force from 1976 to 1980 in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Professionally, he served as president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference in 2005, and has served on its executive board from 2002 to 2006. Buettner’s civic participation includes Leadership Edmond Class IX; Leadership Oklahoma Class XVI; Edmond Public School Foundation trustee from 1995 to 2001; Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence trustee, 2001 to present; St. John’s Endowment Fund trustee, 1995 to 2003; St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Finance Board from 1990 to 1996, and 2006–2012; and the Board of Christian Education, 1998 to 2003. He is a member of the Oklahoma and Oklahoma County bar associations as well as the Colorado Bar and State Bar of Texas. He is an Oklahoma Bar Foundation Sustaining Fellow, and a master of the Luther Bohanon American Inn of Court.

Judge Brian Jack Goree, District 6, Office 2. Born March 18, 1964, Goree was raised in Tulsa and earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of Oklahoma in 1986. He received his law degree from the University of Tulsa in 1989, and is a registered patent attorney. Goree worked in private practice in Tulsa for twenty-three years, primarily focusing on legal research and writing. He has been an active volunteer with Tulsa Lawyers for Children, a past chairman of the Appellate Practice Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and is dedicated to encouraging and advising law school students. Governor Mary Fallin appointed Goree to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in 2012. He and his wife, Jill, live in Oklahoma City.

Judge Larry E. Joplin, District 4, Office 2. Born on August 9, 1946, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Joplin received a bachelor’s degree and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma. While in law school, Joplin was selected for the Oklahoma Law Review, and Moot Court, with his team placing third nationally his junior year. Joplin served as an attorney with Pierce and Couch from 1971 to 1973, and Bohannon and Barth from 1973 to 1976. He was a partner in his own law firm, Wheatley and Joplin, from 1978 to 1982, and a partner with Crowe and Dunlevy from 1982 to 1993. Joplin also served as a
special prosecutor for the Oklahoma County District Attorney’s office from 1976 to 1978, as director of the State of Oklahoma Office, Washington, D.C. in 1993, and as general counsel for the State Insurance Department from 1993 to 1994. Joplin was appointed as judge to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in November 1994. He married the former Susan Colley. They have three children—Karen, David, and Matthew. Joplin’s hobbies include travel and reading.

**Judge E. Bay Mitchell, III**, Enid, District 6, Office 1. Mitchell was born on November 6, 1953. He grew up in Enid, Oklahoma, and graduated from Enid High School in 1972. He attended the University of Oklahoma, where he received a bachelor’s degree in 1976 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1979. Mitchell worked in private law practice for fourteen years in Oklahoma City and in Enid. In 1993 he became staff attorney to the Honorable Carl B. Jones of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. Governor Frank Keating appointed Mitchell to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in 2002, and the voters retained him in 2004, 2006, and 2012. He served as chief judge of the Court of Civil Appeals in 2009. Mitchell is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Oklahoma County Bar Association. He served two three-year terms on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and also served as chairman of the C.L.E. Committee, and the Bench and Bar Committee. He is also a member of the OBA Appellate Practice Section, a Sustaining Fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation, and a member of the Oklahoma Supreme Court Committee for Uniform Jury Instructions. He is a master emeritus of the Ginsburg Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is a former member of the OBA Administration of Justice Committee, Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, and a volunteer at Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma. He has been admitted to practice in all Oklahoma state courts, the U.S. District Courts for the Western and Northern Districts of Oklahoma, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mitchell and his wife, Debra, have three grown children—Elliot, Madeline, and Adam.

**Presiding Judge Barbara Swinton**, Oklahoma City, District 4, Office 1. Governor Mary Fallin appointed Swinton to serve on the Oklahoma Court of Appeals on September 16, 2016. She was elected as district judge for Oklahoma County in November 2002, and served in that capacity until 2016. Prior to her election as district judge, Swinton served as a special judge from 1996 to 2002.

Swinton’s hometowns include Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, and Tulsa, where she graduated from Nathan Hale High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree with honors in political science from Oklahoma State University in 1982, and graduated from Georgia State University School of Law in 1991. Other cities of residence include Manhattan, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; and Atlanta, Georgia. During her legal career, she practiced general civil and family law with Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison, and Lewis for four years. Swinton also served as a trial attorney with David W. Lee and Associates for one year, where she handled family law and federal civil rights cases.

Swinton has served as president of the Oklahoma County Bar Association; president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference Executive Board; past chair of the Oklahoma Judges Association; the Oklahoma Bar Association Professionalism Committee; past co-chair of the OBA Bench and Bar Committee; the Oklahoma Bar Association Professionalism Committee; and has been awarded the Leadership in Law award from the Journal Record in 2007. In 2015 she was awarded the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award. Swinton also serves as an adjunct professor at Oklahoma City University Law School in the areas of pretrial litigation and trial practice. She currently serves on the Oklahoma Bar Association Access to Justice, Women in Law, and Bench and Bar committees.

Swinton has served on the board of directors of Justice Alma Wilson Seeworth Academy, board of elders for Crown Heights Christian Church, and is past district president of the National Exchange Club. She is active in the Greater Oklahoma City Panhellenic Alumnae Association and the Zeta Tau Alpha OKC alumnae group, and is a life member of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association. She is a graduate of class eighteen of Leadership Oklahoma City and class twenty-two of Leadership Oklahoma. Swinton and her husband, Charles, have three adult children, and one perfect grandson.
Presiding Judge Deborah Barnes, District 2, Office 1. Born in 1954 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Barnes is a graduate of Charles Page High School in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. She received a bachelor’s degree in journalism, majoring in public relations, from the University of Oklahoma in 1976, and in 1983, a Juris Doctor degree, with distinction, from the Oklahoma City University School of Law where she graduated first in her class. During undergraduate school, she was a recipient of the President’s Leadership Class Scholarship. While in law school, she served as articles editor of the Law Review, participated on the National Moot Court Team, received various honors including several American Jurisprudence awards, the Faculty Award for Most Likely to Succeed, the Woman’s Law Caucus Award for outstanding seminar paper, the Oklahoma City Title Attorney’s Association Award for outstanding work in property and related courses, and the C.J.S. Award for the student contributing most to legal scholarship. Barnes began her legal career as an attorney with Crowe and Dunlevy and subsequently a staff attorney for the late Supreme Court Justice Ralph Hodges. In 1989 she resumed private practice at Stack and Barnes in Oklahoma City until 1991, when Barnes moved to Tulsa to join Transok. Barnes was named vice president, human resources and administration for Transok in 1996, and later became vice president, secretary, and associate general counsel for ONEOK, Inc., from 1997–2001. She served as a member on the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce Human Resources Committee and a founding member of the Oklahoma State University Business Extension Management Development Cooperative Advisory Board. In 2002 she joined the firm of Crutchmer, Browsers, and Barnes as a partner. In 2008 Governor Brad Henry appointed her to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. She was retained in a statewide vote in 2010 and 2014. She was elected chief judge for 2014. Before practicing law, Barnes served as Christian Education Director for First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in Edmond, Oklahoma, and as the Summer School Lunch Program coordinator for underprivileged children with the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Barnes is a member of the American, Oklahoma, and Tulsa bar associations and past chairperson of the Oklahoma Board of Board Examiners. She is an Oklahoma Fellow of the American Bar Foundation; served as chair of the OBA Mineral Law Section; chair of the Tulsa County Court Operations Committee; and was a barrister of the American Inns of Court, Council Oak Chapter of Tulsa. She has served on the OCU Law Executive Board since 2001. Barnes was the recipient of the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award from the OBA Women in Law Committee; a three-time honoree (Circle of Excellence) of the Journal Record Woman of the Year in 1997, 2012, and 2013; and was inducted into the Sand Springs Education Foundation Hall of Fame and received the Outstanding OCU Law Review Alumni of the Year Award. In 2017, Barnes was the recipient of the Tulsa County Bar Association’s James C. Lang Mentoring Award. She previously taught oil and gas law as an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa's Collins College of Business. She has published several legal articles and presented at various legal and civic programs throughout her career. Her community activities have included serving as a mentor in the Tulsa Public Schools Mentoring Program, former director of the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum, boards of the Tulsa Petroleum Club, Tulsa Ballet Theatre, OASIS Adult Daycare, and the Tulsa Area United Way campaign chair for Transok. Barnes has served on the Delta Delta Delta Housing Corporation Board for the Theta Gamma chapter and is a past president of the Beta Theta Pi Parents’ Club at the University of Oklahoma. She is a member of Leadership Oklahoma Class XII, and an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Tulsa, currently serving on the board of trustees. She has been admitted to practice law in all Oklahoma state courts, the U.S. District Courts for the Western and Northern Districts of Oklahoma, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. She has held an AV Martindale-Hubbell rating since 1989. Barnes has been married to Ronald M. Barnes, an attorney, since 1974 and they have one grown son, Grayson, also an attorney, both with Barnes Law in Tulsa.

Judge John F. Fischer, District 3, Office 2. Born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Fischer received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in English Literature from the University of Oklahoma. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1975, and was admitted to practice law in Oklahoma in 1976. He has been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court since 1979. From 1976 to 1980 Fischer served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Oklahoma. He was in private law practice from
1980 to 2006, during which time he was selected by his peers as one of the “Best Lawyers in America” in commercial litigation. While in law school, Fischer received the Liberty National Bank Research Scholarship. He is a Master of the Bench and past president of the William J. Holloway American Inn of Court CV, and author of various articles on antitrust law and health care issues. He has been involved in various arts and community activities, and served as a member and chair of several state and county bar committees. He is a member of the American and Oklahoma bar associations, the Oklahoma Judicial Conference, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and is an Oklahoma Bar Foundation Fellow, and a former Oklahoma representative to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Advisory Committee. In 2011 he received the Appellate Judge of the Year Award. He was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in May 2006. Fischer and his wife, Pam, have two daughters, Jennifer and Andrea.

Judge Jerry L. Goodman, District 1, Office 1. Born in Mangum, Oklahoma, Goodman received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Tulsa, and a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals on July 26, 1994. He is a member of the Oklahoma and Tulsa County and American bar associations, and the Oklahoma Judicial Conference. He has previously served as vice president of the Tulsa County Bar Association, and president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference. He rose to the rank of lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. Goodman and his wife, Donna, have four children—Courtney, Polly, Mallory, and Benjamin.

Judge Keith Rapp, District 2, Office 2. Born in Wheelersburg, Ohio, Rapp received a bachelor’s degree from Southwest Missouri University, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa, and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia. He was named Outstanding First-Year Law Student, awarded a Scholarship Key, named three times to the Dean’s List, and was a member of the Tulsa Law Review. Rapp is a former aerospace engineer specializing in guidance and navigation systems. He worked on the Mercury, Apollo, Lunar Lander, and Skylab projects. He has publications in these areas including original research in mathematics. He served as an instructor of Sino Soviet Relations and Atomic and Biological Warfare in the Naval Reserves Officers’ School, and as a business law instructor at Tulsa Junior College. Rapp retired as a commander in the United States Naval Reserve. He also served as Tulsa Junior College regent. He served as counsel and director of banks and as director of two national insurance companies. Rapp worked as public defender in Tulsa; a city prosecutor in Broken Arrow; a municipal judge in Bixby; an alternative municipal judge for the City of Tulsa; and as district court judge. He was appointed as judge to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in 1984. Rapp is a member of the Oklahoma and Tulsa County bar associations, as well as the bars of the U.S. Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of Tulsa Arts Council Advisory Board. He married the former Mary Lynn Clanton. He has three children—Elizabeth, Kathy, and Joseph—and his dog Belle.

Judge Tom Thornbrugh, District 3, Office 1. Governor Mary Fallin appointed Thornbrugh to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals on September 2, 2011. He earned a bachelor’s degree in speech and political science from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. He later received a law degree from the University of Tulsa, where he was a member of the Dean’s Honor Roll and Res Nova law review. Thornbrugh spent more than twenty years in private law practice in Tulsa. He also served as prosecuting attorney for the city of Bixby and as a municipal court judge for the city of Tulsa. In addition, he served as a legislative advisor for United States Senator Dewey Bartlett. Thornbrugh served as district court judge for the Fourteenth Judicial District from 1997 to 2011, and served as that court’s presiding judge at the time of his appointment to the Court of Civil Appeals. Thornbrugh is a member of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference, where he serves on the legislative committee, and is a former president of the Assembly of Presiding Judges. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa. Thornbrugh is married to Dr. Jean Thornbrugh, who is a member of the faculty professor emerita at St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. They have five adult children.
Judge Jane P. Wiseman, District 1, Office 2. Wiseman received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University, a Master of Arts degree in American History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law. She began clerking for Rosenstein, Fist, and Ringold in her second term in law school, and continued as a legal intern and later as an associate until her first child was born when she practiced as a sole practitioner until she was appointed as special judge for Tulsa County. Governor George Nigh appointed her district judge, when she was assigned to the Family Relations Division and then to the Civil Division. As a trial judge, Wiseman tried close to 1,000 jury trials. In March 2005 Governor Brad Henry appointed her to the Court of Civil Appeals in Tulsa where she currently serves. Wiseman has served as president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference and currently serves on its education and legislative committees. She has taught trial court case management as a member of the National Judicial College faculty in Reno, Nevada. She has also served on the Oklahoma Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee, Evidence Committee, and the OBA Special Task Force on Tort Reform. Wiseman is active with the Tulsa County Bar Association, serving on its awards and nominations and bench and bar committees, and is a frequent continuing legal education presenter. She is married to Jim Hodges and has two sons, Jamie and John, and a son-by-marriage, Clayton, and three grandchildren.
10th Circuit Court of Appeals
Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming

This court sits primarily at Denver, Colorado; however, it is customary to hold at least one session annually in other cities in the circuit. Sessions may last as long as one week and are usually held every other month. ■ www.ca10.uscourts.gov

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Judges of the Workers’ Compensation Court of Existing Claims

Constitution, Article 7 § 1; 85a O.S. § 400 (State Industrial Court)

L. Brad Taylor, Presiding Judge
Oklahoma City and Tulsa
Margaret A. Bomhoff, Oklahoma City
Michael W. McGivern, Tulsa
Carla Snipes, Oklahoma City

History and Function—In 1951 the Oklahoma Legislature created the State Industrial Court and added to the Judicial Department by Constitutional amendment in 1967. The court was changed in composition and renamed by statute in 1978. The court is a court of record that adjudicates workers’ compensation cases. Court awards and decisions are final and conclusive unless appealed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court or the Court En Banc. Due to legislative changes, on February 1, 2014, the Workers’ Compensation Court became the Oklahoma Workers’ Compensation Court of Existing Claims. The Oklahoma’s Compensation Court of Existing Claims sits in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. It consists of four judges appointed by the governor.

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Agencies, Boards, & Commissions
Profiles of Agencies, Boards, and Commissions

For information about boards or board members, contact the administrator. In the case of subordinate entities, unless a separate address and phone number are given, contact the main agency for information. For governor’s task forces, for example, contact the governor’s office; for legislative committees, contact the Legislative Service Bureau (405/521–4144). If the entity is not listed, consult the index, as it may be listed alphabetically beneath a parent entity. Personnel figures are provided by the agency. Interagency Mail availability is indicated by (IA).

2–1–1 Oklahoma Coordinating Council (56 O.S. § 3021)

Formerly named the 2–1–1 Advisory Collaborative, Oklahoma

www.211oklahoma.org

9–1–1 Management Authority, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 2863)

Abstractors Board, Oklahoma (1 O.S. § 22) Re-created until July 1, 2019

Agency Code 022 (IA)

421 NW 13 Street, Suite 180, Oklahoma City 73103 405/522–5019, fax 405/522–5503

Mission Statement The Oklahoma Abstractors Board regulates the abstracting industry and issues abstractor licenses, certificates of authority, and permits to construct abstract plants.

Administration Katherine Smith, State Administrator of Abstracting

Personnel 2 unclassified

History and Function The board consists of nine members, six of whom are in the abstracting industry, one real estate representative, one banking representative, and one attorney. All members are appointed by the governor and serve staggered four year terms. The board is responsible for promulgating rules, setting forth guidelines for agency operations, and governing the professional practices of the licensees. The entity is self-supporting through fees.

Accountancy Board, Oklahoma (59 O.S. § 15.2; 74 O.S. § 3905)

Agency Code 020 (IA)

201 NW 63 Street, Suite 210, Oklahoma City 73116 405/521–2397, fax 405/521–3118

Mission Statement To safeguard the public welfare by prescribing and assessing the qualifications of and regulating the professional conduct of individuals and firms authorized to engage in the practice of public accounting in Oklahoma.

Administration Randall A. Ross, Executive Director

Personnel 1 1 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function The first accountancy law was enacted by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1917 and the board was recreated by the legislature in 2004 in accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law to administer the provisions of the Oklahoma Accountancy Act for the protection of the public. The board is composed of five certified public accountants and one public accountant (or meets the criteria to become a public accountant), who serve for five-year terms and one lay member who serves coterminous with the governor. All members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, and are responsible for promulgating rules of general application, setting forth guidelines for agency operations and governing the professional practices of the registrants. The agency is self-supporting through fees. Re-created until July 2020.

Accrediting Agency, State (72 O.S. § 241, 72 O.S. § 241, 74 O.S. § 3908)

4045 NW 64 Street, Suite 205, Oklahoma City 73116 (IA)

405/879–9600, FAX 405/879–3400

www.ok.gov/saa

Administration Gina M. Wekke, Director

History and Function The agency was established in 1963 and is responsible for the approval and the monitoring of education and training programs for veterans, their dependents, active duty military, and reservists in Oklahoma. Re-created to continue until July 1, 2019.
Aeronautics Commission, Oklahoma

Agency Code 060 (IA)

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History and Function

The commission was created in 1963 by the Oklahoma Legislature to advance, foster, and assist in the development of aeronautics in Oklahoma, including current and future aircraft, and to encourage the establishment and maintenance of public airports. This includes the preservation and improvement of the state’s 109 public airports, which make up the state airport system. Oklahoma’s 105 general aviation airports and four commercial airports account for $10.6 billion in economic activity. The commission fosters the growth of the aerospace and defense industry, a top employer in Oklahoma, which is responsible for $27 billion in sales. Oklahoma’s aviation and aerospace industry is the state’s second largest economic engine, providing more than 206,000 jobs and generating an economic impact of $43.7 billion annually. Oklahoma has more than the 5,571 general aviation aircraft that are actively flying in the state and nearly 9,600 pilots. In Oklahoma, 95 percent of our state’s population is within 30–minutes-drive time of a jet-capable airport. Out of the 109 publicly owned airports, 105 are general aviation airports, including forty-nine that are regional business airports. Forty-five of those forty-nine have jet-capable runways of at least 5,000 feet in length. The commission ensures the needs of businesses and communities in the state are met by the state’s airports.

Mission

To promote aviation, which includes ensuring that the needs of commerce and communities across Oklahoma are met by the state’s 109 public airports that comprise the state’s air transportation system, and ensuring the viability of the state’s aerospace industry.

About the Commission

Comprised of seven members, each commissioner is appointed by the governor, serving six-year terms. Five members are from among Oklahoma’s five congressional districts with the remaining two appointed at-large. The commission is responsible for appointing the state director of aeronautics to serve at its pleasure. The current director is Victor Bird, having served in that position since December 2002.

Commission Members

David Conway, Chair, District 2 (Expires December 2022)
Kevin Potter, District 1 (Expires December 2018)
Michael Ray, District 3 (Expires December 2019)
Lindy Ritz, District 4, (Expires December 2023)
Dave Amis III, Secretary, District 5 (Expires December 2020)
Jerry Hunter, At-Large (Expires December 2021)
James Putnam, At-Large (Expires December 2022)

Agency Performance and Accountability Commission

Agency Code 040 (IA)

Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; Department of

(2 O.S. § 1–2 est. Dept.; 2 O.S. § 1–3 name change) Board (Constitution, Article 6 § 31)

PO Box 528804, Oklahoma City 73152–8804

E-mail—ag@ag.ok.gov

Mission Statement

To look at agriculture with a vision as to what it will be in the next twenty years. The agency must increase the value of agriculture produce and enhance the value of life in the rural communities. The agency also must develop the state’s food and fiber resources in a manner that will always protect consumer health and safety, natural resources, property, and the environment.

History and Function

The agency began at statehood in 1907 and was primarily a regulator. It has since branched into services such as animal and plant disease control, crop and livestock market reporting, agricultural product marketing, laboratory services, water quality, animal damage control, and forestry. The department is supervised by a five-member board,
with the commissioner as its president. The board’s duties involve regulating all areas of agriculture. The commissioner is by law a member of the Board of Equalization, the Board of Regents for A&M Colleges, and the School Land Commission.

Administration  
Jim Reese, Secretary of Agriculture
Betty Thompson, Associate Commissioner, 405/522–6105
Kandi Batts, Executive Assistant, 405/522–5488
Administration and Communication, Bryan Painter, Director, 405/521–6479
Agriculture Environmental Management Services, Jeremy Seiger, Director, 405/522–5492
Animal Industry Services, Dr. Rod Hall, DVM, Director, 405/522–6131
Food Safety and Consumer Protection Services, Kenny Naylor, Director, 405/522–5879
Forestry Services, Mark Goeller, Director, 405/522–6158
Laboratory Services, Tanna Hartington, Director, 405/522–5431
Legal Services, Teena Gunter, Director, 405/522–5996
Market Development Services, Jamey Allen, Director, 405/522–0021
Statistics Services, Troy Marshall, 405/524–0021
Wildlife Services, Scott Alls, 405/522–4039

Personnel  
284 classified, 75 unclassified, 11 temporary

Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board (2 O.S. § 18–403) Repealed effective November 1, 2018.

Agriculture Mediation Program (2 O.S. § 2–30)
www.ok.gov/mediation	800/248–5465

Administration  
Mike Mayberry, Executive Director

Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Oklahoma Board of Licensed
(59 O.S. § 1873) Re-created until July 1, 2020

Agency Code 448 (IA)
405/521–0779

www.okdrugcounselors.org

Alcohol and Drug Influence, Board of Tests for (47 O.S. § 759)

Agency Code 772 (IA)
Building 9, 3600 Martin Luther King Avenue
405/425–2460, FAX 405/425–2490

Administration  
Kenneth E. Blick, Ph.D., Chairman of the Board; Kevin Behrens
State Director of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence

History and Function  
Created by the Oklahoma Legislature, the board began functioning January 1, 1969. Recreated by the legislature in 1982 with a name change and expanded responsibilities, it is the state agency charged with the authority and responsibility for approving laboratories for analysis of alcohol and other intoxicating substances in blood, breath, and saliva, under the Oklahoma Chemical Tests Act for traffic law enforcement purposes; issuing permits to persons qualified to conduct such tests; approving methods, techniques, devices, equipment, and records for such tests and for collection and handling of specimens. In 2005 the Oklahoma Legislature transferred responsibility for oversight of the ignition interlock devices to the Board by amendment 47 O.S. § 754.1(D). Copies of the rules set by this board (Administrative Code 40) may be obtained from the Secretary of State’s office. Re-created until July 1, 2022.

Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission (ABLE Commission) (Constitution, Article 28 §1; 37 O.S. § 506.1)

Agency Code 030 (IA)
3812 N Santa Fe Avenue, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73118
405/521–3484, Toll Free 866/894–3517, FAX 405/521–6578

Mission Statement  
To protect the public’s welfare and interest in the enforcement of the laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages, charity games, and youth access to tobacco in Oklahoma.

Administration  
A. Keith Burt, Director; Jim Hughes, Deputy Director

Personnel  
24 classified, 5 unclassified, merit

History and Function  
Created by the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution, the commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor and subject to the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate, who
in turn appoint the director. The purpose of the commission is viewed as an exercise of the police power of the State of Oklahoma for the protection, welfare, health, peace, temperance, and safety of the people of the state through the enforcement of the laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages, charity games, and youth access to tobacco. The agency enforces the Oklahoma Beverage Control Act, Charity Games Act, and Youth Access to Tobacco Act.

**Anatomical Board of the State of Oklahoma** (63 O.S. § 91; 74 O.S. § 3907)

Agency Code 044 (IA)

PO Box 26901, AAT 4000, Oklahoma City 73126

405/271–2265, EXT 48555, FAX 405/271–3032

E-mail—jon-brightbill@ouhsc.edu

**Mission Statement**

To ensure, for the State of Oklahoma, the respectful and consensual disposition and use of human bodies and parts donated for education, research, and the advancement of medical, dental, forensics or mortuary science.

The Anatomical Board oversees all entities that provide or use donated bodies and body parts for education and research.

**Administration**

Daniel O’Donoghue, Ph.D., Chairman; Jon Brightbill, Executive Director.

**History and Function**

Created by the 1935 Oklahoma Legislature, the board is composed of deans, or their designees, of each accredited medical school and osteopathic medical school within the state; heads of the Department of Anatomy, or their designees, two persons appointed jointly by the presidents of institutions of higher education with programs other than medical which require, on a regular basis, human and anatomical material, provided they have been approved by the State Regents for Higher Education, and one at-large member appointed by the governor to represent the interests of the citizens of this state. Board functions are to provide for the collection, preservation, storage, distribution, delivery, recovery from users, cremation, and final disposition of all dead human bodies used for health science education and research in the state. Re-created until July 1, 2020.

**Archeological Survey, Oklahoma** (74 O.S. § 241)

The University of Oklahoma, 111 E Chesapeake, Building 134, Norman 73019–5111

405/325–7211, FAX 405/325–7604

www.ou.edu/archsurvey

E-mail—kstackelbeck@ou.edu

**Administration**

Kary Stackelbeck, State Archeologist; Amanda L. Regnier, Director, aregnier@ou.edu

**Mission Statement**

To research Oklahoma's archeological record; to work with state and federal agencies, and the citizens of Oklahoma to preserve significant archeological sites; and to disseminate information about Oklahoma's cultural heritage through publications and public presentations.

**History and Function**

Established in 1970, the survey studies prehistoric and early historic sites; conserves, maintains, and exhibits archeological materials; assists in the enforcement of laws protecting archeological sites; maintains archeology programs; does anthropological and archeological research under the direction of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma.

**Archeological Survey Advisory Board**

**Architects, Landscape Architects, and Registered Interior Designers of Oklahoma, Board of Governors of the Licensed** (59 O.S. § 46.4; 74 O.S. § 3905)

Agency Code 045 (IA)

PO Box 53430, Oklahoma City 73152

405/949–2383, FAX 405/949–1690

**Mission Statement**

To protect the life, safety, and welfare of the people of Oklahoma, by administering the State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act which provides that all persons and firms practicing or offering to practice architecture, landscape architecture, or using the title registered interior designer in this state submit evidence that he, she or the entity is qualified to practice and is licensed and registered.

**Administration**

Leslie Hanska, Executive Director

**Personnel**

3 unclassified, non-merit

**History and Function**

Established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1925, the board is responsible for the examination and licensing of architects and landscape architects after determining their eligibility. The board also examines and determines the eligibility for registered interior designers and registers them and their entities. It also regulates the practice of architecture and landscape architecture with power to suspend, revoke, deny, refuse to renew, or reinstate licenses and/or registrations. The board is self-sustaining through collection of fees. Re-created until July 1, 2020.

**Arts Council, Oklahoma** (53 O.S. § 163)

Agency Code 055 (IA)

www.arts.ok.gov
Mission Statement  To lead in the advancement of Oklahoma’s thriving arts industry.
Administration  Amber Sharples, Executive Director; Chandra Boyd, Deputy Director; Allison McMichael, Director of Finance; Joel Gavin, Director of Marketing and Communications
Personnel  12 unclassified, non-merit
History and Function  Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1965 to encourage and stimulate all forms of artistic endeavors, the Oklahoma Arts Council receives appropriations from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts to provide matching grants to Oklahoma non-profit arts organizations and schools.

Athletic Commission, Oklahoma State
(HB 3070, 2008; 3A O.S. § 604.1; 74 O.S. § 3906) Recreated until July 1, 2019

Attorney General  (Constitution, Article 6 § 1)

Banking Department, Oklahoma State  (Constitution, Article 14 §1; 6 O.S. § 201)

Banking Board, State  (6 O.S. § 202)
Bar Association, Oklahoma

1901 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105
PO Box 53036, Oklahoma City 73152–3036
www.okbar.org
405/416–7000, 800/522–8065, FAX 405/416–7001

Administration
John Morris Williams, Executive Director; Craig D. Combs, Director of Administration; Gina Hendryx, General Counsel; Carol A. Manning, Director of Public Information; Susan Damron, Director of Educational Programs; Jim Calloway, Management Assistance Program Director; Robbin Watson, Information Technology Director; Beverly Petry, Administrator of MCLE Commission; Joseph P. Balkenbush Jr., Ethics Counsel

Mission Statement
To advance the administration of justice according to law and the rules of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

History and Function
The Oklahoma Bar Association was created in 1939 by the Oklahoma Supreme Court to assist the court in the regulation of the practice of law. (In Re Integration of State Bar of Oklahoma, 185 OK 505, 95 P.2d 113).

Oklahoma Bar Foundation
Founded 1949, Private non-profit institution
405/416–7070

Bar Examiners, Board of
Title 5, Chapter 1, Appendix 1–B, Rule 3
405/416–7029

Continuing Legal Education
Title 5, Chapter 1, Appendix 1–B, Rule 3
405/416–7029

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission
Title 5, Chapter 1, Appendix 1–B
405/416–7009

Professional Responsibility Commission
(Title 5, Chapter 1, Appendix 1–A, Rule 2.1)
405/416–7007

Professional Responsibility Tribunal
Title 5, Chapter 1, Appendix 1–A, Rule 4.1
405/416–7007

Behavioral Health Licensure, State Board of
(59 O.S. § 5011)
www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth
405/522–3696

Biological Survey, Oklahoma
(70 O.S. § 3314)

University of Oklahoma, 111 East Chesapeake Street, Norman 73019–0575
www.biosurvey.ou.edu
405/325–4034, FAX 405/325–7702
E-mail—lara.souza@ou.edu

Administration
Lara Souza, Director; Bruce Hoagland, Coordinator, Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory; Abigail Moore, Curator, The Robert Bebb Herbarium; Kurt Kuklinski, Director of Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory

History and Function
The Oklahoma Biological Survey, established in 1927, is both a research unit of the University of Oklahoma and a state office. The mission of the survey is to scientifically investigate the diversity of plants and animals in Oklahoma and associated regions and to contribute to conservation and education concerning these important resources. The survey includes: (1) the General Biological Survey program; (2) the Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory; (3) the Bebb Herbarium, jointly operated with the Department of Botany and Microbiology; (4) the Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory, jointly operated with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation; and (5) the Oklahoma Natural Areas Registry. Personnel in the survey include faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduates who engage in a wide range of research, teaching, and service activities.

Boll Weevil Eradication Organization, Oklahoma
(2 O.S. § 3–50.5)

Agency Code 039
Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
704 S Veterans Drive, Altus 73521
www.obweo.org
580/477–4287, FAX 580/477–4238

Administration
Brenda Osborne, Executive Director

Mission Statement
To eradicate the boll weevil from Oklahoma.

Personnel
4 unclassified, non-merit

Bond Commissioner
(62 O.S. § 11)

The Attorney General is ex officio Bond Commissioner of the State.
Office of the Attorney General, 313 NE 21 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3921, FAX 405/521–6246

Administration
Mike Hunter, Attorney General, ex officio Bond Commissioner
Bond Oversight, Council of  
(62 O.S. § 695.11A)

The five-member Council of Bond Oversight is responsible for the review and approval of all financing requests by state agencies, authorities, departments, and trusts. The council meets monthly to review financing requests and may set specific conditions that must be satisfied prior to issuance. The council consists of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services director, two members appointed by the governor, one member appointed by the Speaker of Oklahoma House of Representatives, and one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate.

Boxing Commission, Oklahoma Professional  
(3A O.S. § 604.1)

State Department of Health  
E-mail—boxing@health.ok.gov

Building Bonds Commission, Oklahoma  
(62 O.S. § 57.302)

Secretary of State (IA)  
State Capitol Room 122, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City 73105–4897

Administration  
Melody Wright, staff

History and Function  
Established in 1949 by the Oklahoma Legislature, this is the agency by which the state incurs indebtedness for the purpose of constructing, equipping, remodeling, and repairing any and all buildings of the state, including those of its educational, recreational, penal, and charitable establishments, pursuant to Section 31, Article 10 of the Constitution of Oklahoma and subsequent legislative acts.

Business License Information Office  
(74 O.S. § 5058.4)

Department of Commerce (IA)  
900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73104–3234

Administration  
Rana Steeds, 405/815–5143

History and Function  
Provides information to existing businesses and individuals starting a business about compliance with state licensing and registration requirements. Information is also available at www.okcommerce.gov.

Capitol Improvement Authority, Oklahoma  
(73 O.S. § 152)

2401 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 204–1, Oklahoma City, 73105 (IA)  
405/522–0366

Mission Statement  
To provide financing for buildings and facilities for state government offices.

Administration  
Scott A. Reygers, OCIA Administrator

History and Function  
Created by legislative act in 1959 to issue revenue bonds to provide buildings and facilities for state government offices, the authority cannot issue bonds without legislative authorization. The authority consists of the governor who serves as chairman, the state treasurer, the lieutenant governor who serves as vice chairman, the director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the director of the Department of Human Services, the vice chairman of the Tax Commission, the director of the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, and the director of the Department of Transportation.

Capitol-Medical Center Improvement and Zoning Commission  
(73 O.S. § 83.1, 73 O.S. § 3908)

Will Rogers Office Building, 2401 Lincoln, Suite 212 (IA)  
PO Box 53448, Oklahoma City 73152–3218

Administration  
Ben Davis, Administrative Officer

Mission Statement  
To efficiently promote the general welfare of Oklahoma and private property owners by providing effective direction for the orderly development of the Capitol-Medical Center Improvement and Zoning District.

History and Function  
The commission was established under a 1970 legislative act and has as its principal purpose the orderly development of certain designated areas of land surrounding the state capitol and the Oklahoma Health Center. It has authority to grant or deny zoning permits for any changes or new construction within the district in accordance with a comprehensive master plan. Re-created until July 1, 2022.

Citizen’s Advisory Committee  
(73 O.S. § 83.12)
Historical Preservation and Landmark Board of Review (120 O.S. § 10–11–2) (Created by Commission)

Oklahoma Administrative Code 120: Chapter 10

Capitol Preservation Commission, State (74 O.S. § 4102)
Will Rogers Office Building, 2401 Lincoln, Suite 212 (IA)
PO Box 53218, Oklahoma City 73152–3218 405/522–0440, FAX 405/521–6403

History and Function  The commission was created in 1982 to plan and supervise the preservation and restoration of the interior and exterior of the Oklahoma State Capitol Building. Similar responsibilities were added in 1983 with respect to the governor’s mansion. The commission also controls the display of art objects in public areas of the state capitol and the first floor of the governor’s mansion. The commission consists of fifteen members. Re-created until July 1, 2019.

Capitol Repair Expenditure Oversight Committee, State (73 O.S. § 345)
www.capitolrestore.ok.gov

Career and Technology Education, Oklahoma Department of (70 O.S. § 14–104)  Board (70 O.S. § 14–101)
Agency Code 800 (IA)
1500 W Seventh Avenue, Stillwater 74074 405/377–2000, FAX 405/743–6809

History and Function  The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education provides leadership and resources to ensure standards of excellence throughout the statewide system. The system offers its programs and services throughout nearly 400 public school districts, twenty-nine technology centers with fifty-eight campus sites, thirteen skills centers located in correctional facilities, and thirty adult basic education sites. Each technology center works closely with advisers from local industry to ensure that students learn the skills needed to be valued members of the workforce. The department partners with many other state and private agencies and organizations to develop services to advance Oklahoma’s workforce and economic development.

Annually enrollments in CareerTech offerings are about 500,000. CareerTech provides nationally recognized competency-based curriculum, education, and training for a myriad of specialized and customized courses and training opportunities. This curriculum is developed with the input of industry professionals, using skills standards to identify the knowledge and abilities needed to master an occupation. Competency-based education enables CareerTech to provide students with the skills employers are seeking in the workplace.

Vision  The department is working to secure Oklahoma’s future by developing a world-class workforce.

Mission Statement  To prepare Oklahomans to succeed in the workplace, in education, and in life.

Values  The department’s values and beliefs are serving our customers and stakeholders; data-driven decisions; quality educational experiences; innovation and flexibility; accountability and high performance; diversity and inclusion; ethical behavior; and commitment to excellence.

Administration  Dr. Marcie Mack, State Director
Personnel  217 unclassified

Advisory Committee to the Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Division (11 O.S. § 52–103)

Cash Management and Investment Oversight Commission (62 O.S. §71.1)
Legislative Service Bureau
State Capitol, Room 309–1, Oklahoma City 73105 405/521–5662

Cerebral Palsy Commission (63 O.S. § 485.3, 485.9)
Agency Code 670
J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities
2002 E Robinson, Norman 73071 405/307–2800, 800/777–1272

Mission Statement  To provide a comprehensive program of rehabilitative care to Oklahoma’s children (0 to 21) with developmental disabilities; to utilize measurable quality standards and to ensure excellence in health care through a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach to service delivery which will enable children with developmental disabilities to maximize their potential and enhance their quality of life; to provide an intensive and comprehensive habilitative environment through direct services, referrals, and consultations that will lead to increased productivity and a quality standard of
living throughout adulthood; to increase the physical and emotional well-being of patients and their families through an empowering process of education, training, transitional planning, and community support; to advocate for the needs of children with developmental disabilities by increasing awareness and supplementing habilitative services in all communities as well as pro-actively seeking solutions to expressed concerns; and to facilitate ongoing educational training for staff to ensure continuous quality improvements.

**Administration**  
Vicki Kuestersteffen, Director; Erik Paulson, Business Manager; Becky Melsek, Director of Nursing; Tina Martinez, Human Resources Director; Greg Gaston, Director of Marketing

**Personnel**  
235

**History and Function**  
The McCarty Center was founded in 1946 by the 40 et 8 of Oklahoma, an honor society within the American Legion. A member of the 40 et 8 had a grandson who had cerebral palsy. The grandfather could not find any entity in the state that could help his grandson to learn to walk or talk. The 40 et 8 took it upon themselves to create a place where children with cerebral palsy could get the physical, occupational, and speech and language therapy they needed to reach their highest level of independence and function. Today, the McCarty Center has treated more than one hundred different diagnoses in the developmental disability category. In 1948 the McCarty Center became a state agency.

**Chief Medical Examiner**  
921 NE 23 Street, Oklahoma City 73105 (IA)  
405/239–7141, FAX 405/239–2430  
E-mail—medicalexaminer@ocme.ok.gov

**Mission Statement**  
To protect the public health and safety of Oklahomans through the scientific investigation of deaths as defined by state statutes. This process involves scene investigation and medicolegal autopsy (including radiology, toxicology, histology, and microbiology) complementing the activities of law enforcement agencies, district attorneys, and public health officials.

**Children and Youth, Commission on**  
1111 N Lee Avenue, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73103  
405/606–4900, FAX 405/524–0417

**Mission Statement**  
The mission of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth is to improve services to children by facilitating joint planning and coordination among public and private agencies; independent monitoring of the children and youth service system for compliance with established responsibilities; and entering into agreements to test models and demonstration programs for effective services; and training multidisciplinary teams.

**Administration**  
Lisa Smith, Director; Mark James, Assistant Director

**Personnel**  
25.5 classified, 7 unclassified, merit

**History and Function**  
The Commission on Children and Youth was created by the Oklahoma Legislature on May 28, 1982, to develop and improve services to children and youth in Oklahoma.

**Child Abuse Examination, Board of**  
1111 N Lee Avenue, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73103; 405/271–2429

**Administration**  
Sarah Passmore D.O., Chief Child Abuse Examiner

**Child Death Review Board**  
1111 N Lee Avenue, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73103; 405/271–2429

**Administration**  
Lisa Rhoades, Administrator

**Children of Incarcerated Parents**  
405/606–4918; FAX 405/524–0417

**Administration**  
Sara Vincent, Coordinator

**Juvenile System Oversight, Office of**  
405/606–4900; FAX 405/528–0455

**Administration**  
Lisa Smith, Director; Mark James, Assistant Director

**Multidisciplinary Teams Coordination**  
405/606–4900; FAX 405/524–0417

**Administration**  
Jennifer Hardin, Coordinator, Intergovernmental Relations

**Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board**  
405/606–4922; FAX 405/524–0417

**Administration**  
Sara Vincent, Coordinator
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of (59 O.S. § 161.1; 59 O.S.161.4) Recreated until July 1, 2020.

Agency Code 145 (IA)  
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 180, Oklahoma City 73103  
www.chiropracticboard.ok.gov  
405/522–3400, FAX 866/245–2748

Mission Statement To enhance public health and safety by regulating the practice of chiropractic in Oklahoma to insure that only properly qualified chiropractors practice in the state and that the profession as a whole is conducted in the public’s best interest. Re-created until July 1, 2020.

Administration Beth Kidd, Executive Director; Joseph English, Investigator; Lauren Arnold, Administrative Assistant

Personnel 3 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function The board serves as the administrative agency for the conduct and licensing of chiropractic physicians; has authority to enforce statutory laws relating to the profession and is self-sustaining through collection of licensing fees.

Climatological Survey, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 245) Re-created until July 1, 2020.

(Under direction and supervision of Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma.)

University of Oklahoma, 120 David L. Boren Boulevard, Suite 2900, Norman 73072–7305  
405/325–2541, FAX 405/325–7282  
www.climate.ok.gov

Mission Statement To acquire, archive, process, and disseminate, in the most cost-effective way possible, all climate and weather information of value to policy and decision makers in the state.

Administration Kevin Kloesel, Ph.D., Director; Gary McManus, Ph.D., State Climatologist

History and Function The Oklahoma Climatological Survey (OCS) is a state agency mandated to acquire, archive, process, and disseminate, in the most cost-effective way possible, all climate and weather information of value to policy and decision makers in the state. OCS was first established by the University of Oklahoma in 1980 to serve as a supporting structure for the state climatologist. The state legislature in 1982 formalized the OCS’s existence with enabling legislation. Since 1991 the OCS has been the operational home of the Oklahoma Mesonet (www.mesonet.org), the state’s weather network, designed and implemented by the University of Oklahoma (OU) and Oklahoma State University (OSU). The addition of the Mesonet expanded OCS’s role from retrospective climate studies to supporting real-time weather-impacted decisions. OCS initiated outreach programs for Oklahoma’s K–12 teachers and public safety agencies in 1992 and 1996, respectively, and provides additional decision-support tools in support of rural electric cooperatives and agriculture.

OCS provides tailored information to address particular needs for Oklahoma’s citizens and state and local decision makers. OCS scientists utilize all available weather and climate information, both historical and real-time, to assist citizens and state decision makers with understanding current weather conditions and historical circumstances of weather events and climate variability. By integrating weather and climate information from multiple data sources, OCS relieves other state agencies of the necessity to have expertise on staff to assemble and evaluate the multiple information sources. OCS climatologists provide similar expert assessments for citizens of Oklahoma.

OCS is located at OU in Norman, and is under the governance of the OU Board of Regents. OCS is home to the state climatologist. The director of OCS is appointed by the OU Board of Regents, based upon recommendations by a search committee conducted within the OU College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and School of Meteorology. The director also serves as co-chair of the Mesonet Steering Committee.

Climate Services  
climate.mesonet.org

Mark Shafer, Director of Climate Services, 405/325–3044

K–12 Educational Outreach  
earthstorm.mesonet.org

Andrea Melvin, Program Manager, 405/325–2652

Mesonet, The Oklahoma (Partnership with OSU, Division of Agricultural & Natural Resources)  
www.mesonet.org

Chris Fiebrich, Associate Director for Mesonet; 405/325–6877

OK-First Public Safety Outreach  
okfirst.mesonet.org

James Hocker, Program Manager, 405/325–3230

College Savings Plan, Board of Trustees (70 O.S. § 3970.4)  
www.ok4saving.org

Commerce, Oklahoma Department of (74 O.S. § 5003.1)  
www.okcommerce.gov
Mission Statement  To create and deliver high-impact solutions that lead to prosperous lives and communities for all Oklahomans.

Administration  Deby Snograss, Executive Director, 405/815–5306; Jamie Herrera, Chief of Staff, 405/815–5153; Claudia Conner, Interim General Counsel, 405/815–5359; Vaughn Clark, Director, Community Development, 405/815–5370; Charles Kimbrough, Director, Business Development, 405/815–5361

Personnel  94 unclassified

History and Function  Established in 1986, the Department of Commerce is the state’s lead economic development agency. Its responsibilities include assisting and developing local communities through the investment of federal and state resources; stimulating growth of existing businesses; attracting new domestic and international businesses; and promoting the development and availability of a skilled workforce. The department has offices in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and has representation in the United Kingdom, the European Union, and Mexico.

Community and Faith Engagement, Office of

Mission Statement  To promote partnerships and engage communities in collaborative efforts to promote and enhance the well being of all Oklahomans.

Administration  Karen Jacobs, Coordinator

Community Hospitals Authority  (63 O.S. § 3240.3)

Community Service Commission, Oklahoma  (Executive Order 2015–10)

Conservation Commission, Oklahoma  (27A O.S. § 3–2–101)

Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program—The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is the state agency designated to administer the federally-funded Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program. The mission of the program is to reclaim abandoned mined land in Oklahoma. The AML Program, through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, contracts with private contractors to perform the reclamation work. All AML lands are prioritized based on potential threat to the public health and safety. Oklahoma’s abandoned mine land sites are reviewed by the State Reclamation Committee, which includes state and federal agencies and private nonprofit associations.

Blue Thumb Education Program—Blue Thumb is an education program of the Conservation Commission’s Water Quality Division. It works to educate the public about protecting streams through hands on educational experiences, presentations, and water quality monitoring.
Carbon Sequestration Certification Program—The Conservation Commission is designated to verify and certify carbon offsets and avoided emission of greenhouse gases. The program encourages Oklahomans to voluntarily protect water quality; prevent soil erosion and improve soil quality; and improve air quality by adopting conservation practices that sequester or avoid emissions of greenhouse gases.

Conservation Cost-Share Program—The Oklahoma Legislature established the Oklahoma Conservation Cost-Share Program in 1998. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission administers the program at the state level and local conservation districts administer it locally. The program provides funds, as appropriated by the legislature, to conservation districts to be used to install conservation practices on the land to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality.

Conservation Districts—Oklahoma’s eighty-four conservation districts are legal subdivisions of state government organized by local residents. The entire state is divided into conservation districts, often but not always along county lines. Each conservation district office offers a variety of natural resource information including soil surveys. Conservation districts provide services to large segments of the public, including farmers, ranchers, community planners, public health officials, developers, educators, students, and rural and urban citizens. The Conservation Commission’s District Services Division is a liaison to conservation district boards and employees to enhance the capabilities of districts to deliver a variety of services and programs. A directory of conservation district offices, addresses, and telephone numbers is available on the Conservation Commission’s web site at www.conservation.ok.gov.

Conservation Education—The Conservation Education program involves educational assistance to conservation districts, training for teachers, and cooperative projects with other state and federal agencies and higher education entities. The agency is the lead state co-sponsor of the Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) education curriculum, and chairs the Oklahoma Environmental Education Coordinating Committee, which it formed in response to the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Act of 1933, which designated the agency to coordinate environmental education with all other state agencies in an effort to more efficiently serve the public through increased networking among agencies and reduced duplication of effort.

Geographic Information and Technical Services—In 1994 the Oklahoma Conservation Commission was authorized by the legislature to prepare a “Strategy for Developing a GIS for the State of Oklahoma,” creating the State GIS Council to assist with this project. The Conservation Commission serves as the chair of the State GIS Council, which coordinates sharing and integration of GIS information between agencies to improve state functions. The Conservation Commission’s Office of Geographic Information and Technical Services division’s responsibilities include housing the State Office of Geographic Information and the State GIS coordinator as well as maintaining Oklahoma Conservation Commission’s geographic information systems (GIS) operations and database. The division also coordinates computer network for the agency and for conservation districts.

Nonpoint Source Water Quality—The Oklahoma Environmental Quality Act (Laws 1992, c. 398) statutorily designated the Conservation Commission as the state’s nonpoint source technical lead agency in carrying out Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Programs of the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987. As such, the agency’s Water Quality Division is responsible for the assessment, prioritization, and management of nonpoint source pollution of the state's waters required under Section 319. The Water Quality Division monitors small feeder streams on a rotational basis to determine the impact of nonpoint source pollution on the state's water resources. This rotational monitoring program, supports the state’s ambient monitoring program. The division coordinates the development and management of a performance-based Priority Watershed Cost-Share Program, in which federal and state funds are made available to landowners to install conservation practices to reduce the state’s nonpoint source pollution. The division director chairs the nonpoint Source Working Group, which is made up of federal, state, and local agencies, environmental and producer groups, and Indian tribes. The group identifies priorities where funds and technical assistance will be directed.

Small Watershed Upstream Flood Control Program—The Conservation Commission assists the state’s eighty-four local conservation districts in the construction of new and rehabilitation of aging Small Watershed Upstream Flood Control Program structures (most often dams) as well as operation and maintenance of those structures. Oklahoma has more than 2,100 upstream flood control dams, the most of any state in the nation.

Soil Health Education Program—An education program of the Conservation Commission’s Water Quality Division, this program trains conservation district employees, directors, and the public in the importance of soil health, and its link to water quality, so that they may apply this knowledge on their land and share it with their local communities. The training program delves into soil health principles by teaching easy to use techniques for understanding, assessing, and restoring soil health through hands-on learning opportunities.

Wetlands—In 1990 the Oklahoma Legislature, through O.S. 27 A § 3–2–108, gave jurisdiction to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to prepare a Wetland Management Strategy for the State of Oklahoma. To guide the effort, the agency developed and chairs the Oklahoma Wetlands Work Group that is comprised of technical representatives from state and federal agencies involved with wetland management, tribal representatives, local governments, non-governmental institutions, and industry representatives. The first wetlands strategy was completed in 1996 and is entitled “Oklahoma’s Comprehensive Wetland Conservation Plan.” The updated version is called the “Wetland Program Plan.” The plan guides the state in providing assistance with wetland related issues for Oklahomans, including promoting private and public cooperation in managing wetlands through a voluntary system using education, technical assistance, and incentives to bring the private and public sectors into wetlands management.
Construction Industries Board (59 O.S. § 1000.2)
Re-created until July 1, 2020

2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 2F, Oklahoma City 73107–2428
405/521–6550, 877/484–4424, FAX 405/521–6525
www.ok.gov/cib

Mission Statement To protect life and property by licensing and inspection of the related trades for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Administration Janis Hubbard, Administrator; Windy Nunnery, Office Manager; Stephanie Brown, Board Secretary/Executive Assistant

Personnel 35 unclassified

History and Function Created in 2001 for the licensing and oversight of the construction industries trades, which include the Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, the Mechanical Licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and the Roofing Contractor Registration Act.

Entities included under the direction of the Construction Industries Board include:

- Electrical Examiners, Committee of (59 O.S. § 1683)
- Electrical Hearing Board (59 O.S. § 1689)
- Electrical Installation Code Variance & Appeals Board (59 O.S. § 1697)
- Home Inspector Examiners, Committee of (59 O.S. § 858–824)
- Inspector Examiners Committee (59 O.S. § 1034)
- Mechanical Hearing Board (59 O.S. § 1850.14)
- Mechanical Examiners, Committee of (59 O.S. § 1850.4)
- Mechanical Installation Code Variance & Appeals Board (59 O.S. § 1850.16)
- Plumbing Examiners, Committee of (59 O.S. § 1151.26)
- Plumbing Hearing Board (59 O.S. § 1151.28)
- Roofing Examiners, Committee of (59 O.S. § 1151.24)
- Roofing Hearing Board (59 O.S. § 1151.28)
- Roofing Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board, Oklahoma State (59 O.S. § 1159.29)

Consumer Credit, Department of (14A O.S. § 6–501)

Agency Code 635 (IA)
3613 NW 56 Street, Suite 240, Oklahoma City 73112
405/521–3653, 800/448–4904, FAX 405/521–6740
www.ok.gov/okdocc

Mission Statement We protect and educate consumer buyers, lessees, and borrowers against unfair practices, and are fair and impartial in the regulation of consumer credit transactions in Oklahoma.

Administration Scott Lesher, Administrator

Personnel 34 classified, 6 unclassified

History and Function The Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit was created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1969. The department is responsible for the regulation of consumer credit sales and consumer loans in the state of Oklahoma. The department also is responsible for the licensing and regulation of mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, mortgage loan originators, pawnshops, deferred deposit lenders, rental purchase lessors, health spa contracts, credit serve organizations, precious metal and gem dealers, and consumer litigation funders.

Commissions on Consumer Credit (14A O.S. § 6–501)

Consumer Credit Advisory Committee (14A O.S. § 6–501)

Licenses included under the direction of the Department of Consumer Credit include:

- Mortgage Lender (59 O.S. § 2095–2095.26)
- Mortgage Broker (59 O.S. § 2095–2095.26)
- Mortgage Loan Originator (59 O.S. § 2095–2095.26)
- Supervised Lender (14A O.S. § 1–101–3–705)
- Deferred Deposit Lender (59 O.S. § 3101–3119)
- Pawnbroker (59 O.S. § 1501–1515)
- Rental Purchase Lessor (59 O.S. § 1501–1515)
- Health Spa (59 O.S. § 2000–2012)
- Mortgage Broker (59 O.S. § 2095–2095.26)
- Precious Metal and Gem Dealer (59 O.S. § 1521–1532)
- Credit Service Organization (24 O.S. § 131–148)
Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University
(19 O.S. § 130.2) Formerly Center for Local Government Technology and Cooperative Extension Service
www.oces.okstate.edu 405/744–5398

Corporation Commission, Oklahoma
(Constitution, Article 9 § 15; 17 O.S. § 1 et seq.)

Agency Code 185 (IA)
Jim Thorpe Building, 2101 N Lincoln Boulevard
PO Box 52000, Oklahoma City 73152–2000


Administration Tim Rhodes, Director, 405/521–2307;
Administrative Services, Holly George, CFO, 405/521–3526
Judicial and Legislative Services, Maribeth Snapp, Administrator, 405/522–1409
Information Technology Division, Dan Ingram, IT Specialist, 405/521–4520
Oil & Gas Conservation Division, Tim Baker, Director, 405/521–2302
Petroleum Storage Tank Division, Robyn Strickland, Director, 405/521–4861
Public Utility/Consumer Services Division, Brandy Wreath, Director, 405/521–2322
Transportation Division, Lynne Jones, Director, 405/522–5285

Mission Statement To empower Oklahoma by ensuring responsible development of oil and gas resources; reliable utility service at fair rates; safe and legal operation of motor carriers, pipelines, rail crossings, and fueling stations; and prevention and remediation of energy-related pollution of the environment, while balancing the rights and needs of the people with those regulated entities through development and enforcement of regulations in an open, transparent, ethical, and just manner.

Personnel 343 classified, 183 unclassified, 1 temporary, merit

History and Function The Corporation Commission was established in 1907 by Article 9 of the Oklahoma Constitution. The first legislature gave the commission the authority to regulate what were legally defined as “public service corporations.” Initially, the commission regulated transportation and transmission companies; mostly railroad and telephone and telegraph companies. In 1908, pipelines and telephone services were placed under the authority of the commission. In 1913, regulation of heat, light, power rates, and water were added, and in 1914, oil and natural gas drilling and production became part of the commission’s jurisdiction.

The commission presently regulates electric and natural gas utilities, except those under federal or municipal jurisdictions or exempt from regulation; oil and gas drilling, production and environmental protection, including seismicity; aspects of motor carrier, rail and pipeline transportation; most taxis, limousines, for-hire buses, and transportation networks (e.g. Uber); towing companies performing nonconsensual tows; cotton gins; and private water companies. The commission also has the responsibility to ensure proper operation of fuel dispensing units (i.e., gas pumps) at all retail filling stations, and the remediation of groundwater and soil pollution caused by leaking petroleum storage tanks.

There are three corporation commissioners, each elected to a six year term. The seats are statewide. There is a two term limit. The terms are staggered so one commissioner vacancy occurs every two years. The three commissioners decide regulatory matters within the jurisdiction of the commission.

Corrections, State Department of
(57 O.S. § 505) Board (57 O.S. § 503)

Mission Statement To protect the public, the employees, and the offender.

Administration Joe M. Allbaugh, Director of Corrections, 405/425–2506; Kimberley Owen, Executive Assistant to the Director, 405/425–2506; Scott Crow, Chief of Operations, 405/425–2588; Jessica Brown, Director of Communications, 405/425–2565; David Cincotta, General Counsel, 405/425–2515; Dr. Laura Pitman, Director of Population, Programs, and Strategic Planning, 405/962–6182; Millicent Newton-Embry, Director of Region I (Institutions), 405–425–2695; William Monday, Director of Region II (Institutions), 405/425–7008; Greg Williams, Director of Region III (Institutions), 405–425–7100; Elvin Baum, Director of Employee Rights and Relations, 405/425–2558; Kevin Duckworth, Director of Probation and Parole Services, 405/425–2696; Ashlee Clemmons, Director of Business Services, 405/425–2776; Justin Farris, Director of Oklahoma Correctional Industries, 405/425–7525; Brad Bailey, Director of Agri-Services, 405/425–7548; David Stenhouse, Director of Security Threats Intelligence, 405–425–2508;
Marilyn Davidson, Legislative Liaison, 405/525–7267; Johnny Blevins, Director of Fugitive Apprehension and Investigations; and Clint Castleberry, Director of Health Services, 405/962–6084.

Personnel 3,741 classified, 428 unclassified, 18 temporary

History and Function In May 1967 the Oklahoma Corrections Act was signed into law by Governor Dewey F. Bartlett. Governed by a bipartisan, seven-member board of gubernatorial appointees serving six-year staggered terms, the Board of Corrections establishes and reviews policies for the department’s operation, appoints a director, and reviews appointments of management personnel. The department protects the public, the employees, and the offenders, and is responsible for the operation of nineteen institutions ranging from maximum to minimum security, six probation and parole districts, and four community corrections centers.

Board of Directors for Canteen Services (57 O.S. § 537) (Parent Canteen Board Director)

Administration Joe M Allbaugh, Director of Board Administration; Tom James, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Accounting, 405/425–2646, FAX 405/425–2021

Inmate Reentry Policy Council (57 O.S. § 521.1)

Investigations Division (57 O.S. § 508.4)

Administration Johnny Blevins, Director of Fugitive Apprehension and Investigations, 405/425–2571

Oklahoma Correctional Industries (57 O.S. § 549.1) www.ocisales.com

3402 N Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City 73111–4219 405/425–7525, FAX 405/425–7502

Administration Justin Farris, Director of Oklahoma Correctional Industries

Oklahoma Correctional Industries is a program within the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Its mission is to provide work opportunities that emphasize the development of work ethics and provide skills training to a maximum number of offenders in the Oklahoma correctional system. To successfully accomplish this goal, OCI strives to maintain cost effective operations that provide qualified customers with necessary products and services. It is the goal of OCI to provide products and services that are comparable in quality and workmanship to private sector goods, competitively priced, and delivered in a timely manner.

Sex Offender Level Assignment Committee (57 O.S. § 582.5) Formerly Sex Offender Risk Assessment Review Committee.

Cosmetology and Barbering, State Board of (59 O.S. § 199)

Agency Code 190 (IA) www.cosmo.ok.gov
2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 84, Oklahoma City, 73107 405/521–2441, FAX 405–5212440

Mission Statement To safeguard and protect the health and general welfare of the people of the state of Oklahoma by performing a variety of services from developing curriculum for schools to administering examinations for prospective practitioners of the cosmetology and barbering profession.

Administration Sherry G. Lewelling, Executive Director

History and Function The State Board of Cosmetology was created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1935, primarily as a self-sustaining licensing agency. Recreated in 2014 as the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, the entity licenses and regulates the profession of cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, manicuring, instructors, and establishments where these services are performed. It also regulates health and safety issues in schools approved by the Board. Anyone who provides these types of services including but not limited to, haircutting, hairdressing, nail care, skin care and the application of make-up must be licensed by the Board. Recreated until July 1, 2021.

County Government Personnel Education and Training, Commission on (19 O.S. § 130.1) Re-created until July 1, 2019
318 Agriculture Hall, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater 74078–6026 agecon.okstate.edu/ctp
405/744–6160

Administration Notie H. Lansford; Gayle Hiner, Publications Officer at Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, 405/744–3659

Courtroom Interpreters, State Board of Examiners of Certified (27 O.S. § 1701, Ch. 23; 63 O.S. § 2408)

Administration Jari Askins, Court Administrator; Debra Charles, Program Director; Tammy Reaves, Administrator of Court Service Programs

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 2005, the board is composed of five members, four of whom shall be certified courtroom interpreters. All members shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma
Supreme Court. Functions of the board include credentialing of courtroom interpreters, conducting proceedings and making recommendations to the supreme court regarding the suspension, cancellation, revocation or reinstatement of the enrollment of certified courtroom interpreters.

Credit Union Board, Oklahoma State (6 O.S. § 2001.1)

State Banking Department
2900 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City 73105
Tulsa Office: 7666 E 61 Street, Suite 305, Tulsa 74133
405/521–2782, FAX 405/522–2993
918/295–3649, FAX 918/893–6405

Mission Statement To promote and preserve sound constructive competition among financial services and to help ensure the security of deposits through the promulgation of rules and regulations governing the credit union industry in Oklahoma and by promoting diversity in financial products and services.

Administration Mick Thompson, Bank Commissioner; O. Dudley Gilbert, Deputy Commissioner; Deborah Moore, Executive Secretary

History and Function Established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1974, the board is authorized to exercise the powers given to the state banking commissioner under previous legislation and is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the department’s responsibilities.

Crime Victims Compensation Board (21 O.S. § 142.4)

Agency Code 220 (IA)
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 290, Oklahoma City 73103
405/264–5006

Administration Suzanne Breedlove, Director of Victim Services; Trent H. Baggett, Executive Coordinator, District Attorneys Council

Davis, J.M. Memorial Commission (53 O.S. § 201A)

Agency Code 204
330 North J.M. Davis Boulevard, PO Box 966, Claremore 74018–0966
918/341–5707; 800/745–6098; FAX 918/341–5771
www.jmdavis.state.ok.us www.thegunmuseum.com www.okvictimscomp.com

Mission Statement To house, preserve, and display the unique items collected by J.M. Davis, and to provide an educational experience, entertainment, and pleasure to viewers of the collection.

Administration Wayne McCombs, Executive Director

Personnel 4 permanent, 3 temporary

History and Function The duty of the J.M. Davis Memorial Commission is to house, preserve, and display the arms collections and historical artifacts. The J.M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum houses more than 50,000 guns and related items, including 1,200 steins from all over the world, John Rogers’s Statuary, Gallery of Outlaw Guns, western memorabilia, Native American artifacts, antique music boxes, antique musical instruments, swords and knives, World War I posters, a very extensive research library, and a gift shop.

Dentistry, Oklahoma Board of (Constitution, Article 5 § 39; 59 O.S. § 328.7)

Agency Code 215 (IA)
2920 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite B, Oklahoma City 73105
405/522–4844 FAX 405/522–4614

Mission Statement To enhance public health and safety by regulating the practice of dentistry in the state in accordance with the State Dental Act and ensuring that the dental profession as a whole is conducted safely and in the public’s best interest.

Administration Susan Rogers, Esq., Executive Director and General Counsel

Personnel 5 classified, 5 unclassified

History and Function The Oklahoma Board of Dentistry was created in the Oklahoma Constitution in 1935. The board is responsible for the regulation and oversight of the licensing and practice of dentistry in Oklahoma. In conjunction with the practice of dentistry, the board also regulates the practice of dental hygiene, permits dental assistants, and issues permits to dental laboratories. The board is not appropriated state funds, but is self-sustaining on licensing fees and regulatory fines.

Developmental Disabilities Council, Oklahoma

(Executive Order 93–20, as retained by Executive Order 2011–10, and Executive Order 2015–05)

Developmental Disabilities Council, Oklahoma

2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 74, Oklahoma City 73107 www.okddc.ok.gov
Administration Mark Liotta, Chair; Ann Trudgeon, Director
Mission Statement The mission of the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council is to lead and advocate for systems change in the field of developmental disabilities, leverage collaborations and partnerships toward improved services and supports for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities, and promote positive perceptions and attitudes toward people with developmental disabilities.

Diabetes Center, Comprehensive (70 O.S. § 3318)

Oklahoma City: haroldhamm.org
Tulsa: tulsa.ou.edu/diabetes

Mission Statement Authorized establishment of a diabetes center on the campus of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City (Harold Hamm Diabetes Center), and a diabetes clinic at the OU Schusterman Center in Tulsa.

Disability Concerns, Office of (74 O.S. § 9.21)

Agency Code 326 (IA)
111 N Lee Ave., Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73103
405/521–3756, 800/522–8224
Email: odc@odc.ok.gov

Mission Statement To serve Oklahoma and Oklahomans with their disability concerns through advocacy, education, resources, and information.

Administration R. Douglas MacMilan, Director; William Ginn, Client Assistance Program Director; Tahirah Johnson, Disability Program Specialist; Valencia Stiggers, Disability Program Specialist; Jacob Hill, Disability Program Specialist

Personnel 5 classified, 2 unclassified, merit

History and Function The Office Disability Concerns was formed in 1980 as referenced in Title 74, Sections 9.21–9.35 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The agency is served by two advisory committees with separate functions. These committees are the Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and the Governor’s Advisory Committee to the Office of Disability Concerns. For a list, please contact the agency at 405/521–3756 or 800/522–8224.

The purpose of the agency is to help state government develop policies and services that meet the needs of Oklahomans with disabilities. Additionally, our mission reaches to a large cross section of Oklahoma’s population by providing a one-of-a-kind service providing information, education, advocacy for all things ADA. The agency works one concern at a time and does make a difference in many Oklahomans’ lives. This community has a wide range of concerns and may not be aware of what is available. When an individual contacts our agency we work with them to identify available resources that may help them with their concern.

Our mission falls into six major categories: (1) technical assistance with all things concerning disability; (2) support for the state policy makers, legislators, and ADA coordinators; (3) training and awareness to business, schools, general public, groups, and associations as well as other state agencies; (4) the Client Assistance Program; (5) maintain inbound channels to support inquiries over a variety of subjects that may be impacting a person with a disability; (6) and maintain an original library of information that includes some excellent practical publications, training material, suggested reading material, Facebook, and our website.

Client Assistance Program 405/521–3756, FAX 405/522–6695

Administration William Ginn, Director

History and Function Section 112 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The purpose of this program is to advise and inform clients, client applicants, and other individuals with disabilities of all the available services and benefits under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and of the services and benefits available to them under Title I of the Americans With Disabilities Act (DA). In addition, grantees may assist and advocate for clients and client applicants in relation to projects, programs, and services provided under the Rehabilitation Act. In providing assistance and advocacy under Title I of the Rehabilitation Act, a CAP agency may provide assistance and advocacy with respect to services that are directly related to employment for the client or client applicant.

District Attorneys Council (19 O.S. § 215.28)

Agency Code 220 (IA)
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 290, Oklahoma City 73103
405/264–5000, FAX 405/264–5099

Mission Statement To strengthen the criminal justice system in Oklahoma by providing a professional organization for the education, training, and coordination of technical efforts of all state prosecutors.
Administration  Trent H. Baggett, Executive Coordinator; Kathryn Boyle Brewer, Assistant Executive Coordinator, 405/264–5000, FAX 405/264–5099; Suzanne Breedlove, Victims Services Division, 405/264–5006, FAX 405/264–5097; Stephanie Lowery, Director, Federal Programs/Grants Division, 405/264–5008, FAX 405/264–5099; Bud Webster, Director, Finance Division, 405/264–5004, FAX 405/264–5099; Victor Carniero, Director, IT Division, 405/264–5002, FAX 405/264–5099; Connie Rozean, Director, Training & Outreach Division, 405/264–5000, FAX 405/264–5099

Personnel  40 unclassified, non-merit

Drought Commission, Emergency  (27A O.S. § 2251) Formed if needed.

Education, State Board of  (Constitution, Article 13 § 5, 70 O.S. § 3–101)

Agency Code 265 (IA)
Oliver Hodge Memorial Building, 2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 118, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3308, FAX 405/521–6205  E-mail—Joy.Hofmeister@sde.ok.gov

Administration  Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairperson of the State Board; Bebb Herbarium Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Education, State Department of  (70 O.S. §1–105, 1–115)

Agency Code 265 (IA)  www.ok.gov/sde
Oliver Hodge Memorial Building, 2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105–4599
405/521–6938, FAX 405/521–6205

Administration  Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Phil Bacharach, Chief of Staff, 405/521–4894
Dr. Maridyth McBee, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Data Information, Assessment & Accountability, 405/521–6446
Heather Griswold, Chief of Public Affairs, 405/522–8758
Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Federal Programs, 405/522–3713
Jason Pittenger, Executive Director of Accreditation, 405/521–6638
Brad Clark, General Counsel, 405/522–3274
Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy State Superintendent of Academic Affairs, 405/522–6369
Todd Loftin, Executive Director of Special Education, 405/522–3332
Amy Gibson, Interim Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, 405/521–3302
Mathangi Shankar, Chief Financial Officer, 405/521–3349
Carolyn Thompson, Chief of Government Affairs, 405/522–3520

Personnel  264 unclassified

History and Function  Responsible for all phases of state public school education, the department is under the direction of the State Board of Education, consisting of seven members. The superintendent of public instruction is elected to a four-year term by the people, or appointed by the governor to fill an unexpired term, and serves as a voting member and chair of the board. The other six members are appointed by the governor, confirmed by the Oklahoma Senate and serve staggered six-year terms. The department oversees many aspects of public education, including accreditation, state standards, school improvement, special education services, federal and state finances, child nutrition programs, teacher certification and effectiveness, school finance, school transportation, reading, student testing, gifted/talented, school accountability, literacy, and Indian education.

Military Children, Oklahoma State Council for Educational Opportunity for  (70 O.S. § 510.2)

Educational Quality and Accountability, Office of  (70 O.S. § 3–117)

Agency Code 275 (IA)  www.oega.ok.gov
840 Research Parkway, Suite 455, Oklahoma City 73104
405/522–5399, FAX 405/525–0373

Administration  Dr. Daniel Craig, Executive Director

History and Function  Originally established as the Office of Accountability under the Education Oversight Board by HB 1017, the Education Reform Act of 1990, the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability became operational under its new name in July of 2013. It is governed by the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability, which is composed of seven members, all appointed by the Governor. The original charge to the office was to establish and administer the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program, serving as a clearinghouse for statistical information from common education, career and technical education, higher education, and several other state agencies. The Educational Indicators Program provides
comparative statistics for each of the 520 school districts and the nearly 1,800 schools in the state. Publications include a state report, a district report and school report cards. An additional charge to the office was to establish and administer the Oklahoma School Performance Review Program, which comprehensively analyzes the performance of Oklahoma’s public school districts in all areas of operation. The reviews are collaboratively conducted by OEQA staff and outside review teams on a district-by-district basis with the findings published in a detailed report presented to the local board of education at the conclusion of the review process. Effective July 1, 2014, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation’s programs and personnel became a part of the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability. The responsibility for ensuring quality teacher preparation will still continue under the guidelines established by the Oklahoma Legislature in House Bill 1549. This landmark educational reform legislation establishes that the office will approve and accredit new teacher education programs, review and assess existing teacher education programs, assess teacher candidates for licensure and certification and encourage studies and research designed to improve teacher education. The commission is committed to developing and sustaining a well-prepared professional teacher workforce ensuring that all Oklahoma students have the opportunity to be academically successful.

Educational Quality and Accountability Commission  (70 O.S. § 3–116.2)

Educational Television Authority, Oklahoma (70 O.S. § 23–105)

Mission Statement  OETA’s mission is to provide essential educational television content and multimedia services that inform, inspire, and connect Oklahomans to ideas and information that enrich our quality of life.

The intent of OETA is to assure that new educational technologies, both over the air and on-line, benefit all citizens of the state. This opens new opportunities for more educational content, improved local services, increased civic engagement, and more coverage of state government and innovative bandwidth management. With the right investment in equipment and personnel, the state of Oklahoma will be able to provide instant, statewide, essential two-way communication for emergencies/public safety, training, and citizen involvement via OETA’s broadcast spectrum and ancillary bandwidth.

Administration  Mark Norman, Interim Executive Director, GM; George Taylor, VP of Finance; Curtis Calvin, VP of Education; Bill Perry, VP of Content Production; Janette Thornbrue, VP of Operations and Programming; Mark Norman, VP of Technology; and Richard Ladd, VP of Engineering

Personnel  47 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function  A statutory corporation created by law in 1953, OETA makes instructional and public television services available to all citizens of Oklahoma on a coordinated statewide basis. Four transmitters, located at Channel 13 in Oklahoma City, Channel 11 in Tulsa, Channel 3 in Eufaula, and Channel 12 in Cheyenne, with fourteen translators located statewide, extend OETA’s services throughout Oklahoma. OETA has offices and production studios in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Documentary Program Unit  (Laws 1998, c. 280§23)

Election Board, State (26 O.S. § 2–101)

Mission Statement  To achieve and maintain uniformity in the application, operation, and interpretation of the state and federal election laws with a maximum degree of correctness, impartiality, and efficiency.

Administration  Paul Ziriax, Secretary; Pam Slater, Assistant Secretary; Jay Smith, Information Services; Suzanne Cox, Support Services; Carol Morris, Ballot Generation Services

Personnel  6 classified, 7 unclassified

History and Function  Established under the Oklahoma Constitution in 1907, the board functions under the laws enacted by the Oklahoma Legislature as the administrative agency for the conduct of state elections, and the conduct of county election boards. Specific functions are: accepts filings for all state, judicial, district attorney, U.S. Senate and congressional offices; prints and distributes state and federal ballots to each county along with other election supplies; promulgates rules and regulations for the conduct and administration of elections. Board members are appointed to four year terms by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate, from a list of ten nominees recommended by the Democratic
State Committee, and a list of ten nominees recommended by the Republican State Committee. The secretary of the Senate serves as secretary of the board.

**Emergency Management, Oklahoma Department of** *(63 O.S. § 683.4)*

Agency Code 309 (IA)

PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City 73152

Duty officer on 24-hour call 405/521-2481, FAX 405/521-4053

E-mail—albert.ashwood@oem.ok.gov

**Mission Statement** To minimize the effects of attack, technological and natural disasters upon the people of Oklahoma by preparing and exercising preparedness plans, assisting local government sub-divisions with training for and mitigation of disasters, and by coordinating actual disaster response/recovery operations.

**Administration** Michelann Ooten, Director; Michelann Ooten, Deputy Director; Keli Cain, Public Information Officer

**Personnel** 12 classified, 18 unclassified, merit

**History and Function** Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1951, later laws combined the responsibilities of the Department of Emergency Resources Management with the Department of Civil Defense. The department now implements programs designed to minimize the effects of national and natural disaster upon the people of Oklahoma.

**Employment Security Commission, Oklahoma** *(40 O.S. § 4–102)*

Agency Code 290 (IA)

Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105

405/557–7100, Local Offices Toll Free 888/980–9675, TDD 405/557–7531

E-mail—webmaster@oesc.state.ok.us

**Mission Statement** To enhance Oklahoma’s economy by providing unemployment compensation to support unemployed workers and their communities, matching jobs and workers to increase the efficiency of local labor markets, referring workers to training opportunities to enhance and align their skills to meet local labor market needs, and gathering, analyzing, and disseminating information about the labor force to improve local economic decisions.

**Administration** Richard McPherson, Executive Director; Teresa Keller, Deputy Director;

**Personnel** 449 classified, 8 unclassified, 15 temporary

**History and Function** Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1941, the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) governs the operation of local workforce centers. These centers provide testing, career counseling, and placement services; solicit job orders from employers; refer job seekers; provide an online job bank; and provide special services for veterans and disabled veterans including job development, counseling, and placement. OESC also collects unemployment insurance taxes from employers to fund unemployment benefits to jobless workers. Unemployment insurance claims are filed online and through call centers. The OESC, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), manages research programs that provide current labor market information to employers, job seekers, employment and guidance counselors, and students to assist them in making informed decisions. The agency is part of a national network of employment service agencies receiving funding (OESC is funded solely with monies issued by the U.S. Department of Labor) from the federal government and is governed by a five-member commission appointed by the governor with consent of the Oklahoma Senate.

**Board of Review** *(40 O.S. § 4–202)*

Employment Security Commission
2401 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73152

**Employment Service, Local Offices**

City (Office Number)—Counties Served

Ada (62)—Garvin, Pontotoc
580/332–1533
1500 Hoppe Boulevard, Suite 2
(PO Box 850, 74820)

Altus (33)—Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa
580/482–3262
1115 N Spurgeon Street, 73521
(PO Box 551, 73522)

Ardmore (10) Carter, Love, Murray
580/223–3291
2421 Autumn Run, Suite B, 73401
(PO Box 1457, 73402)

Bartlesville (74)—Nowata, Osage, Washington
918/331–3400
210 NE Washington, 74006
(PO Box 4039, 74006–4039)
Chickasha (26)  Grady, McClain, Caddo  
405/224–3310  
301 S 2 Street, 73108  
(PO Box 398, 73023)  

Clinton (20)—  
Beckham, Custer, Roger Mills, Washita  
580/323–1341  
1120 Frisco Avenue (PO Box 605, 73601)  

Duncan (69)—Jefferson, Stephens  
580/253–8950  
1927 W Elk Avenue, 73533  
(PO Box 750070, 73575)  

Durant (07)—  
Atoka, Bryan, Coal, Johnston, Marshall  
580/924–1828  
4209 W Highway 70 West, 74701  

Enid (24)—Alfalfa, Blaine, Garfield,  
Grant, Kingfisher, Major  
580/234–6043  
114 S Independence, 73701  

Guymon (70)—Beaver, Cimarron, Texas  
580/338–8521  
304 NE 4 Street,  

Idabel (45)—Choctaw, McCurtain, Pushmataha  
580/286–6667  
2102 SE Washington Street, Suite B & C  
(PO Box 1197, 74545)  

Lawton (16)—Comanche, Cotton, Tillman  
580/357-3500  
1711 SW 11 Street  
(PO Box 989, 73502)  

McAlester (61)—  
Haskell, Latimer, Pittsburg  
918/423–6830  
1414 E Wade Watts Avenue, 74501  
(PO Box 1108, 74502)  

Miami (58)—Craig, Ottawa  
918/542-5561  
121 N Main, 73554  
(PO Box 670, 74355)  

Muskogee (51)—  
McIntosh, Muskogee, Wagoner  
918/682–3364  
717 S 32 Street, 74401 (PO Box 1688, 74402)  

Norman (5514)—Cleveland  
405/701–2000  
1141 E Main, 73071  

Oklahoma City (5503)  
Logan, Oklahoma, Canadian  
405/234–5000  
9210 S Western Avenue, 73139  

Oklahoma City (5509) East—  
Canadian, Logan, Oklahoma  
405/713–1890  
7401 NE 23 Street, 73141  

Okmulgee (56)—Okmulgee  
918/756–5791  
1801 E 4 Street, 744447  

Ponca City (36)—Kay, Noble, Osage  
580/765–3372  
400 E Central, Suite 103 74601  

Poteau (40)—LeFlore  
918/647–3124  
106 Rogers Avenue  
(PO Box 9, 74953)  

Pryor (49)—Delaware, Mayes  
918/825–2582, FAX 918/825–6494  
403 E Graham Avenue, 74362)  

Sapulpa (19)—Creek  
918/224–9430  
1700 S Main Street, 73133  
(PO Box, 1403, 74666)  

Shawnee (63)—Lincoln, Pottawatomie  
405/275–7800  
2 John C. Bruton Blvd., 74804  

Stillwater (60)—Payne  
405/624–1450  
3006 E 6 Street, HWY 51 74074  
(PO Box 1987, 74076)  

Tulsa Skyline (7209)—  
Osage, Pawnee, Tulsa  
918/796–1200  
201 W 5 Street, Suite 200, 74103  

Tahlequah (1116)—  
Cherokee, Adair, Sequoyah  
918/456–8846  
1295 Skills Center Circle, 74464  

Woodward (77)—  
Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Woods, Woodward  
580/256–3308  
1117 11 Street  
(PO Box 608, 73801)  

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Energy and Environment, Secretary of  
(27A O.S. § 1–2–101)  
204 N Robinson, Suite 1010, Oklahoma City 73102  
www.ee.ok.gov  
405/522–7099  

Mission Statement  The Office of Energy and Environment Management helps develop and advance policies that encourage energy exploration and productive as well as environmental stewardship.
Administration Colonel Michael Teague, Secretary of Energy and Environment; Jodi McKee, Administrative Director; Carly Cordell, Legislative Liaison; Tom Robins, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Tyler Powell, Deputy Secretary of Environment; Gayle Bartholomew, Environmental Grants Manager; and Kylah McNabb, Energy Policy Advisor

History and Function The Office of the Secretary of Environment (OSE) was created through Amended Executive Order 2011–06 by Governor Mary Fallin in July 2013 by consolidating the former positions of the secretary of energy and secretary of environment. The office advises the governor on energy and environment policy, coordinates the state’s energy and environment agencies, represents the state before federal agencies, and engages stakeholders.

Energy Initiative Board, Oklahoma (17 O.S. § 802.3)

Energy Resources Board, Oklahoma (52 O.S. § 288.3) Re-created until July 1, 2021

Agency Code 359 (IA)  www.oerb.com
500 NE 4 Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73104 405/942–5323, 800/664–1301, FAX 405/942–3435

Mission Statement To educate Oklahomans about the importance of petroleum (oil and natural gas) in their lives through traditional and non-traditional school curriculum, advertising, and public relations; to environmentally restore abandoned well sites to productive land use; to promote environmentally sound production methods and technologies; and to research and provide educational activities concerning the petroleum exploration and production industry.

Administration Mindy Stitt, Executive Director

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1993, the OERB is a privatized state agency funded through a voluntary one-tenth of one percent assessment on oil and natural gas, also known as the “Oklahoma Oil Check-Off.” The assessment, paid for by oil and natural gas companies and royalty owners, is refundable annually between January 1 and March 31 for any contributor who does not wish to participate in the program.

OERB provides hands-on energy-related curricula for grades K–12. The OERB created “Little Bits” and “Fossils to Fuel” and “Fossils to Fuel 2” for elementary students, “Petro Active and Rockin Ratios” for middle school students, and “Core Energy” for high school students. Other student education programs include “Petroleum Professionals in the Classroom” (Petro Pros), in which industry volunteers give energy presentations in classrooms across the state, and a petroleum scholar program for students pursuing careers in the oil and natural gas industry. The agency produces television and newspaper advertisements, and maintains a public relations campaign to help Oklahomans better understand the petroleum industry. The OERB has restored more than 15,000 abandoned and orphaned oil and natural gas exploration and production sites to productive use since 1994.

Energy Resources, Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma’s (52 O.S. § 288.5A)

Engineers and Land Surveyors, State Board of Licensure for Professional (59 O.S. § 475.1; 74 O.S. § 3905)

Agency Code 570 (IA)  www.pels.ok.gov
220 NE 28 Street, Suite 120, Oklahoma City 73105 405/521–2874, FAX 405/523–2135  E-mail—Khart@pels.ok.gov

Mission Statement Charged with the responsibility for safeguarding life, health, and property as affected by the practice of professional engineering and land surveying. To facilitate the prosecution of persons found in violation of established rules. Re-created until July 1, 2020.

Administration Kathy Hart, Executive Director; Bill Dickerson, Principal Assistant

Personnel 9 unclassified, merit

Environmental Quality, Department of of (27A O.S. § 2–3–101)

Board (27A O. § 2–2–101)

Agency Code 292 (IA)  www.deq.state.ok.us
707 N Robinson, Oklahoma City PO Box 1677, Oklahoma City 73101–1677 405/702–7100, FAX 405/702–7101

Administration Scott Thompson, Executive Director; Jimmy Givens, Deputy Executive Director

Agency Chief Engineer, Saba Tahmassebi, 405/702–7100
Air Quality Division, Eddie Terrill, 405/702–4100
Environmental Complaints/Local Services, Richard McDaniel, 405/702–6100
External Affairs Division, Lloyd Kirk, 405/702–7100
Mission Statement  The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is to protect people through the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land on which we thrive, helping to make Oklahoma an even better place to live.

Personnel  453 classified, 45 unclassified, 35 temporary, merit

Environmental Quality Board  Administration  Scott Thompson 405/702–7100

Oklahoma Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission  This commission is jointly administered by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Civil Emergency Management.

Air Quality Advisory Council  Administration  Eddie Terrill 405/702–4100

Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council  Administration  Kelly Dixon 405/702–5100

Radiation Management Advisory Council  Administration  Kelly Dixon 405/702–5100

Solid Waste Management Advisory Council  Administration  Kelly Dixon 405/702–5100

Water Quality Management Advisory Council  Administration  Shellie Chard 405/702–8100

Equalization, State Board of  (Constitution, Article 10 § 21, 68 O.S. § 2864)

Ethics Commission  (Constitution, Article 29 § 1)

Film and Music Office, Oklahoma
**Administration**  Tava Maloy Sofsky, Director

**Fire Marshal Commission, State (59 O.S. § 1820.6)**

Agency Code 310 (IA)  www.ok.gov/fire
2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 4, Oklahoma City 73107  405/522–5005, FAX 405/522–5028
Arson Hot line—800/522–8666

**Mission Statement**  The Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal is a state law enforcement agency charged with the task of preservation of life and property through enforcement of criminal statutes and mandated fire prevention/life safety codes. The agency will be guided by the following principles: a commitment to provide leadership in the fire service through effective communication with the Oklahoma Legislature, public officials, and citizens; a commitment to provide continual public relations and education; a commitment to interact positively with law enforcement, government agencies, and other interested professional entities; and a commitment to the improvement and the financial stability of the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal in order to provide more efficient service to the citizens of Oklahoma.

**Administration**  Robert Doke, State Fire Marshal; Sam Schafnitt, Assistant Fire Marshal

**Personnel**  17 classified, 3 unclassified, merit

**History and Function**  The State Fire Marshal’s Office was originally established in 1910, but then abolished in 1957. Recognizing the need for a state fire marshal, the Oklahoma fire service voiced concerns and the office was re-established in 1965. Prior to this, fires were investigated by agents with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and code enforcement/plan review regulations were conducted only in cities having an established code enforcement office. In 1965 the Oklahoma Legislature established the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal and a five-member commission was appointed to oversee the agency’s operations, including the hiring of the state fire marshal. The agency began its operations with the state fire marshal and only three agents. They were given statewide jurisdiction and responsibility for conducting fire investigations and building inspections. In 1970 the plans review department of the agency was formed. In 2012, by request of the fireworks industry, the fireworks licensing program of the agency was formed, licensing manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and outdoor display operators. In 2013 the fire extinguisher licensing program of the agency was formed, licensing companies and individuals conducting business in the fire extinguisher industry. The agency has an annual appropriated budget of approximately $2.6 million. All field agents are sworn peace officers. Field agents are located throughout the state and office from their homes.

**Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, Oklahoma (11 O.S. § 49–100.2)**  Board (11 O.S. § 49–100.3)

Agency Code 315 (IA)  www.ok.gov/fprs
405/522–4600, 800/525–7461, FAX 405/522–4643
6601 Broadway Extension, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73116

**Mission Statement**  To be responsive in administering retirement benefits to firefighters of Oklahoma; to manage the firefighters’ retirement funds prudently; and to embrace the highest ethical standards with regard to these endeavors.

**Administration**  Chase Rankin, Director

**Personnel**  10 unclassified

**History and Function**  Governor Charles N. Haskell signed into law the first fireman’s pension benefit statute May 14, 1908. The new law contained a 1 percent tax on insurance premiums to fund the pension benefits for both paid and volunteer firefighters. Oklahoma cities and towns administered the program until the Oklahoma Legislature created the current Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System in 1980. The Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System was created to better fund the total system and administer the system equally. The agency is vested with the power and duties specified by statutes and such other powers as may be necessary to enable it and its officers and employees to carry out fully and effectively the intent of the law to provide pension benefits to all participating firefighters in Oklahoma.

**Food Service Advisory Council, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 1–106.3)**

State Department of Health (IA)  www.health.ok.gov
Consumer Protection Division  1000 NE 10 Street, Oklahoma City 73117–1299
405/271–5288  Board of Health 405/271–4200

**Mission Statement**  The purpose of the advisory council shall be to advise the State Board of Health, the State Commissioner of Health, and the department regarding food service establishments. The council will recommend actions to improve sanitation, consumer protection, and have the duty and authority to review and approve in an advisory capacity the rules and standards for food service establishments operating in this state. The council evaluates, reviews, and makes recommendations regarding department inspection activities, and approves quality indicators, and data submission require-
ments for food service establishments. The department monitors compliance with licensure requirements and publishes an annual report of food service establishment performances.

Administration  Bill Ricks, Chair, Independent Food Service Operator with W. H. Braums Inc.

Forensic Center, Oklahoma

Agency Code 452 (IA)
PO Box 69, Vinita 74301 24800 S 4420 Road, Vinita 74301
918/256–7841, FAX 918/256–4491

Administration  Kevan Finley, MBA, MS, LPC, Executive Director; Satwant Tandon, MD, Clinical Director; Scott Orth, PhD, Director of Forensic Psychology; Randy Boston, RN, Director of Nursing; Darrell Praytor, Director of Information Technology; Julie Jacobs, Human Resources Manager; Carole Kimbrough, Director of Operating Services.

History and Function  Formerly Eastern State Hospital, the Oklahoma Forensic Center (OFC), an inpatient forensic facility within the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), conducts outpatient evaluations of adjudicative competency, as well as competency restoration treatment services to all persons deemed incompetent to stand trial (due to mental illness) by district courts in Oklahoma counties. OFC also provides mental health treatment and evaluation for all persons deemed “not guilty by reason of insanity,” by district courts in Oklahoma counties. OFC provides training to ODMHSAS forensic evaluators and professionals from other state agencies across Oklahoma and authors the Oklahoma Forensic Mental Health Services Manual.

Forensic Review Board (22 O.S. § 1161)

Members  Mike Segler, JD, Chair; Ben Sherrer, Member; Edward C. Cunningham, Member; Brent Black, Member
Larry Gross, Member; Joy Sloan, Member; David Tiller MD, Member.

History and Function  The Forensic Review Board is composed of seven (7) members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate. The Board meets quarterly to review and determine which individuals adjudicated “not guilty by reason of insanity” and confined with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services are eligible for therapeutic visits, conditional release or discharge, and whether the Board wishes to make such a recommendation to the court of the county where the individual was found “not guilty by reason of insanity.”

Funeral Board, Oklahoma (59 O.S. § 396; 74 O.S. § 3905)

Mission Statement  The mission of the Oklahoma Funeral Board is to act in the public interest, and for the public protection and advancement of the profession within the police powers vested in the board by the Oklahoma Legislature, entirely without appropriated funds. The board shall serve as a resource on funeral service to the general public and members of the funeral profession.

Administration  Chris Ferguson, Agency Director

History and Function  Originally established in 1905 by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oklahoma. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the governor. The agency provides regulatory oversight for funeral establishments, commercial embalming establishments, crematories, funeral directors, embalmers, apprentices, burial associations, and burial agents. It is self-sustaining by fee collection. Recreated until July 1, 2020.

Geographic Information, State Office of (82 O.S. § 1501–205.3)

Mission  To provide geographic information services to governments, academia, industry, and the public. The office supports the State Geographic Information Council, coordinates and promotes geographic information awareness, activities, data and training, and develops standards, policies, and operating procedures. In addition, it maintains a centralized statewide clearinghouse of accurate and timely data, facilitates data development, sharing, and access as well as fosters the values and benefits of geographic information system technology to ensure good stewardship of the state’s resources.

History and Function  Created by HB 2457 in 2004, and administratively housed in the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.
Geographic Information Council, State (82 O.S. § 1501–205.1; 82 O.S. § 1501–205–3)

Oklahoma Conservation Commission (IA)
2800 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–2384, FAX 405/521–6686

**Administration**  The commission serves as chair of the council. The nineteen member council consists of state agencies, universities, and representatives from local, county, and regional governments. The council generally meets on a monthly basis to share information about developing technology and applications in the geographic information field. Contact—mike.sharp@conservation.ok.gov

**Duties and Function**  Overseeing the Office of Geographic Information concerning the development, adoption, and recommendation of standards and procedures that may be applied to geographic information and geographic information systems to promote consistency of data elements and the promotion of collaboration and sharing of geographic data and data development.

Geographic Names, Oklahoma Board on (70 O.S. § 3310)

Oklahoma Geological Survey
Sarkeys Energy Center, 100 E Boyd Street, Room N–131, Norman 73019–0628
405/325–7069

**Administration**  Jeremy Boak, Director, Oklahoma Geological Survey; Thomas Stanley, Chairman, Board on Geographic Names

**History and Function**  Created in Laws 1965, c.396 § 310, the responsibility to “Act as Oklahoma Board on Geographic Names” was designated to the Oklahoma Geological Survey. The board has the responsibility to cooperate with local, state, and federal agencies to establish, change, and determine the appropriate names of geographic features in Oklahoma. Decisions of the board are forwarded as recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic Names. The Oklahoma Board is a member of the Council of Geographic Name Authorities, a national association of state name authorities that promotes standardization of procedures, cooperation among all agencies, and the sharing of geographic-name information.

Geological Survey, Oklahoma

(Constitution, Article 5 § 38, 70 O.S. § 3310, 74 O.S. § 231)

Agency Code 325
Sarkeys Energy Center, 100 E Boyd, Room N–131, Norman 73019–0628
405/325–7968, FAX 405/325–7069

**Administration**  Jeremy Boak, Director; E-mail—jboak@ou.edu

**History and Function**  In 1908, in accordance with the Oklahoma Constitution, the First Legislature created the Oklahoma Geological Survey. It is now supervised by the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents and charged with the responsibility of collecting and disseminating information about the geology, mineral, energy, and water resources of the state. The Oklahoma Geological Survey (OGS) studies the state’s geology including hydrocarbon and mineral resources, and makes this information available through publications and workshops. The OGS also examines non-fuel minerals, coal and coal bed methane resources, earthquakes in Oklahoma and throughout the world, natural hazards, and other geological issues concerning the state.

The survey conducts a number of mapping programs in Oklahoma, maintains a website, and presents programs for teachers, scouting groups, rock hound clubs, and other educational and civic organizations. These research and public service programs are conducted from main offices on the Norman campus of the University of Oklahoma. In addition, the OGS maintains a map and publication sales office at the Oklahoma Petroleum Information Center (OPIC) in Norman (2020 Industrial Boulevard). The OPIC maintains an extensive collection of petroleum information. The data includes cores, samples, well logs, scout tickets, completion reports, and related data on petroleum activity in Oklahoma. Some petroleum data are available for other states.

Grand River Dam Authority (82 O.S. § 861)

Agency Code 980
226 W Dwain Willis Avenue
PO Box 409, Vinita 74301–0409
918/256–5545, FAX 918/256–5289

**Administration**  Dan Sullivan, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer; Tim Brown, Chief Operating Officer; Ellen Edwards, General Counsel; Eddie Rothermel, Chief Financial Officer/Corporate Treasurer; John Goodwin, Executive Vice President Human Resources; Charles Barney, Executive Vice President Fuel and Generation Projects; Brian Edwards, Executive Vice President Lake Operations and Law Enforcement; Nathan Reese, Executive Vice President External Relations; Dr. Darrell Townsend, Vice President Ecosystems and Lake Operations; Robert Ladd, Vice President GREC Operations; Mike Herron, Vice President Engineering, System Operations and Reliability; Steve
Jacoby, Vice President Hydroelectric Projects; and Mike Waddell, Vice President Transmission and Distribution Operations

Personnel  568 FTE, 73 part-time

History and Function  The Grand River Dam Authority was created by the Fifteenth Oklahoma Legislature in 1935 to serve as a conservation and reclamation district for the waters of the Grand River. The Grand River Dam Authority Act (SB 395) established GRDA as a state agency and authorized it to build dams on the Grand River for the purposes of hydroelectric production, recreation, and flood control. Development of natural resources for Oklahoma were also responsibilities included in the act. The powers and functions of GRDA are exercised by a seven-member board of directors.

GRDA is a member of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization and Regional Entity. On March 1, 2014, the SPP launched an Integrated Marketplace. Participation in the SPP market and lower gas prices saved GRDA customers significant money during 2015, and resulted in offsetting reductions in revenues as well as fuel and purchased power expenses.

Facilities  The Pensacola Dam hydroelectric project was completed in 1940. At 5,680 feet in length, it is one of the longest multiple-arch dams in the world. Pensacola Dam creates Grand Lake O’ the Cherokees (Grand Lake) with 46,500 surface acres, a 1,300-mile shoreline, and a 66-mile channel. Six Francis-type hydroelectric turbines at Pensacola Dam's powerhouse have a total capacity of 112,000 kW. Pensacola Dam impounds 1,672,000 acre-feet of water and has a floodwater storage capacity of 540,000 acre-feet.

In 1964, GRDA completed construction on the Markham Ferry project. Also known as the Robert S. Kerr Dam, the project created Lake Hudson. This 12,000-surface-acre lake has a 200-mile shoreline and contains thirty channel miles of the Grand River in a fairly constant lake level, maintained the year round. Four Kaplan-type hydroelectric turbines at the Kerr Dam powerhouse have a total capacity of 114,000 kW, and an average water year can provide 211,000,000 kWh.

The Salina Pumped Storage Project was planned to be developed in four stages, 130,000 kW each. Two stages have been completed, the first in 1968 and the second in 1971. These two stages combine for a total capacity of 260,000 kW. The project is used for storing energy in the form of water pumped from Lake Hudson to the west. W.R. Holway Reservoir was formed by an earthen dam, which stretches 2,300 feet across the Chimney Rock Hollow southeast of Salina. The Salina Pumped Storage Project also supplies energy during peak loads and supplies emergency power to the system.

In 1976, the Oklahoma Legislature authorized bonds to be issued to construct a 490,000 kW coal-fired power generating unit (GRDA 1). Construction was begun in 1978 and completed in 1981 when the legislature authorized bonds to be issued to construct a second coal-fired generating station (GRDA 2) near Chouteau, adjacent to GRDA 1. The unit is rated at 520,000 kW. Construction began on GRDA 2 in 1981 and was completed in March 1986. Adjacent to Unit 2 is GRDA's new 490,000 kW combined cycle natural gas plant (GRDA 3), which is expected to be completed in mid–2017. The three facilities comprise the Grand River Energy Center (GREC).

In 2008 GRDA purchased 36 percent interest in the Redbud Gas Plant near Luther, Oklahoma. In recent years, GRDA has added nearly 250,000 kW of renewable wind energy. These moves further diversified the organization’s generation portfolio, adding natural gas to a beneficial mixture that already included hydroelectric and coal fire generation.

In addition to these projects, GRDA operates and maintains an integrated electric transmission system including approximately 2,090 miles of line and related switching stations and transformer substations.

Pursuant to an act of the Oklahoma Legislature, effective July 1, 2016, GRDA assumed the mission of the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission, which is to protect and preserve scenic rivers in their natural and free-flowing state with attention provided to enhancing scenic beauty, water conservation, fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreational values of present and future benefit to citizens of Oklahoma. There are five designated scenic rivers areas: (1) Flint Creek and Illinois River above the confluence of the Barren Fork Creek in Cherokee, Adair, and Delaware counties; (2) Barren Fork Creek in Adair and Cherokee counties from present alignment of US Highway 59 west to the Illinois River; (3) Upper Mountain Fork River above the 600-foot elevation of Broken Bow Reservoir in McCurtain and LeFlore counties; (4) Big Lee Creek above the 420-foot elevation in Sequoyah County; and (5) Little Lee Creek in Adair and Sequoyah counties.

Hazard Mitigation Team, State  (63 O.S. § 683.6)
Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (IA)
Tunnel, Will Rogers-Sequoyah Buildings
Duty officer on 24-hour call

Health, State Department of  (63 O.S. § 1–105)  Board  (Constitution, Article 5 § 39, 63 O.S. § 1–103)
Agency Code 340 (IA)
1000 NE 10 Street, Oklahoma City 73117–1299
AIDS/HIV Hot line 800/535–AIDS
Birth Certificates 405/271–4040
Board of Health 405/271–8097

PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City 73152
405/521–2481, FAX 405/521–4053

www.health.ok.gov
405/271–4200, 800/522–0203, FAX 405/271–3431
Mission Statement  To protect and promote health, to prevent disease and injury, and to cultivate conditions by which Oklahomans can be healthy.

Administration  Tom Bates, Interim Commissioner; Kim Bailey, Chief Operating Officer; Brian Downs, Chief of Staff; Gloria Hudson, Chief Financial Officer; Tina Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Family Health Services; Keith Reed, Deputy Commissioner, Community Health Services; Rocky McElvany, Deputy Commissioner, Protective Health Services; and Kristy Bradley, State Epidemiologist and Deputy Commissioner, Prevention and Preparedness Services

Personnel  1115 classified, 427 unclassified, 91 temporary, merit

History and Function  For more than one hundred years—first as the Territorial Board of Health, then following statehood, as the Oklahoma State Department of Health—the people of Oklahoma have entrusted the Oklahoma State Department of Health to be this state's prudent steward of public health.

Public health service in Oklahoma was signed into law Christmas Day, 1890, by Governor George Washington Steele, who immediately appointed a superintendent of health. After statehood in 1907, the Oklahoma Legislature created the State Board of Health under a commissioner appointed by the governor. In 1917 the legislature placed control of all public water supplies and sewer systems under the Board of Health.

Today, the Board of Health has nine members appointed by the governor with senate confirmation. The board appoints the commissioner of health, chief administrative officer, who coordinates activities of the agency with the federal government and other agencies, and directs activities of county health departments.

Each county health department has a board of health with authority to establish a health department. Through this system of local health services delivery, the Oklahoma State Department of Health protects and improves the health status of Oklahoma communities through strategies that focus on preventing disease and promoting health. Seventy counties operate health departments. Of those seventy counties, Oklahoma and Tulsa counties are served by autonomous city-county health departments, which enforce and administer State Board of Health rules and are administratively different.

Effective January 14, 2019, the state commissioner of health shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate. The commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and may be removed or replaced without cause (63 O.S. § 1–104, effective January 14, 2019, Amended by laws 2018, HB 2036).

Advisory Bodies to State Board and State Department of Health

- Advancement of Wellness Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1–103a.1)
- Catastrophic Health Emergency Planning Task Force, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 6105)
- Consumer Protection Licensing Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1–103a.1)
- Food Service Advisory Council, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 1–106)
- Health Care Information Advisory Committee (63 O.S. § 1–122)
- Home Care, Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1–103a.1)
- Hospital Advisory Council, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 1–707)
- Infant and Children's Health Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1–103a.1)
- Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board (63 O.S. § 1–1923)
- Medical marijuana Food Safety Standards Board (63 O.S. § 423A (D))
- Sanitarian & Environmental Specialist Registration Advisory Council (59 O.S. § 1150.5)
- Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1–103a.1)

Health Care Authority, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 5006)

Mission Statement  To responsibly purchase state and federally-funded health care in the most efficient and comprehensive manner possible; to analyze and recommend strategies for optimizing the accessibility and quality of health care; and to cultivate relationships to improve the health outcomes of Oklahomans.

Administration  Becky Pasternik-Ikard, CEO

Personnel  487.75 unclassified, 20 grant, 7 temporary

Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board (63 O.S. § 1–131)

Hospital Advisory Committee (63 O.S. § 3241.2)

Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board (63 O.S. § 5030.1)

Nursing Facility Funding Advisory Committee, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 1–1925.2)
Public Assistance Recipients, Advisory Committee on Medical Care for (63 O.S. § 5009.2)

Health Care Authority Board, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 5007)
4345 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City 73105
Administration Martina Ordonez, Board Secretary

Health Care Workforce Resources Board (74 O.S. § 3200.2)
www.okhealthcareworkforce.com

Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee (70 O.S. § 24–100A)
Calls for the establishment of Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee in each public school.

Highway Construction Materials Technician Certification Board (69 O.S. § 1953)
Department of Transportation Training Center
1812 West Tyler Avenue, Stillwater 74078
www.oktechcert.org

Historic Preservation Review Committee, Oklahoma (53 O.S. § 353)
Agency Code 350 (IA)
800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City 73105–7917
Mission Statement To provide advice to the Historic Preservation Officer
Administration Bob L. Blackburn, State Historic Preservation Officer; Lynda Ozan, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
History and Function Established in 1969 as a part of the State of Oklahoma's participation in the newly created federal preservation programs, the committee membership is composed of citizen members as well as professionals in the areas of history, architecture, architectural history, historic archeology, and prehistoric archeology. The committee provides comments to the state historic preservation officer about proposed nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and other preservation issues as appropriate. Additionally, the committee comments on nominations to the State Register of Historic Places.

Historical Society, Oklahoma (53 O.S. § 1.2) Board (53 O.S. § 1.6)
Agency Code 350 (IA)
800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City 73105–7917
Mission Statement The mission of the Oklahoma Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and share the history and culture of Oklahoma and its people.
Administration
Bob L. Blackburn, PhD, Executive Director & State Historic Preservation Officer 405/522–5202
Terry Howard, Deputy Executive Director, 405/522–5299
Kathy Dickson, Museum & Sites Director, 405/522–5231
Lynda Ozan, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, 405/521–6249
Nicole Harvey, Executive Secretary, 405/522–5202
Dan Provo, Director, Oklahoma Museum of History, 405/522–5380
Chad Williams, Research Division Director, 405/522–5207
Larry O’Dell, Development Director, 405/522–6676
Elizabeth Bass, Director of Publications, 405/522–4860
Personnel 92 classified, 21 unclassified, 59 temporary
History and Function The Oklahoma Historical Society, both a state agency and a private membership organization, is dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of Oklahoma's history. Founded in May 1893 by the Oklahoma Territorial Press Association, it was declared an agency of the territorial government in 1895. The Oklahoma Historical Society Board of Directors consists of twenty-five members, twelve of whom are appointed by the governor and thirteen elected by the society membership for three-year terms. Members of the board are appointed and elected by congressional district to help ensure statewide representation.
The central offices; the State Museum; extensive collections of books, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs, genealogical, and other historical research materials, maintained in the Research Division, are housed in the Oklahoma History Center. The Chronicles of Oklahoma and Mistletoe Leaves are both published by the society.

African American Centennial Plaza Design Committee (74 O.S. § 8403)

Tribal Relations (53 O.S. § 1.44)

Will Rogers Memorial Commission (53 O.S. § 47)

Homeland Security, Oklahoma Office of (74 O.S. § 51.1)

PO Box 11415, Oklahoma City 73136–0415
405/425–7296, FAX 405/425–7295
www.homelandsecurity.ok.gov
E-mail—info@okohs.ok.gov

Mission Statement  To develop and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive statewide strategy to secure the state of Oklahoma from the results of terrorism, from natural disasters, cyberterrorism, from weapons of mass destruction, and perform other duties assigned to it by the governor.

Administration  Kim Edd Carter, Director

History and Function  Recognizing the need for coordinated preparedness and security efforts after 9/11, the Oklahoma Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 42 in February 2002 and the Office of Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director was created. A staff was assembled and the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security (OKOHS) began focusing on homeland security efforts within the state. In January 2004 Governor Brad Henry appointed Kerry Pettingill as the Oklahoma Homeland Security director. That same month, the governor sent a letter to the US Department of Homeland Security designating OKOHS as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for homeland security grant programs in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Legislature passed and the governor signed the Oklahoma Homeland Security Act (HB 2280) in May 2004 and OKOHS was established in Oklahoma statute.

The Oklahoma Homeland Security Act of 2004 outlined OKOHS’s strategic objectives which include: 1) prevent a terrorist attack in Oklahoma; 2) reduce Oklahoma’s vulnerability to terrorist attacks; and 3) minimize the damage from and respond to a terrorist attack should one occur. The duties of the office include developing and implementing a comprehensive statewide homeland security strategy; planning and implementing a statewide response system; administering the homeland security advisory system; coordinating, applying for and distributing federal homeland security grant funds; and implementing homeland security plans. In February 2011, Governor Mary Fallin appointed Kim Edd Carter as director of OKOHS.

Information Fusion Center Governance Board, Oklahoma (Executive Order 2007–41; Executive Order 2011–39)

Homeland Security, Regional Planning and Coordination Advisory Councils for (74 O.S. § 51.3)

Oklahoma School Security Institute (74 O.S. § 51.2d)

Horse Racing Commission, Oklahoma (3A O.S. § 201)

2800 N Lincoln Blvd., Suite 220, Oklahoma City 73105
405/943–6472, FAX 405/943–6474
www.ohrc.org

Mission Statement  The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission encourages agriculture, the breeding of horses, the growth, sustenance, and development of live racing, and generates public revenue through the forceful control, regulation, implementation, and enforcement of commissioned-licensed racing and gaming.

Administration  Kelly Cathey, Executive Director; Shonna Gore, Director of Operations; Gerald “Shawn” Richmond, Budget and Finance Manager; Pete Markstone, Director of Law Enforcement; Bonnie Morris, Assistant to the Administrator; Lisa Hanson, Licensing Supervisor; Krista Smith, Oklahoma-Bred Claims Manager; Linda Earley, Oklahoma-Bred Registrar

History and Function  State Question 553 (Initiative Petition 315), adopted at an election held September 21, 1982, authorized the pari-mutuel system of wagering on horse races in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Horse Racing Act, Title 3A, Chapter 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, was enacted with an emergency provision and became effective March 22, 1983. The function of the agency is to regulate state-sanctioned horse racing. State Question 712, adopted by an election held on November 2, 2004, authorized the State-Tribal Gaming Act. The Act allows commission-licensed racing facilities that meet statutory criteria to have authorized gaming within the enclosure of the racetrack.

Personnel  35 FE unclassified, non-merit

Oklahoma Breeding Program (3A O.S. § 208.3–208.3a)

State-Tribal Gaming Act (3A O.S. § 261–282)
**Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Profiles**

**Hospitals Authority, University** (63 O.S. § 3207)

Agency Code 825

PO Box 26307, Oklahoma City 73126

**Mission Statement** The purposes of the University Hospitals Authority are to provide for an effective and efficient administration, to ensure a dependable source of funding, and to effectuate the mission of the authority. The mission of the authority is to provide state oversight to the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with HCA Health Services of Oklahoma, and to contract with the venture from state appropriated dollars for the services of indigent care for the people of Oklahoma. The mission of the JOA is to assure the continuation of the university as a patient care, education, and research organization for Oklahoma. The principal purpose of the University Hospitals Trust is to effectuate the purposes of the authority as established in the University Hospitals Authority Act.

The authority and trust are officially scheduled to meet the third Thursday of the month and meet at least quarterly at 8:30 AM and 8:45 AM, respectively. The authority is composed of six members as follows: one member shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate; one member shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member shall be the director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority or his/her designee; one member shall be the provost of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; and the executive director of the University Hospitals Authority who shall be an ex officio, non-voting member. The trustees of the trust are the acting members of the authority as provided in the University Hospitals Authority Act.

**Administration** Dean H. Gandy, Chief Executive Officer; Randy Dowell, Chief Financial Officer; Tadra Moone, Assistant to CEO and Board Secretary

**Personnel** 11 unclassified, non-merit

**Housing Finance Agency, Oklahoma** (60 O.S. § 176)

(State-beneficiary public trust)

Agency Code 922 (IA)

100 NW 63 Street, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73116

405/848–1144, 800/256–1489, TDD 405/848–7471

**Administration** Deborah Jenkins, Executive Director; Kurt Fite, Deputy Executive Director/CFO; Darrell Beavers, Housing Development Director; Lee Ann Smith, Single Family Programs Director; Tim Shackleford, Rental Assistance Director; and Holley Mangham, Communications Director

**Mission Statement** “To Provide Housing Resources with an Eagerness to Serve.” Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) helps people purchase homes through the OHFA Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance Program. Through the Housing Choice Voucher Program, low-income families including individuals with disabilities may receive help paying rent. OHFA also administers federal programs which help developers to build and rehabilitate affordable rental housing across the state. OHFA is governed by a five-member board of trustees. Members are appointed by the governor and serve in staggered five-year terms.

**Human Services, Department of** (Constitution, Article 25 § 2; 56 O.S. § 162.1)

Agency Code 830 (IA)

Sequoyah Building, 2400 N Lincoln Boulevard, PO Box 25352, Oklahoma City 73125

405/521–3646, FAX 405/521–6438

**Mission Statement** The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) improves the quality of life of vulnerable Oklahomans by increasing people’s ability to lead safer, healthier, more independent and productive lives.

**Vision** DHS provides help and offers hope to vulnerable Oklahomans through stronger practices, involved communities and a caring and engaged workforce.

**Values** DHS values are compassion, respect, safety, quality, and innovation.

**Administration** Ed Lake, Director of Human Services, 405/521–3646

Chief of Staff, Lee Anne Bruce Boone, 405/521–3646

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Communications, Office of; Sheree Powell, Director, 405/521–3027

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Client Advocacy, Office of, Gail Wettstein, Interim Director, 405/522–5317

Communications, Office of; Sheree Powell, Director, 405/521–3027
History and Function  Oklahoma voters created what is now the Department of Human Services in the Great Depression year of 1936. By a two-to-one margin, voters approved a state constitutional amendment “to provide ... for the relief and care of needy aged ... and other needy persons.” Voters also approved a 1 percent sales tax for use by the Welfare Department. The amount was increased to 2 percent by the 1937 Oklahoma Legislature. In the 1950s, the agency’s responsibilities were expanded, and, in 1980, its name was changed by the legislature. Today, DHS has offices in each of the seventy-seven counties.

Developmental or Physical Disabilities Advisory Board, Group Homes for Persons with
(10 O.S. § 1430.4; 74 O.S. § 3905) Recreated until July 1, 2020

Disability Services Rate Review Committee, Advantage Waver and Developmental
(10 O.S. § 1430.42)
Guardian, Office of Public
(30 O.S. § 6–101)

Pharmacy Connection Council, Oklahoma
(56 O.S. § 1010.23)

Self-Directed Services Program Committee
(56 O.S. § 198.16; HB 2777, 2010) Created until four years after implementation of programs.

Volunteer Service Credit Bank Program
(56 O.S. § 703)

Incentive Approval Committee
(68 O.S. § 3603)

Independent Living Council, Oklahoma Statewide
(29 U.S.C. 796d)

Indigent Defense System, Oklahoma
(22 O.S. § 1355)  Board
(22 O.S. § 1355.1)

Individual Health Insurance Market Stabilization Program,
Board of Directors of the Oklahoma
(36 O.S. § 6530.4)
Insurance Department  
(Constitution, Article 6 § 22; 36 O.S. § 301)

Agency Code 125 (IA)  
3625 NW 56 Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73112  
Tulsa Office—7645 E 63 Street, Suite 102, Tulsa 74133  
www.oid.ok.gov  
405/521–2828, 800/522–0071, FAX 405/521–6652  
918/295–3700, FAX 918/994–7916

Mission Statement  To protect and enhance the financial security of Oklahoma and Oklahomans.

Administration  John Doak, Insurance Commissioner; James Mills, Chief of Staff; Tyler Laughlin, Chief of Operations; Mike Rhoads, Deputy Commissioner of Health; Joel Sander, Deputy Commissioner of Finance; Gordon Amini, General Counsel; Buddy Combs, Deputy Commissioner of Operations; Kelly Dexter, Assistant Commissioner of Communications; and Frank Stone, Assistant Commissioner and Chief Actuary.

Personnel  125 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function  The office of the insurance commissioner regulates the many facets of the insurance industry. The department was created by the Oklahoma Constitution that called for election of a state insurance commissioner through a statewide vote of the people. The department is the regulatory agency for the insurance industry, bail bondsmen, real estate appraisers, adjusters, agents, and companies.

Insurance Commission  (Constitution, Article 6 § 23, 36 O.S. § 302)

Advisory Board  (36 O.S. § 6221)

Bail Bondsmen  (59 O.S. § 1301)

Fraud Unit, Anti-  (36 O.S. § 361)

Health Care for the Uninsured Board  (36 O.S. § 4602)

Health Insurance High Risk Pool Board  (36 O.S. § 6535)

Health Reinsurance Program Board, Oklahoma Small Employer  (36 O.S. § 6522)

Real Estate Appraiser Board  (59 O.S. Article VII § 858–700)

Investigation, Oklahoma State Bureau of (OSBI)  (74 O.S. § 150.1)  
Commission  (74 O.S. § 150.3)

Agency Code 308 (IA)  
6600 N Harvey, Oklahoma City 73116  
www.osbi.ok.gov  
405/848–6724 (24 Hours), 800/522–8017, FAX 405/843–3804

Mission Statement  The OSBI exists to protect citizens and support public safety partners by providing Oklahoma's premiere investigative, intelligence, information, and forensic services.

Administration  Ricky Adams, Director; Bryan Rizzi, Assistant Director; Bob Harshaw, Division Director; Investigative Services; Andrea Fielding, Division Director, Criminalistics Services; Debbie McKinney, Division Director, Information Services; Jimmy Bunn, Chief Legal Counsel

Personnel  238 classified, 34 unclassified, 14 temporary

History and Function  The OSBI was created by statute in 1925. On July 1, 1976, the agency, by law, was removed from the Governor's Office and placed under the newly created OSBI Commission, whose members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oklahoma Senate. The OSBI is the general investigative agency of Oklahoma and provides services in support of law enforcement throughout the state. Its statutory duties are to: (1) Maintain a nationally accredited scientific laboratory to assist all law enforcement agencies in the discovery and detection of criminal activity; (2) Maintain fingerprint and other identification files including criminal history records, juvenile identification files, and DNA files; (3) Establish, coordinate, and maintain the automated fingerprinting identification system (AFIS) and the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) laboratory; (4) Operate teletype, mobile and fixed radio or other communication systems; (5) Conduct schools and training programs for the agents, peace officers, and technicians of the state charged with the enforcement of law and order and the investigation and detection of crime; (6) Assist the director of the Oklahoma Statue Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the chief medical examiner, and all law enforcement officers and district attorneys when such assistance is requested, in accordance with the policy determined by the OSBI Commission established in section 150.3 of this title; (7) Investigate and detect criminal activity when directed to do so by the governor; (8) Investigate, detect, institute, and maintain actions involving vehicle theft pursuant to sections 152.2 through 152.9 of this title; (9) Investigate any criminal threat made to the physical safety of elected or appointed officials of this state or any political subdivision of the state and forward the results of that investigation to the Department of Public Safety, and provide security to foreign elected or appointed officials while they are in this state on official business; (10) Investigate and detect violations of the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Acts; and (11) Investigate and enforce all laws relating to any crime listed as an exception to the definition of "nonviolent offense" as set forth in section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes that occur on the turnpikes.

Child Abuse Response Team  (74 O.S. § 150.38)

Criminal Justice Resource Center  (22 O.S. § 1517)
Criminal Justice Statistics, Office of (74 O.S. § 150.17a)

Information Fusion Center, Oklahoma (Executive Order 2007–41, Executive Order 2011–39)

Internet Crimes Against Children (74 O.S. § 151.1)

Jazz Hall of Fame Board of Directors, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 1910)

5 South Boston Avenue, Tulsa 74103
E-mail—info@okjazz.org
www.okjazz.org
918/928–5299, FAX 918/948–7737

Judicial Compensation, Board of (20 O.S. § 3.2)

Mission Statement The board recommends and establishes compensation for members of the state judiciary, unless such compensation is rejected or amended by law passed by the legislature, or vetoed by the governor. The board is composed of seven members; two appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; two members appointed by the Speaker of the House; two appointed by the Governor; and one appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Judicial Complaints, Council on (20 O.S. § 1652)

Agency Code 678 (IA) 1901 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105
405/522–4800, FAX 405/522–4752 E-mail—taylor.henderson@cojc.ok.gov
www.cojc.ok.gov

Mission Statement To efficiently and impartially investigate complaints regarding the conduct of persons holding judicial positions and to determine if such complaints should be the subjects of an action before the Court on the Judiciary, the Oklahoma Supreme Court, or should be dismissed.

Administration Taylor Henderson, Director; Terry West, General Counsel; Members: Glen Huff, Member; Jerry Franklin, Vice Chair; Cathy Christensen, Chair

Judicial Nominating Commission (Constitution, Article 7B § 3)

2100 N Lincoln Blvd. Suite 3, Oklahoma City 73105 405/556–9300

History and Function Established as part of the Judicial Department, the commission consists of fifteen members. Six members are appointed by the governor, one from each congressional district as they existed in 1967, six members elected from and by the membership of the Oklahoma Bar Association; one member-at-large who shall not have been admitted to the practice of law in any state, to be selected by no fewer than eight members of the commission; one member by the Speaker of the House; and one member by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate. The commission has the jurisdiction to determine whether the qualifications of nominees to hold judicial office have been met and to determine the existence of vacancies on the commission.

Juvenile Affairs, Office of (10A O.S. § 2–7–202) Board (10A O.S. § 2–7–101)

Juvenile Affairs, Office of
3812 N Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73118
405/530–2800, FAX 405/530–2893

Administration Steven L. Buck, Executive Director; Audrey Rockwell, Secretary, Board of Juvenile Affairs
405/530–2806

Personnel 601 classified, 75 unclassified, 15 temporary

History and Function In 1994, the Oklahoma Legislature passed the Juvenile Reform Act creating the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) as the state juvenile justice agency, and the Board of Juvenile Affairs. This legislation also created the Youthful Offender Act to provide swift justice for serious and habitual juvenile offenders 15 through 17 years of age.

The Board of Juvenile Affairs is comprised of seven members, all of whom are appointed by the governor and shall include persons having experience in social work, juvenile justice, criminal justice, criminal-justice-related behavioral sciences, indigent defense, and education. Additionally, one member must be appointed from each of the five congressional districts and two are appointed from the state-at-large.

The board typically meets in regular session once per month on the second Wednesday.

Juvenile Justice, Department of (10A O.S. § 2–7–202)

3812 N Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73118 PO Box 268812, Oklahoma City 73126–8812
Mission Statement  To identify the root causes of juvenile crime, to seek solicitations utilizing intervention and prevention strategies; to advise the governor and legislature concerning delinquency prevention and juvenile justice matters and to effectively administer federal funds received through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act (JJDP), Formula Grant Program, Title V, and additional federal grants.

Administration  Laura Broyles, Federal Grant Administrator, 405/530–2928, FAX 405/530–2913

History and Function  The Office of Juvenile Affairs is the state agency responsible for the oversight of this office. The OJA will insure federal funds made available are properly dispersed to qualified applicants.

Juvenile Supervision, State Council for Interstate  (10A O.S. § 2–9–116)

Santa Claus Commission  (10 O.S. § 361)  Agency Code 621
3812 N Santa Fe, Oklahoma City 73118  405/530–2800, FAX 405/530–2890

History and Function  Created in 1937 for the purpose of purchasing Christmas presents for eligible youth in state custody who are in state-supported facilities. The SCC solicits private donations. Since 1996, the commission is supervised by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

Labor, Department of  (Constitution, Article 6 § 20; 40 O.S. § 1)

Mission Statement  To help ensure fairness, equity, and safety in Oklahoma workplaces through ethical behavior, conscientious guidance, and loyal service to Oklahoma’s employers and employees.

Administration  Melissa McLawhorn Houston, Commissioner of Labor; James Buck, Deputy Commissioner; Don Schooler, General Counsel; Lia Tepker-McHughes, Finance Director; Christina Foss, Director of Public Affairs

Personnel  46 classified, 26 unclassified

History and Function  The commissioner of labor is a constitutional office defined by Article VI Section 20. The department is responsible for administration and enforcement of minimum wage; child labor laws; workers’ compensation insurance compliance; regulation of private employment agencies; investigation and mediation of unpaid wages; inspection of welded steam lines, boiler and pressure vessels, elevators (other than Oklahoma City and Tulsa), amusement and water rides, and water heaters in public facilities; certification of welders and weld-testing laboratories; regulation and certification of asbestos workers; and enforcement of occupational safety and health for public employees; and consultation with private employers on occupational safety and health.

Alarm and Locksmith Industry Committee  (59 O.S. § 1800.4)

Alternative Fuels Technician Certification  (40 O.S. § 142.1)

Compressed Natural Gas  (52 O.S. § 348)

Elevator Inspection Bureau  (59 O.S. § 3023)

Land Office, Commissioners of the  (Constitution, Article 6, § 32; 64 O.S. § 1)

Mission Statement  To help ensure fairness, equity, and safety in Oklahoma workplaces through ethical behavior, conscientious guidance, and loyal service to Oklahoma’s employers and employees.

Administration  Harry W. Birdwell, Secretary; Keith Kuhlman, Assistant Secretary; Jessica Grogis, Director of Communications; Diana Nichols, Internal Auditor; Karen Johnson, Chief Financial Officer; Ed Reyes, Director of Information Systems; Bennett Abbot, General Counsel; Dave Shipman, Director, Minerals Management Division; James Spurgeon, Director, Real Estate Management Division; Steve Diffee, Director, Royalty Compliance Division; and Katy Payne, Executive Secretary and Human Resources

Commissioners  Mary Fallin, Governor; Todd Lamb, Lieutenant Governor; Gary Jones, State Auditor and Inspector; Joy Hofmeister, Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Jim Reese, President, State Board of Agriculture

Personnel  28 classified, 37 unclassified
Langston University–Oklahoma City and Langston University–Tulsa, Board of Trustees for (70 O.S. § 3431)

Law Enforcement Education and Training, Council on (CLEET) (70 O.S. § 3311)

Agency Code 415 (IA)  
2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma, 74820–0669  
Mission Statement To provide the citizens of Oklahoma with peace officers who are trained to be professional, ethical, conscientious, sensitive to needs of the public, knowledgeable, and competent in identified learning objectives; and to protect the public by regulating private security in Oklahoma through education and licensing requirements, and to ensure licensees practice within the provision of law.  
Administration Chuck Gerhart, Assistant/Interim Director, 405/239–5153  
Personnel 41.5 unclassified, non-merit  
History and Function Established in 1963, the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training is the governing body for the training and education of peace officers who must receive a minimum of 583 hours of basic law enforcement academy instruction. In 1987 CLEET assumed the responsibility for licensing security guards and private investigators, pursuant to the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigators Act. In 2013 CLEET assumed the responsibility for licensing bail enforcers, pursuant to the Oklahoma Bail Enforcement and Licensing Act.  
Advisory Council (70 O.S. § 3311 B1)  
Bomb Dog Advisory Council (70 O.S. § 3311 L2)  
Curriculum Review Board (70 O.S. § 3311 B16)  
Drug Dog Advisory Council (70 O.S. § 3311 K2)  
Polygraph Board (59 O.S. § 1455)  
Private Security Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 17503)

Law Enforcement Retirement System, Oklahoma (47 O.S. § 2–301)  
Board (47 O.S. § 2–303)

Agency Code 416 (IA)  
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, 73103  
Mission Statement To ensure that all members who contribute to the system will find upon retirement adequate funds to meet the benefits guaranteed them by directing investment of the funds of the system, attempting to maximize gains, minimize losses, and protect the trust.  
Administration Ginger Sigler, Executive Director  
Personnel 7 unclassified, non-merit

Legislative Apportionment, Bipartisan Commission on (Constitution, Article 5 § 11A) Formerly Apportionment Commission

History and Function This commission becomes active only if the Oklahoma Legislature fails to accomplish apportionment during the first regular session of the legislature following each Federal Decennial Census. Consists of the attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, and the state treasurer.

Legislative Compensation, Board on (Constitution, Article 5 § 21; 74 O.S. § 291.2)

History and Function Created in 1968 by the adoption of a constitutional amendment, the board’s duties are to review, every two years, the compensation paid to legislators, with the power to change such compensation, which becomes effective on the fifteenth day following the succeeding general election. Currently, Oklahoma legislators are paid $38,400 annually and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives receive an additional $17,932. The floor leaders of the majority and minority parties receive an additional $12,364, as does the Appropriations Committee chair in each house. The speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives and the person holding the position of assistant majority leader of the Senate each receive an additional $12,364 per year for extra duties. Legislators are reimbursed for expenses.
Legislative Service Bureau (74 O.S. § 450.1)

Agency Code 423 (IA) www.lsb.state.ok.us 405/521–5662
State Capitol, Oklahoma City 73105

Mission Statement To serve the Oklahoma Legislature by providing services as directed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Administration Vacant, Director

Personnel 7 unclassified

History and Function Legislative Council created in 1939, fully implemented in 1949 with full-time director. Abolished in 1980, when the Legislative Fiscal and Joint Bill Processing Office was formed. The Legislative Fiscal Office was abolished in 1985, when the Legislative Service Bureau was created. Each of these entities were created to serve the legislature jointly.

Libraries, Oklahoma Department of (65 O.S. § 3–101) Board (65 O.S. § 2–101)

Agency Code 430 (IA) www.libraries.ok.gov
Allen Wright Memorial Library Building, 200 NE 18 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–2502, 800/522–8116, FAX 405/525–7804

Mission Statement The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries is to serve the people of Oklahoma by providing excellent information services and by preserving unique government information resources.

Administration Susan McVey, Director, 405/522–3172
Vicki Sullivan, Deputy Director, 405/522–3172
Cindy Mooney, Executive Assistant, 405/522–3172
Archives and Records Management, Jan Davis, 405/522–3191
Business Manager, Kristi Howes, 405/521–2508
Federal Operations, Judy Tirey, 405/522–3317
Government Information, Susan Woitte, 405/522–3327
Library Resources, Christine Chen, 405/522–3213
Library Development, Vicki Mohr, 405/522–3217
Oklahoma Almanac, Connie G. Armstrong, 405/522–3383
Public Information, William R. Young, 405/522–3562
Oklahoma Publications Clearinghouse, Sam Johnson, 405/522–3189
Public Services, Arlene Paschel, 405/522–3578

Personnel 33 classified, 3 unclassified

History and Function The Department of Libraries is the official state library of Oklahoma. It is responsible for providing information and records management services to state officials and employees, for assisting public library development in the state, and for coordinating information technology projects statewide. It serves the general public through its specialized collections, and has published the Oklahoma Almanac since 1981. Its history as the legal reference library for the executive, legislative, and judicial branches began with the establishment of the Territorial Library in the 1890s, which in 1907 became the State Library.

The board members serve six-year staggered terms and are appointed by the governor with approval of the Oklahoma Senate. The director of the department, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the board, is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board and serves as secretary.

The department also preserves the state’s archives and provides records management assistance to state agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions.

Archives and Records Commission (67 O.S. § 305, 74 O.S. § 3908)
200 NE 18 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/522–3191, 800/522–8116, FAX 405/525–7804
libraries.ok.gov/oarc

Mission Statement To assist state agencies in establishing and administering records management programs that apply efficient and economical methods for the creation, utilization, maintenance, preservation, retention, and disposal of state government records.


Administration Susan McVey, State Archivist and Records Administrator
Contact Jan Davis, State Coordinator

Historical Records Advisory Board (36 CFR, Sect. 1206.30)
200 NE 18 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/522–3191, 800/522–8116, FAX 405/525–7804
libraries.ok.gov/ohrab

**Mission Statement** To provide leadership in encouraging and assisting in the development of programs to preserve and enhance access to historical records pertaining to Oklahoma and to serve as Oklahoma’s liaison with the programs of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

**History and Function** Members are appointed by the director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. The board serves as Oklahoma’s liaison with the programs of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

**Contact** Jan Davis, State Coordinator

**Oklahoma Center for the Book**

200 NE 18 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/522–3383, 800/522–8116, FAX 405/525–7804

**Mission Statement** The center is located in the Department of Libraries and affiliated with the Library of Congress Center for the Book in Washington, D.C. Its mission is to promote Oklahoma authors, celebrate the state’s literary heritage, and encourage reading for pleasure by all Oklahomans.

**Contact** Connie G. Armstrong, Executive Director

**Oklahoma Literacy Resource Office**

200 NE 18 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–2502, 800/522–8116, FAX 405/525–7804

**Mission Statement** The mission of the Oklahoma Literacy Resource Office is to provide assistance and support to Oklahoma’s library and community based literacy programs. The office provides technical assistance, funding opportunities, training, and awareness. Additional services include serving as the state contact for volunteer literacy initiatives, and forming partnerships with public, private, and non-profit agencies to assist with family literacy and welfare-to-work programs.

**Contact** Leslie Gelders, Literacy Coordinator

**State Records Center**

426 E Hill Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/524–4416, 800/522–8116, FAX 405/524–7567

**Mission Statement** The mission of the Oklahoma Literacy Resource Office is to provide assistance and support to Oklahoma’s library and community based literacy programs. The office provides technical assistance, funding opportunities, training, and awareness. Additional services include serving as the state contact for volunteer literacy initiatives, and forming partnerships with public, private, and non-profit agencies to assist with family literacy and welfare-to-work programs.

**Contact** Jan Davis

**Hours**: Monday and Wednesday, 8 AM to 10 AM; closed Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. For information and assistance call 405/522–3579.

**Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, Oklahoma**

(36 O.S. § 2023) **Board** (36 O.S. § 2026)

201 Robert S Kerr Avenue, Suite 600, Oklahoma City 73102
www.oklifega.org

**Mission Statement** To protect Oklahoma insureds against failure in the performance of contractual obligations, under life and health insurance policies and annuity contracts, because of impairment or insolvency of the member insurer. Created in 1981.

**Administration** James W. Rhodes, Administrator and General Counsel; Shari J. Mounce, Assistant Secretary

**Linked Deposit Review Board, Oklahoma**

(62 O.S. § 88.3)

Office of the State Treasurer (IA)
State Capitol, Room 217, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3191, FAX 405/522–0056

**Mission Statement** The Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Program was established October 1, 1988. The purpose of the board is to insure eligibility and compliance with the linked deposit program by lenders and applicants. The board reviews applications and makes recommendations for approval or rejection of a linked deposit loan package.

**Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, Oklahoma**

(52 O.S. § 420.3)

Agency Code 445 (IA)
405/521–2458, FAX 405/521–6037

**Mission Statement** To protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Oklahoma by promulgation of standards for the storage, handling, and installation of liquefied petroleum gases as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in 1969 and published in its Pamphlet No. 58 and No. 54 including subsequent changes and/or additions to these standards adopted by NFPA.

**Administration** Larry Snodgrass, Interim Administrator

**Personnel** 8 classified, 2 unclassified, temporary
History and Function  Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1953 to regulate the industry within the state, the board issues dealer and manager permits after applicants qualify by written examination. It also executes and enforces all laws relating to the handling, using, storing, selling, distributing, transporting, and manufacturing of butane, propane, and other liquefied petroleum gases and installation of liquefied petroleum gas systems. Administrative costs of the board are borne by collection of licenses and other fees that are deposited in L.P. Gas Administration Revolving Fund.

Long-Term Care Administrators,  
Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for  (63 O.S. § 330.51)  
Formerly Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators

Agency Code 509 (IA)  
2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 2H, Oklahoma City 73107

Mission Statement  OSBELTCA ensures that Oklahoma's long term care administrators are suitable and qualified to serve and continue to serve in this profession.

Administration  Gaylord Z. Thomas, Executive Director
Personnel  3 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function  Established by the 1968 Oklahoma Legislature with revisions being made by the 1973 legislature, principal duties of the board are licensing of long term care administrators and approval of continuing education programs. Re-created until July 1, 2022.


3817 N Santa Fe, Oklahoma City, 73118
405/522–7700

Administration  Krista Jenkins, Administrative Coordinator
Personnel  29 unclassified, 1–4 temporary

History and Function  The Lottery Commission was created following approval of the voters on November 2, 2004. The commission supervises and administers the operation of the lottery. The commission is governed by a board of trustees composed of seven members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate.

Management and Enterprise Services, Office of  
(62 O.S. § 41.3; 62 O.S. 34.3) Formerly Office of State Finance

Agency Code 090 (IA)  
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 122, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–2141, fax 405/521–3902

Administration  Denise Northrup, Director of OMES,
Susan Perry, Administrative Director Budget and and Gaming Compliance, 405/521–2141
Capital Assets Management, 405/522–3620  Central Accounting and Reporting, 405/522–5577
Information Services, 405/521–2444  Legal, 405/717–8911
Performance and Efficiency, 405/521–2141  Public Affairs, 405/521–3097

Total Personnel  130 classified, 1,050 unclassified, 18 temporary

History and Function  The Office of Management and Enterprise Services was formed through a series of agency consolidations in 2011 that created a central, unified government operations agency that provides financial, property, purchasing, human resources, and information technology services to all state agencies. OMES also assists the governor’s office on budgetary policy matters.

Market Assistance Program Association, Voluntary  (36 O.S. § 6420)

9417 N Kelly Avenue, Oklahoma City 73131
PO Box 13488, Oklahoma City 73113 405/842–9883, fax 405/840–4450

Administration  Denise Johnson, President, CEO; Cindy Munden, Program Administrator

History and Function  Title 36, Section 6412—The Oklahoma Market Assistance Program Association (OK-MAP) was created in 1986 to assist in the placement of homeowners’ insurance coverage for residents of this state. The OK-MAP is not
a carrier capable of assuming insurance risks. While it is believed that the association will be able to solve or at least reduce problems of availability, it has no power to guarantee successful conclusion of all assistance efforts and it is assumed that some risks may not be entitled to coverage.

**Medical Authority, Oklahoma State University** (63 O.S. § 3275)

www.osumc.net

**Medical Licensure and Supervision, State Board of**

(59 O.S. § 481; 74 O.S. § 3904) Re-created until July 1, 2019.

Agency Code 450 (IA)

101 NE 51 Street, Oklahoma City 73105

Mission Statement To promote the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens (patients) of Oklahoma by requiring a high level of qualifications, standards, and continuing education for licensure of medical doctors, physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, radiology assistants, anesthesiology assistants, respiratory therapists, athletic trainers, dietitians, electrologists, music therapists, therapeutic recreation therapists, orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists. To protect the on-going health, safety, and well-being of the citizens (patients) of Oklahoma by investigating complaints, conducting public hearings, effectuating, and monitoring disciplinary actions against any of the aforementioned licensed professionals, while providing the licensee with proper due process and all rights afforded under the law. To provide any member of society upon request, a copy of the specific public records and information on any of the aforementioned licensed professionals.

Administration Lyle R. Kelsey, MBA, CMBE, Executive Director; Reji T. Varghese, Executive Deputy Director; Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary; Eric E. Frische, MD, Medical Advisor

Personnel 17 classified, 10 unclassified

History and Function The agency was mandated in 1923 to license qualified individuals to practice medicine. Since then, other health care professions have been added to the agency’s jurisdiction and the board has been further charged by the Oklahoma Legislature to enforce laws related to medical practice by disciplinary action.

Advisory Committees

- Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 529)
- Advisory Committee on Dietetic Registration (59 O.S. § 1723)
- Advisory Committee on Registered Electrologists (59 O.S. § 536.5)
- Anesthesiologist Assistants Committee (59 O.S. § 3201–3208)
- Music Therapy Committee (59 O.S. § 889)
- Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 888.12)
- Advisory Committee on Orthotics and Prosthetics (59 O.S. § 3005)
- Advisory Committee on Pedorthics (Re-created until July 1, 2019 @ HB 1069, 2007, HB 1318, 2007, HB 1688, 2013, 59 O.S. § 3005, 74 O.S. § 3908, 59 O.S. § 2305)
- Physical Therapy Committee (59 O.S. § 887.4)
- Physician Assistant Committee (59 O.S. § 519.3)
- Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 541.2)
- Respiratory Care Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 2028)
- Therapeutic Recreation Committee (59 O.S. § 540.4)

**Medical Trust, Oklahoma State University** (63 O.S. § 3290)

www.osumc.net

**Medicolegal Investigations, Board of** (63 O.S. § 931)

Agency Code 342 (IA)

921 NE 23 Street, Oklahoma City 73105

Tulsa 918/295–3400, FAX 918/585–1549

Mission Statement To protect public health and safety by investigating cases of sudden, violent, or unexpected and suspicious deaths that occur to its residents or to people passing through Oklahoma, and by identifying possible public health hazards.

Administration Eric Pfeifer, MD, Chief Medical Examiner Byron Curtis, PhD, Chief Forensic Toxicologist

Amy Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer Kari Learned, Senior Executive Secretary

Jeremy Benavides, Investigator Supervisor

Tulsa Office: Joshua Lanter, MD, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner; Mary Wilson, Office Manager
Personnel  87 unclassified

History and Function  The agency was created in 1961 as the Board of Unexplained Deaths and the Office of the State Medical Examiner. The Oklahoma Legislature in 1972 changed the name to Board of Medicolegal Investigations that appoints the Chief Medical Examiner and supervises and controls the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (63 O.S. § 933)
Oklahoma City—405/239–7141, FAX 405/239–2430
Tulsa—918/295–3400, FAX 918/585–1549

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
(43A O.S. § 2–101)  Board (43A O.S. § 2–101, 2–103)

Mission Statement  To promote healthy communities and provide the highest quality care to enhance the well-being of all Oklahomans.

Administration  Terri White, Commissioner; 405/522–3908; Durand Crosby, Chief of Staff and Operations, 405/248–9202; Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Deputy Commissioner/Treatment and Recovery Services, 405/248–9202; Consumer Advocate General, 405/248–9037; General Counsel, 405/248–9246; Human Resources, 405/248–9041; Inspector General, 405/248–9037; Provider Certification, 405/248–9028; Public Information/Public Affairs, 405/248–9232; General Information, 405/248–9200

History and Function  The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) was established through the Mental Health Law of 1953, although services to Oklahomans with mental illness date back to early statehood. The department is responsible, through contract and direct operations, for mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services statewide. This includes acute care and inpatient services, residential treatment, community-based treatment and outpatient services, crisis stabilization, programs for assertive community treatment, services for children and families, and a statewide community prevention network along with education and awareness activities. In addition, the department is responsible for the establishment of rules regulating all substance abuse treatment programs and related services in Oklahoma, ADSAC certification and related functions, as well as rules that regulate residential care and community mental health treatment programs. The department also oversees and manages the behavioral health component of Oklahoma’s medicaid program. The ODMHSAS governing board is an eleven-member body appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oklahoma Senate.

Drug Court, Juvenile (10 O.S. § 7303–55)

Opioid Ovedose Fatality Review Board (63 O.S. § 2–1001) Created until July 1, 2023

Suicide Prevention Council, Oklahoma (43A O.S. § 12–104) Created until January 1, 2020

Merit Protection Commission (74 O.S. § 840–1)

Mission Statement  To design, implement, and enforce a dispute resolution system for state employees and applicants for state employment. Our mission is accomplished primarily through the training, counseling, consultation, and advice given by the commission in conjunction with voluntary mediation program and mandatory negotiation. The rights and responsibilities of state employees are protected through the commission’s investigative powers, dispute resolution systems, and administrative hearing process.

Administration  Carol Shelley, Executive Director

Personnel  3 positions, 2 unclassified, 5 vacant

History and Function  Created in July 1982, the commission has essentially three functions: (1) to investigate allegations of violations of the Oklahoma Personnel Act and employment discrimination in state service; (2) to serve as an administrative appeal agency for state employees having disputes with their agency; and (3) to enforce the provisions of the Oklahoma Personnel Act. In addition to its original functions, this agency is now responsible for providing specific training on grievance resolutions in state employment and training for its administrative law judges. Agency functions also include a component designed to assist agencies in voluntarily complying with the Oklahoma Personnel Act.

Military Department (44 O.S. § 21)
Mission Statement  To preserve the state and the nation through the organization and training of the Oklahoma National Guard, to be ready for federal duty when called upon by the president of the United States, pursuant to congressional authority, and to be ready for state duty when called upon by the governor of Oklahoma.

Administration  Major General Michael C. Thompson, Adjutant General

Personnel  61 classified, 261 unclassified, 45 temporary

History and Function  Initiated by the U.S. Congress in 1890 when it authorized one regiment of organized militia for Oklahoma Territory, the Territorial Legislature passed a law, in 1895, providing for the organization and development of the Volunteer Militia, the Oklahoma National Guard. The Oklahoma Military Department was established in 1951 and serves as the administrative agency for all matters concerning the Oklahoma National Guard and other military organizations. The governor, as commander-in-chief of the National Guard, appoints the adjutant general, the executive and administrative officer. The Army National Guard operates with an authorized strength of 6,682 personnel statewide under three major commands, the Oklahoma Regional Training Institute and the Camp Gruber Training Center. The major commands are the Forty-fifth Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Ninetieth Troop Command, and the Forty-fifth Field Artillery Brigade. The Air National Guard has an authorized strength of 2,317 personnel operating from air bases in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

The National Guard has three missions: (1) to provide trained units and individuals available for active duty during war or national emergency; (2) to provide units organized, equipped, and trained to function efficiently in the protection of life and property and preservation of peace, order, and public safety under competent orders of federal or state authorities; and (3) to participate in local, state, and national programs which add value to America.

Architect Selection Board  (44 O.S. § 227)

National Guard Relief Program Review Board, Oklahoma  (44 O.S. § 237)

Military Planning Commission, Oklahoma Strategic

(74 O.S. § 5401; 74 O.S. § 3905) Re-created until December 31, 2020

Mission Statement  The purpose of this commission is to analyze state policies affecting military facilities currently in use by the U.S. Department of Defense and the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard located within the state, and such infrastructure as may support or be affected by these facilities or any activity therein. Responsibility for the administrative direction, coordination, and support of the Commission is with the Office of the Governor.

Mines, Department of  (Constitution, Article 6 § 25; 45 O.S. § 3)

Agency Code 125 (IA)

2915 N Classen Blvd., Suite 213, Oklahoma City 73106–5486 405/427–3859, FAX 405/427–9646

Mission Statement  To protect the environment of the state, to protect the health and safety of the miners, and to protect the life, health, and property of affected citizens through enforcement of the state mining and reclamation laws.

Administration  Mary Ann Pritchard, Director; Doug Schooley, Deputy Director; Rhonda Dossett, Coal Program Director (918/485–3999); Mark Secrest, Chief Counsel; Suzen Rodesney, Chief Financial Officer; Richard Shore, Minerals Division Administrator; Clarence Stanley, Oklahoma Miner Training Institute, Executive Director, 918/465–1799

Personnel  31 unclassified

History and Function  The Department of Mines enforces and implements various provisions of state and federally-mandated programs in health, safety, mining, and land reclamation practices associated with surface and subsurface mining. The department has programs to 1) safeguard human health and safety; 2) issue permits and inspect all mining operations for land reclamation; 3) minimize environmental impact to land, air, and water quality; and 4) regulate blasting and use of explosives on mine sites and other locations. The department also conducts miner courses in first aid, mine safety, and accident prevention through the Oklahoma Miner Training Institute.

Mining Commission, Oklahoma  (45 O.S. § 1)

2915 N Classen Blvd., Suite 213, Oklahoma City 73106–5486 405/427–3859, FAX 405/427–9646

Mission Statement  The Oklahoma Mining Commission determines broad plans and programs for the Department of Mines designed to facilitate the regulation, safety, and promotion of the Oklahoma mining industry.

Administration  George Fraley, Chair; Mary Ann Pritchard, Director, Department of Mines
History and Function  The membership of the commission consists of one person with experience in each of the following fields: engineering or geology, labor or worker’s safety, agriculture or soil conservation, transportation, economic development or banking, public utilities, natural resources, and two persons selected at large. The commission is the policy-determining agency for the Department of Mines and also selects the director under the commission.

Motor Vehicle Commission, Oklahoma  (47 O.S. § 563)

Agency Code 475
4334 Northwest Expressway, Suite 183, Oklahoma City 73116
405/607–8227, FAX 405/607–8909

Mission Statement  To prevent frauds, impositions, and other abuses upon Oklahoma citizens; to preserve the franchise system of motor vehicle distribution; to prevent undue control of independent new motor vehicle dealers by the manufacturers or distributors; and to prevent false and misleading advertising and unfair trade practices by dealers, manufacturers, distributors, and salespersons of new motor vehicles.

Administration  Roy K. Dockum, Executive Director; Marilyn Maxwell, Deputy Director;
Jennifer Bates, Licensing Coordinator; Heather Bumgarner, Compliance and Administrative Assistant

Personnel  4 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function  Established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1953 as the licensing agency for motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, representatives, dealers, and salesmen, the commission is empowered to provide supervision for the industry and to enforce the legislative act relating to the distribution and sale of new vehicles.

Municipal Power Authority, Oklahoma  (11 O.S. § 24–103)

2701 W I–35, Edmond 73013
PO Box 1960, Edmond 73083–1960
405/340–5047, FAX 405/359–1071

Mission Statement  To provide reliable, low cost energy and services to municipal entities to enable each municipality to be competitive, while maximizing the benefit to our stakeholders.

Administration  David Osburn, General Manager; Jennier Rogers, Manager of Member Services;
Randy Elliott, General Counsel; John Vanzant, Director of Corporate Services and CFO

History and Function  Authorization for formation of the OMPA was granted by the Oklahoma Legislature under the auspices of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority Act passed in June 1981. A joint action agency created for the purpose of providing an adequate, reliable, and affordable supply of electrical power and energy to Oklahoma’s municipally owned electric systems. OMPA is a consumer-owned public entity. OMPA serves forty-two cities in Oklahoma. Four-member cities—Kingfisher, Laverne, Mangum, and Pawhuska—have municipal diesel generating plants, which are contracted to OMPA for operation and dispatched through the OMPA Operations Center in Edmond. Ponca City also has two steam generating units that are leased to OMPA. Through OMPA, member cities also are joint owners of generating plants in four states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. In addition, the authority owns 100 percent of the Kaw Hydroelectric Plant located on Kaw Reservoir, just east of Ponca City, two combustion turbines at the Ponca City Power Plant, and the Charles D. Lamb Energy Center in Kay County.

Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, Oklahoma Bureau of  (63 O.S. § 2–102)

Agency Code 477 (IA)
419 NE 38 Terrace, Oklahoma City 73105–3413
405/521–2885, 800/522–8031, FAX 405/524–7619

Mission Statement  Committed to honor, integrity, and excellence, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics will serve the citizens of Oklahoma in the quest for a drug-free state.

Administration  John Scully, Director

Personnel  122 classified, 27 unclassified, 5 grant positions

History and Function  The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBNDDC) is the state agency responsible for drug enforcement in Oklahoma. Primary responsibilities are to enforce the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act as outlined in the Oklahoma Statutes, Title 63; to train state and local law enforcement officers; provide leadership, logistical, technical, and tactical support to local, state, and federal agencies for drug enforcement; and to compile drug-related statistics; OBNDDC is also tasked with investigating and reducing human trafficking and money laundering in Oklahoma. Additionally, OBNDDC coordinates the Oklahoma Drug Endangered Children program to respond to children living in a drug environment. The strength of OBNDDC lies in the unique skills and abilities of dedicated agents and support staff. They conduct a wide variety of specialized programs to combat the local availability of various domestic and foreign produced drugs, human trafficking and money laundering. Rural and metro enforcement, intelligence, diversion, regulatory, wire intercept, legal,
analytical, and educational activities are directed from OBNDDC headquarters in Oklahoma City; five (5) district offices located in Ardmore, Lawton, McAlester, Tulsa, and Woodward; and fourteen (14) regional offices in Ada, Altus, Chickasha, Duncan, Durant, El Reno, Enid, Guymon, Idabel, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Poteau, Stillwater, and Vinita.

OBNDDC partners with various local, state, and federal agencies on major long-term projects. OBNDDC provides leadership, training, resources, and infrastructure for local, state, and federal law enforcement entities throughout the state. From direct case support to overseeing major statewide program initiatives, OBNDDC works directly with a multitude of federal, state, and local agencies to identify and remove primary sources of drug supply, human trafficking and money laundering networks, as well as aggressive demand reduction efforts. OBNDDC maintains an aggressive and proactive approach toward reducing the local availability of drugs and addressing the ever-changing climate of narcotics distribution and abuse, human trafficking and money laundering. This, combined with future strategies, defines the character of OBNDDC and drives this agency toward the ultimate quest of creating a “drug-free,” human trafficking-free, and “money-laundering free” Oklahoma.

Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (74 O.S. § 1226)

Agency Code 361 (IA)
659 American Indian Blvd., Oklahoma City 73129

Administration  J. Blake Wade, Executive Director, Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, 405/239–5500

History and Function The Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, a state agency created in 1994 by the Oklahoma Legislature, has a singular mission: to develop a world-class cultural and educational institution that will bring an awareness and understanding for all people of the Oklahoma American Indian cultures and heritage. The cultural center will serve as a living center for cultural expressions of the diverse American Indian cultures of Oklahoma. The 173 thousand square foot center is to be located on a 210-acre landscaped park that will positively impact the cultural and economic environment for the state.

Natural History, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of (70 O.S. § 3309.1)

Directed and supervised by the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma

University of Oklahoma, 2401 Chautauqua, Norman 73072–7029
405/325–4712, FAX 405/325–7699

Administration  Daniel C. Swan, PhD, Interim Director

History and Function An organized research unit of the University of Oklahoma, the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History was founded in 1899, and was designated the state museum of natural history by act of the Oklahoma Legislature in 1987 (Okla. Statutes, Title 70, Section 3309.1). The mission of the museum is to conduct research, participate in higher education, disseminate information to the people of Oklahoma, and collect and preserve the tangible record of Oklahoma’s natural and cultural history, which the museum holds in trust for the people of Oklahoma. The museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and regularly undergoes national accreditation reviews.

Nursing, Oklahoma Board of (59 O.S. § 567.4)

Agency Code 510 (IA)
2915 N Classen Boulevard, Suite 524, Oklahoma City 73106

Mission  To safeguard the safety of citizens in the state of Oklahoma by regulating the practice of Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse-Midwives, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Advanced Unlicensed Assistants.

Administration  Kim Glazier, M.Ed., RN, Executive Director; Jackye Ward, MS, RN, Deputy Director of Regulatory Services

Personnel  29 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function  Enacted by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1909, the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act was revised through the years, with the most recent revisions effective November 2018. Purpose of the act is to safeguard the public health and welfare by requiring persons in professional or practical nursing to be licensed. The Board is responsible for regulating the practice of nursing and establishing minimum standards for education programs. At the end of Fiscal year 2018 (as of June 30, 2018), there were 56,388 Registered Nurses, 18,871 Licensed Practical Nurses, and 4,034 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses holding licenses in the state. In addition, there were 539 Advanced Unlicensed Assistants in the state. There are twenty-nine approved schools preparing Registered Nurses at fifty-one different sites; twenty-nine approved schools preparing Licensed Practical Nurses at forty-nine different sites; and eight approved schools for Advanced Unlicensed Assistants. The Board is self-sustaining through collection of licensing and renewal fees.
Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Profiles

Formulary Advisory Council (59 O.S. § 567.4a)
Consists of twelve members, created to make recommendations for an exclusionary formulary that will list drugs or categories of drugs that will not be prescribed by Advanced Practice Nurses.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) Formulary Advisory Council (59 O.S. § 567.4b)
Composed of five members who shall be active in clinical practice at least 50 percent of their time within their defined area of specialty. CRNA is authorized to order, select, obtain, and administer drugs pursuant to provisions of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act (SB 275, 1997).

Optometry, Board of Examiners In (59 O.S. § 582) Recreated until July 1, 2020.
Agency Code 520  www.optometry.ok.gov
2008 S Post Road, Suite 200, Midwest City 73130  405/733–7836
Mission Statement  To protect the public by regulating the practice of optometry in Oklahoma through education and licensing requirements and to ensure that optometrists practice optometry within the provisions of the law.
Administration  Russell Laverty, OD, Executive Director
Personnel  3 unclassified, 1 temporary, non-merit
History and Function  The board was created by an act of the 1911 Oklahoma Legislature and was known then as the Board of Optometry. The board is the regulatory agency for the profession of optometrists, and is self-sustaining through collection of fees.

Osteopathic Examiners, State Board of (59 O.S. § 624; 74 O.S. § 3906; 74 O.S. § 3909)
Re-created until July 1, 2019
Agency Code 525  www.osboe.ok.gov
4848 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73105  405/528–8625, FAX 405/557–0653
Mission Statement  To protect the public by regulating the practice of osteopathic medicine in Oklahoma through education and licensing requirements as well as ensure that each licensee practices osteopathic medicine within the provisions of the Osteopathic Medicine Act.
Administration  Deborah J. Bruce, Executive Director
Personnel  2 classified, 5 unclassified
History and Function  Established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1921, the board’s principle duty is licensing of applicants for the practice of osteopathic medicine and adoption of rules and regulations governing enforcement of laws relating to the profession.

Pardon and Parole Board (Constitution, Article 6 §10; 57 O.S. § 332.2)
Agency Code 306 (IA)  www.ok.gov/ppb
2915 N Classen Blvd. Suite 405, Oklahoma City 73106  405/521–6600
Mission Statement  The Pardon and Parole Boards serves the citizens of Oklahoma by making careful and informed decisions, focusing on public safety, offender accountability and re-entry, and victim rights.
Administration  Delynn Fudge, Executive Director
Personnel  21 classified, 3 unclassified, 5 temporary
History and Function  The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board is a constitutional, part-time body composed of five members. Members of the board are appointed, three by the governor, one by the chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and one by the presiding judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals. Board members hold office co-terminous with the governor and can be reappointed. If vacancies occur, the appointing authority selects a replacement member before the term expires. Board members are removable only for cause in the manner provided by law for elected officers not liable for impeachment. The positions of chairperson and vice chairperson are elected by majority vote of the board. The board convenes monthly on a predetermined date at the Kate Barnard Community Correctional Center located at 3300 North Martin Luther King Avenue in Oklahoma City.

Pension Commission, Oklahoma State (74 O.S. § 941)
2300 N Lincoln, Rm. 100 (1A), Oklahoma City 73105  www.ok-pension.state.ok.us
405/521–3495, FAX 405/521–3426  E-mail—rchicoine@sai.ok.gov
Administration  Ruth Ann Chicoine
History and Function  As directed by statute, the commission is administered by the Oklahoma State Auditor’s Office and consists of seven members as follows: (1) The state auditor and inspector, or designee; (2) The director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, or designee; (3) The state treasurer, or designee; (4) one member who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and who shall have demonstrated experience in the investment of private or public funds; (5) one member who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and who shall have demonstrated experience in the investment of private or public funds; (6) one person to be appointed by the governor who shall have at least ten years of demonstrated experience in the financial services industry; and (7) one person to be appointed by the governor who shall have at least ten years of experience in retirement planning, including demonstrated experience with retirement plan designs.

The Oklahoma State Pension Commission was formed to provide guidance to public officials, legislators, and administrators in developing public retirement objectives and principles, identifying problems and areas of abuse, projecting costs of existing systems and modifications to those systems, and recommending pension reform programs. As directed by statute, the commission publishes a report of the most recent actuarial valuation including total assets, total liabilities, underfunded liability or over-funded status, contributions, and any other information deemed relevant by the commission, and also makes recommendations on administrative and legislative changes, which are necessary to improve the performance of the retirement system.

**Perfusionists, State Board of Examiners of (59 O.S. § 2053)**

Agency Code 343 (IA)  www.okperfusionists.org
101 NE 51 Street, Oklahoma City 73105  405/962–1400, FAX 405/962–1499
E-mail—lkelsey@okmedicalboard.org

Mission Statement  To regulate the practice of perfusion, issue licensure where appropriate, and assure the public that the practice of perfusion will be conducted with reasonable skill and safety.

Administration  Lyle R. Kelsey, MBA, CMBE, Executive Director; Reji T. Varghese, Deputy Executive Director

History and Function  On behalf of the people of the state, the Oklahoma Legislature created the Oklahoma Board of Examiners of Perfusionists to regulate the practice of perfusion, issue licensure where appropriate, and in general, assure the public that the practice of perfusion will be conducted with reasonable skill and safety. To enforce the act, the board reviews applications for licensure and complaints relative to the conduct of licensed perfusionists. In addition, the board makes rules and policies in conformity with the stated purpose of the board and the mission mandated by law. Re-created until July 1, 2019.

**Pharmacy, Board of (Constitution, Article 5 § 39; 59 O.S. § 353.3)**

Agency Code 560 (IA)  www.pharmacy.ok.gov
2920 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite A, Oklahoma City 73105–4212  405/521–3815, FAX 405/521–3758
E-mail—pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov

Mission Statement  To protect the citizens of Oklahoma by regulating and enforcing the laws regarding pharmacy practice and the manufacture, sales, distribution, and storage of drugs, medicines, chemicals, and poisons.

Administration  Dorothy Gourley, Interim Executive Director

Personnel  1 classified, 10 unclassified

History and Function  Authorized by the Oklahoma Constitution under Article V, Section 39 and implemented by acts of the Oklahoma Legislature, the board is the regulatory agency for the practice of pharmacy and for the sale, storage, and handling of prescription drugs, medicines, chemicals, and poisons. One of the chief board functions is to conduct examinations for the granting of licenses to pharmacists. The board is responsible for licensing and inspection of premises where prescription drugs are dispensed, sold, or stored.

**Physician Manpower Training Commission (70 O.S. § 697.2, 697.3)**

Agency Code 619 (IA)  www.pmtc.ok.gov
5500 N Western Avenue, Suite 201, Oklahoma City 73118  405/843–5667, FAX 405/843–5792
E-mail—PMTC@pmtc.ok.gov

Mission Statement  To enhance medical care in rural and underserved areas of Oklahoma by administering residency, internship, scholarship incentive programs, and loan repayment programs that encourage medical and nursing personnel to practice in rural and underserved areas. Further, PMTC is to upgrade the availability of health care services by increasing the number of practicing physicians, nurses, and physician assistants in rural and underserved areas of Oklahoma.
Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Profiles

Podiatric Medical Examiners, Oklahoma State Board of

Agency Code 140 (IA)
101 NE 51 Street, Oklahoma City, 73105
E-mail—lkelsey@okmedicalboard.org

Mission Statement On behalf of the people of Oklahoma, the state legislature created the Oklahoma Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to regulate the practice of podiatry, issue licensure where appropriate, and in general, assure the public that the practice of podiatry will be conducted with reasonable skill and safety. To enforce the act, the board administers the State Licensing Examination, reviews applications for licensure, and reviews complaints relative to the conduct of licensed podiatrists. In addition, the board makes rules and policies in conformity with the stated purpose of the board and the mission mandated by law. The board is charged with assuring the public the podiatrist will practice ethically, with competency, and will be of good moral character.

Administration Lyle R. Kelsey, MBA, CMBE, Executive Director; Reji T. Varghese, Deputy Executive Director

History and Function The board was established in 1935 to regulate the profession of chiropody (podiatry) which relates to the treatment of ailments, diseased conditions, deformities or injuries to the foot. The board conducts examinations to qualify applicants for licenses to practice; issues renewals annually, and is authorized to revoke licenses for causes defined by law. It is self-sustaining through collection of fees.

Police Pension and Retirement System, Oklahoma

Agency Code 557 (IA)
1001 NW 63 Street, Suite 305, Oklahoma City 73116
E-mail—opprs@opprs.ok.gov

Mission Statement To provide secure retirement benefits for members and their beneficiaries.

Administration Sean Ruark, Interim Executive Director

Polygraph Examiners Board

Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET)
2401 Egypt Road, Ada 74820

Mission Statement To establish standards for polygraph examiners.

Administration Dennis McGrath, Chair

History and Function Authorized by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1971 as a regulatory body for those performing in the field of lie detection through use of instrumentation equipment (polygraph), the board is authorized to give examinations for polygraph examiners’ licenses and also has the power to suspend or revoke such licenses after proper hearings, or to levy fines.

Ponca City, Board of Trustees of University Center at

www.ucponcacity.com

Port Authorities

Muskogee City-County Port Authority, PO Box 2819, Muskogee 74402, 918/682-7886, FAX 918/683-4811.

City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority, 5350 Cimarron Road, Catoosa 74015; 918/266-2291, 888/572-7678, FAX
History and Function  Authorized under laws enacted in 1959, port authorities may be established by incorporated cities and towns and by counties and may be combined to form joint port authorities. The authorities have broad powers for the development, operation, and expansion of ports. Governing bodies of cities, towns, and counties are the appointing authorities for members of the board of directors of the port authorities.

Private Vocational Schools, Oklahoma Board of (70 O.S. § 21–101)

Agency Code 563 (IA)
3700 N Classen Boulevard, Suite 250, Oklahoma City 73118–2864
405/528–3370, FAX 405/528–3366
E-mail—nhouse@obpvs.ok.gov

Administration  Nora House, Director
Personnel  3 unclassified, non-merit

Mission Statement  To protect the people of Oklahoma by licensing, monitoring, and regulating private vocational schools and school representatives. Training conducted in Oklahoma or via correspondence or online to Oklahoma residents is regulated.

History and Function  Established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1970, the board is authorized to set minimum standards for private vocational schools which include standards for courses of instruction and training qualifications of instructors, financial stability, advertising practices, and reasonable rules and regulations for operation of private vocational schools.

Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of (59 O.S. § 1354) Re-created until July 1, 2019

Agency Code 575 (IA)
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 180, Oklahoma City 73103
405/522–1333

Mission Statement  To protect the public by regulating the practice of psychology in Oklahoma to ensure that only properly qualified psychologists practice psychology in the state and that the psychology profession as a whole is conducted in the public’s best interest.

Administration  Teanne Rose, Executive Officer, E-mail—teanne.rose@psychology.ok.gov
Personnel  2 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function  Established under the Psychologists Licensing Act of 1965, the board is the official licensing agency for the practice of psychology and in the investigation of complaints and enforcement of the laws and rules of the profession.

Public Employees Retirement System, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 903) Board of Trustees (74 O.S. § 905)

Agency Code 515 (IA)
5400 N Grand Boulevard, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73112–5675
405/858–6737, 800/733–9008
PO Box 53007, Oklahoma City 73152–3007
FAX/Administration 405/848–5967
FAX/SoonerSave & Pathfinder 405/848–5946
FAX/Member Services 405/858–6714

Mission Statement  The Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System provides and promotes comprehensive, accountable, and financially sound retirement services to Oklahoma’s public servants in a professional, efficient, and courteous manner.

Vision Statement  The Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System’s vision is to ensure all members can achieve a secure and lasting retirement.

Administration  Joseph A. Fox, JD, Executive Director
Chief Investment Officer, Brad Tillberg, CFA
Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance, Brian Wolf, CPA
Communications Manager, Stephanie White
Human Resources Manager, Diana Byrd, CEBS, SPHR
Legislative Assistant General Counsel, Kristi Ice, JD

Defined Contributions Administrator, Ray Pool, CPA
General Counsel, Dessa Baker-Inman, JD
Member Services Director, Patrick Lane

Personnel  5 classified, 49 unclassified, merit

History and Function  The Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, created by the Oklahoma Legislature, was established in 1964. The board is the supervisory authority for the operation of the system; as well as the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, and the Defined Contribution Plans: SoonerSave and Pathfinder.
Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park, Board of Trustees

Mission Statement

Created to act as the administrative agency for the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park ("Center").

Real Estate Appraiser Board

In response to federal legislation passed in 1989, the State of Oklahoma established the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board. The insurance commissioner is the ex officio chair of the board, and the other members are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. The board oversees the state’s system of licensing and certifying real estate appraisers. This is accomplished in conjunction with uniform guidelines established by various independent boards of the Appraisal Foundation of Washington, D.C., and under the oversight of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examinations Council (FFIEC). In January 2011, the board became responsible for regulation of appraisal management companies, also under the oversight of the Appraisal Subcommittee.

Real Estate Commission, Oklahoma

The mission of the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission is to safeguard the public interest and provide quality services by assisting and providing resources; encouraging and requiring high standards of knowledge and ethical practices of licensees; investigating and sanctioning licensed activities; and through the prosecution of any unlicensed person who violates the Oklahoma License Code and Rules.

History and Function

The commission is the regulatory agency for the Real Estate License Act which became effective through legislative enactment January 1950. The commission has authority to conduct certain examinations for applicants for sales associate and broker licenses and to either grant or deny licenses. It also has authority to conduct hearings on complaints within the industry and make rulings on such complaints.

Real Estate Contract Form Committee, Oklahoma

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is the statewide coordinating board of control for the state’s twenty-five colleges and universities, and ten constituent agencies. The State Regents for Higher Education prescribe academic standards of higher education, determine functions and courses of study at state colleges and
universities, grant degrees, recommend to the Oklahoma Legislature budget allocations for each college and university, and recommend proposed fees within limits set by the legislature. The state regents also manage twenty-three scholarship and special programs. In addition, in cooperation with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the state regents operate OneNet, the state’s information and telecommunications network for education and government. The regents also oversee the Oklahoma College Assistance Program.

**Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Advisory Committee, Oklahoma (EPSCOR) (70 O.S. § 3230.1)** Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, Dr. Daniel Craig, Executive Director

**Dyslexia Teacher Training Pilot Program Advisory Committee (70 O.S. § 7001)**

**Rehabilitation Services, Oklahoma Department of (74 O.S. § 166.1)**

**Commission (74 O.S. § 166.2)**

Agency Code 805 (IA)  
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73112–4824  

**Mission Statement** To empower Oklahomans with disabilities.

**Administration**  
Noel Tyler, Interim Director, 405/951–3400; Public Information Administrator, Jody Harlan, 405/951–3473; Chief Fiscal Officer, Kevin Statham, 405/951–3422; Chief of Staff, Melinda Freundt, 405/951–3547; Disability Determination Division, Brian Nickles, Interim Administrator, 405/419–2200; Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Mark Kinnison, Administrator, 405/951–3491; Visual Services Division, Tracy Brigham, Administrator, 405/951–3460; Disability Determination Services, Brian Nickles, Administrator, 405/419–2000, FAX 405/419–2785


**Oklahoma School for the Blind (Parkview School)** Rita Echelle, Superintendent, 918/781–8200, 877/229–7136, www.osb.k12.ok.us


**History and Function** The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) provides assistance to Oklahomans with disabilities through vocational rehabilitation, employment, independent living, and residential and outreach education programs. The agency also determines medical eligibility for disability benefits. The commission meets eleven months per year at the DRS State Office, Disability Determination Services, Oklahoma School for the Blind, or Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

**Personnel** 709 classified, 167 unclassified, 23 temporary

**Statewide Independent Living Council**  
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 480, Oklahoma City 73112–4824  
405/951–3581, TTY/TDD 405/325–4927, FAX 405/951–3504

**Administration** Sidna Madden, Director

**Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (29 U.S.C. 725)**  
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73112–4824  
www.ok.gov/orc

**Administration** Renee Sansom, 405/951–3579, Voice/TTY/TDD 800/569–7974

**Safety, Department of Public (47 O.S. § 2–101)**

Agency Code 585 (IA)  
3600 N Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City 73111–4223  
PO Box 11415, Oklahoma City 73136  
405/425–2424, FAX 405/425–2324

**Mission Statement** Working to provide a safe and secure environment for the public through courteous, quality, and professional services.

**Administration** Rusty Rhodes, Commissioner of Public Safety, 405/425–2001;  
Gerald Davidson, Chief of Staff, 405/425–2002  
Administrative Rules Liaison, Elizabeth Tankard, 405/425–7394  
Driver Compliance, Doug Young, 405/425–2156  
Driver License Examining, Jeff Hankins, 405/425–7732  
General Counsel, Megan Simpson, 405/425–2148  
Highway Patrol Chief, Michael S. Harrell, 405/425–2004  
Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems Division, Gene Thaxton, 405/425–2231  
Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, Paul Harris, 405/523–1384  
Public Affairs Office, Captain Paul Timmons, 405/425–7709
Records Management, Virgil Bonham, 405/425–2047
Wrecker Services, Virgil Bonham, 405/425–2047

History and Function The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety is a multi-service safety and law enforcement organization, created by state statute to administer to the protection and needs of Oklahoma citizens including both their personal well-being and their vehicular safety.

Personnel 1,335 classified, 55 unclassified, 12 temporary, merit

Driver's License Medical Advisory Committee (47 O.S. § 6–118)
The Driver's License Medical Advisory Committee is composed of seven members appointed by the commissioner of health (2 appointments), the commissioner of public safety (2), the governor (1), the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate (1), and the Speaker of the House of Representatives (1).

Administration R. LeRoy Carpenter, M.D., Executive Secretary, 405/425–2071

Injury Review Board (47 O.S. § 2–110.1)

Motorcycle Safety and Education, Advisory Committee for (47 O.S. § 40–122) www.ok.gov/okiemoto

School and County Funds Management, Oklahoma Commission on (60 O.S. § 177.2)

State Department of Education
Oliver Hodge Building, Room 4–27, 2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105–4599 (IA)

School Health Coordinators Pilot Program Steering Committee (70 O.S. § 24–100C)

Mission Statement Committee created to help the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health facilitate the development of a physical fitness assessment software program customized for public schools that has the capability to track the components of student health-related physical fitness.

School of Science and Mathematics, Oklahoma
(70 O.S. § 1210.401(A)) Board of Trustees (70 O.S. § 1210.401(B))

Agency Code 629 (IA)
1141 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73104–2847

Mission Statement Via a residential campus in Oklahoma City (for 11th and 12th grade students), satellite locations called “regional centers” at eight locations: Drumright, Enid, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Poteau, Stilwell, Tahlequah, and Wayne, as well as an online program called a “Virtual Regional Center, where instruction is delivered statewide via live interactive video combined with face-to-face visits from an instructor who conducts labs with the students, the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics endeavors to provide rigorous instruction in advanced STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects to high achieving Oklahoma students who show promise and interest in STEM subjects. In addition, OSSM hosts/sponsors day workshops and competitions for middle school students, week-long residential camps for rising 9th through 12th grade students, as well as institutes providing professional development for middle and high school teachers. A goal of the school president is that the school “touch” each and every Oklahoma student who aspires to pursue collegiate study in STEM or a STEM career via the school itself, the regional centers, the virtual regional center, the various outreach programs or indirectly through teachers trained at a professional development institute.

Administration Frank Y.H. Wang, PhD, President, E-mail: Frank.Wang@ossm.edu

Personnel 3 classified, 60 unclassified

School Readiness Board, Oklahoma Partnership for
(10 O.S. § 640.1; 74 O.S. § 3904) Re-created until July 1, 2021

www.smartstartok.org

Science and Technology, Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of
(OCAST) (74 O.S. § 5060.2) Board of Directors (74 O.S. § 5060.6)

Agency Code 628 (IA)
755 Research Parkway, Suite 110, Oklahoma City 73104–3612
405/319–8400, FAX 405/319–8426

www.ocast.ok.gov E-mail—info@ocast.ok.gov
Mission Statement  To foster innovation in existing and developing businesses by 1) supporting basic and applied research; 2) facilitating technology transfer between research laboratories and businesses; 3) providing seed capital for innovative firms in the development of new products or services; and 4) helping Oklahoma's small and medium-sized manufacturing firms become more competitive through increased productivity and modernization.

Administration  C. Michael Carolina, Executive Director; Dan Luton, Director of Programs; Amy Loftis-Walton, Director of Government Relations & Strategic Initiatives; Elaine Spell, Director of Administration and Finance

Personnel  16 unclassified, merit

History and Function  Created in 1987 to be Oklahoma’s technology-based economic development agency, OCAST oversees the programs necessary for the development, transfer, and commercialization of technology. Those programs are: Inventors Assistance Service, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance, Oklahoma Applied Research Support, Oklahoma Health Research, Oklahoma Nanotechnology Applications Project, Oklahoma Seed Capital Fund, Oklahoma Technology Commercialization Center, Plant Science Research Program, R&D Intern Partnerships, Small Business Research Assistance, and Technology Business Finance Program.

Advisory Bodies
- Oklahoma Applied Research Committee, David Humphrey, Chair
- Oklahoma Health Research Committee, Mary Beth Humphrey, MD, PhD, Chair
- Oklahoma Plant Sciences Research Advisory Committee, Richard Nelson, Chair
- Seed Capital Investment Committee, Sherri Wise, Chair
- Small Business Research Assistance Committee, Terry Golding, PhD, Chair

Science and Technology Research and Development Board, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 5060.2)

Secretary of State, Office of

Agency Code 625 (IA)
www.sos.ok.gov

State Capitol, Room 122, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City 73105–4897
405/521–3912, FAX 405/521–3771
The Colcord Center, 421 NW 13 Street, Oklahoma City, 73103
405/521–3911

Mission Statement  To provide the registry and safekeeping of vital state instruments through prompt, accurate service and complete satisfaction for our public, business, and government agency clients.

Administration  James A. Williamson, Secretary of State; Tod Wall, Assistant Secretary of State; Chris Morriss, Chief International Protocol Officer; Melody Wright, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State; Peggy Coe, Director/Managing Editor of the Oklahoma Administrative Code/Register

Accounting, 405/522–4568  Administrative Rules, 405/521–4911, rules@sos.ok.gov
Agriculture Liens, 405/521–2474, LienSearch@sos.ok.gov  Apostilles, 405/521–4211
Certification Department, 405/521–4211  Charitable Organizations, 405/522–2520
Executive/Legislative, 405/522–4564, executivelegislative@sos.ok.gov
Information Systems, 405/522–2495
International Protocol Office, 405/522–2076, Protocol.OK@sos.ok.gov
Notary, 405/521–2516, Notary@sos.ok.gov  Public Meeting Notices, 405/521–4911
Trademarks, 405/522–2520

History and Function  The Secretary of State's Office is the official repository and filing agency for all official acts of the governor, legislation and state questions, business entity filings, state agency rules and regulations, agricultural lien filings, notary public applications, and athlete agent registrations. The secretary of state serves as the Oklahoma Chief International Protocol Office.

Personnel  28 classified, 4 unclassified, 1 temporary

Protocol Office, Oklahoma Chief International (74 O.S. § 5017.7)
The secretary of state serves as the central point of contact for foreign governmental officials and the Houston and Oklahoma City Consular Corps. The secretary of state is the first point of contact for foreign government officials and delegations and is the chief international protocol officer. The office has the responsibility for Oklahoma’s international relations. The secretary of state represents the state at official functions with members of the international diplomatic community; and serves as a resource to local and state government officials and agencies for information regarding procedure and protocol for international diplomats, government officials, and visitors.

Administration  Chris Morriss, International Protocol Officer, 405/522–2076, Protocol.OK@sos.ok.gov
Securities Commission, Oklahoma (71 O.S. § 1–101–1–701)

Agency Code 630 (IA)
Oklahoma Department of Securities
204 N Robinson, Suite 400, City Place, Oklahoma City 73102

Mission Statement  The mission of the Oklahoma Securities Commission and the Department of Securities is investor protection through the administration and enforcement of the Oklahoma Uniform Securities Act of 2004. The commission and department also administer and enforce the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act, the Oklahoma Subdivided Land Sales Code, and the Oklahoma Take-over Disclosure Act of 1985.

Administration  Irving L. Faught, Administrator; Melanie Hall, Deputy Administrator; Kenneth Maillard, Chief of Registrations and Exemptions; Carol Gruis, Chief of Securities Professional Registrations; W. Charles Kaiser, Chief Information Officer; Faye Morton, General Counsel

Personnel  25 unclassified; 1 temporary

History and Function  The commission as well as the department were created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1959. The department’s functions include the regulation of securities agents, broker-dealers, investment adviser representatives and investment advisers. These persons and firms are registered and examined under provisions of the Oklahoma Uniform Securities Act of 2004. The department is also responsible for the registration of stocks, bonds, and many other types of securities as provided under the very broad definition of securities in the act. The objectives of the department are protecting the investing public from securities fraud, eliminating unfair sales practices in the market place, and maintaining the market’s integrity in Oklahoma.

Sheep and Wool Utilization Research and Market Development Commission

(2 O.S. § 18–181, 74 O.S. 3908) Re-created until July 1, 2017

Agency Code 631
PO Box 502, Tonkawa, OK 74653

Mission Statement  To promote greater use of Oklahoma’s sheep and wool products.

Administration  Rebecca Curry, Executive Director

History and Function  Authorized by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1973, the commission became operative through a referendum election conducted by sheep and wool producers. The legislation also called for the election, by the producers, of seven members of the commission, four from districts, one at-large, and two from producers of major purebred sheep in Oklahoma. The commission’s purpose is to conduct utilization, research, and market development of sheep and wool produced in Oklahoma. The commission is financed through fees assessed on each head of sheep and each pound of wool produced. The name was changed from the Sheep and Wool Commission in 2001. (Laws 2001, c. 146 § 60).

Shorthand Reporters, State Board of Examiners of Certified

(20 O.S. §1501) Recreated until July 1, 2020.

2100 N Lincoln, Suite 3, Oklahoma City 73105

Administration  Michael D. Evans, Court Administrator; Tammy Reaves, Administrator of Court Services Programs; Kinsey Hicks, Certified Shorthand Reporter Liaison

History and Function  Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1970, the board is composed of five court reporters appointed by the chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Functions of the board include licensing of shorthand reporters as either certified or licensed shorthand reporters and conducting proceedings to recommend suspension, revocation, or reinstatement of licenses of certified or licensed reporters.

Social Workers, Oklahoma State Board of Licensed


Agency Code 622 (IA)
3700 Classen Boulevard, Suite 162, Oklahoma City 73118

Agency Mission  To safeguard the welfare of the public of the State of Oklahoma by establishing, promoting, and enforcing high standards of practice for licensed social workers.

Agency Vision  To have strong public awareness of social work practices within the state. To maintain high standards that reflect best practice in the profession of social work. To ensure that qualified professionals are available to the citizens of Oklahoma.
Agency Values  To be responsive to the needs of the potential licensees. The OSBLSW strives to process an application for licensure within a reasonable length of time. To be committed to protecting the public from the aberrant practices of any licensed social work professional. To be sensitive to the complaints concerning a professional licensed by the agency. Complaints in any form and from any source will be reviewed, acknowledged, and adjudicated with due process to a conclusion within a reasonable period of time. To perform the responsibilities of this board with integrity and professionalism.

Administration  James Marks, Executive Director, james.marks@oswb.ok.gov

Space Industry Development Authority, Oklahoma  (74 O.S. § 5203)  Board  (74 O.S. § 5207)

Agency Code 346
121 First Street, Burns Flat, Oklahoma, 73624
580/562–3500, FAX 580/562–3499

Mission Statement  To be aggressive, deliberate, and forceful in the planning and development of spaceport facilities, launch systems, and projects, and to successfully promote and stimulate the creation of space commerce, education, and space-related industries in Oklahoma.

Administration  Bill Khourie, Executive Director, bill.khourie@okspaceport.state.ok.us

Personnel  6 unclassified, non-merit

Special Advocate, Court Appointed

Office of Attorney General
405/521–6246

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology,
Board of Examiners for  (59 O.S. § 1607) Recreated until July 1, 2019.

Agency Code 632 (IA)
Speech Pathology and Audiology
3700 N Classen Blvd., Suite 248, Oklahoma City 73118 or PO Box 53592, Oklahoma City 73152
405/524–4955, FAX 405/524–4985

E-mail—amy.hall@obespa.ok.gov

Mission Statement  To protect the health and general welfare of the people of Oklahoma by ensuring that no person practices speech pathology or audiology unless he/she is licensed under the Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act.

Administration  Amy Hall, Executive Secretary

Personnel  1 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function  The board was recreated by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1982 to conduct examinations for the licensing of speech pathologists and audiologists.

Statewide Nine-One-One Advisory Board  (63 O.S. § 2847)

www.ok.gov/911

Tax Commission, Oklahoma  (68 O.S. § 102)

Agency Code 695 (IA)
M.C. Connors Building, 2501 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73194–0001
405/521–3160, 800/522–8165 Tulsa Office 918/581–2979

Mission Statement  To serve the people of Oklahoma by promoting tax compliance through quality service and fair administration.

Tax Commissioners  Steve Burrage, Chair; Clark Jolley, Vice Chair; and Thomas E. Kemp Jr., Secretary-Member

Administration  Tony Mastin, Executive Director, 405/521–3214

Mary Frantz, Deputy Executive Director, 405/522–6233
Account Maintenance Division—Joann Cook, 405/521–2944, FAX 405/522–2072
Ad Valorem Division—Joe Hapgood, 405/319–8200, FAX 405/521–0166
Central Processing—Fredda Puckett, 405/521–3177, FAX 405/522–4373
Communications Div. & Public Information—Paula Ross, 405/521–3637, FAX 405/522–1711
Compliance Division, Jim Fourcade, 405/522–4101, FAX 405/522–1783
Counsel to the Commissioners—Ernest H. Short, 405/521–3213
Management Services—Carol McCullar, 405/521–6168, FAX 405/522–0196
Economist—Juan Gong, 405/521–4309, FAX 405/522–5162  
General Counsel—Lee Pugh, 405/522–9460, FAX 405/601–7144  
Tax Policy And Research Division—Rick Miller, 405/522–1779, FAX 405/522–0063  
Taxpayer Assistance Division—Jerry Leonard, 405/522–1626, FAX 405/522–1942

Personnel  487 classified, 244 unclassified

History and Function Throughout the decades, the Tax Commission has prioritized a flexible organization that encourages keeping pace with changes in technology, government structure and the ever-changing lifestyles of our taxpayers. The commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of state tax laws, collection of a majority of all state-levied taxes, fees and licenses; and the subsequent apportionment and allocation of revenues earmarked to various state agencies and local units of government. In its quasi-judicial capacity, the commission has the authority to subpoena witnesses and records, to administer oaths and to render decisions appealable directly to the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Each of the three members of the Commission is appointed, to a six-year term, by the governor and confirmed by the Oklahoma Senate. This gubernatorial appointment process has remained in effect since 1931, with changes established in 1947 by Oklahoma Legislature to stagger the terms. A commissioner appointment comes up every two years. The commissioners are responsible for the supervision of the administration and enforcement of state tax laws and the collection of a majority of all state-levied taxes and fees.

Under the direction of the commissioners, the executive director oversees the general practices of the agency. He is assisted by a team of professionals who staff the administrative offices of the agency, as well as twelve division directors whose staffs encompass the three major arms of the agency’s organizational chart: Customer Service, Revenue Administration and Support Services.

Tobacco Tax Advisory Committee, Cigarette and (68 O.S. § 302–4)

Teachers’ Retirement System of Oklahoma (70 O.S. § 17–102) Trustees (70 O.S. § 17–106)

Mission Statement The Oklahoma Teacher’s Retirement System’s mission is to collect, protect, and grow assets to provide a secure retirement income for public education employees.

History and Function The Teacher’s Retirement system provides retirement benefits to Oklahoma’s public educators and support staff. Following voter approval of a constitutional amendment, the system was established by legislative act and became effective July 1, 1943. Active members contribute 7 percent of their gross salary per school year. The state provides a percentage of certain taxes and other revenue directly to the system. For instance, the system receives 5.0 percent of the state’s sales and income taxes and 5.0 percent of the state lottery income. In addition, the system receives contributions from public education employers. The board of trustees has responsibility for the general operations of the Teachers’ Retirement System. The board is composed of fifteen members: six appointed by the governor, and four appointed by the legislature, four ex-officio members, and one non-voting member appointed by a statewide retiree organization. Eight of the fifteen members are plan participants. Five members are from the business community, and two are statewide public officers who serve ex-officio.

Textbook Committee, Oklahoma State (Constitution, Article 8 § 6; 70 O.S. § 16–101)

Mission Statement The Oklahoma Constitution was amended in 1946 to provide for a system of free textbooks for common schools and for the appointment of a committee by the governor to supervise the selection of multiple lists of textbooks from which local school district committees make a final selection of textbooks.
Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund, Board of Directors of the (Constitution, Article 10 § 40)

Agency Code 092
3800 N Classen Boulevard, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73118
866/530–8738, 405/521–3888, FAX 405/525–6104

Mission Statement To improve the health and quality of life of all Oklahomans through accountable programs and services that address the hazards of tobacco use and other health issues.

Administration John Woods, Executive Director

History and Function The Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust was established in November 2000 by a vote of the people of Oklahoma, directing the earnings from the trust to fund programs that are designed to improve the health and well-being of all Oklahomans.

Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 2201) Commission (74 O.S. § 2201)

Agency Code 566 (IA) www.otrd.ok.gov www.travelok.com
900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73104–3234; PO Box 52002, Oklahoma City, 73152–2002
Front Desk—405/815–6552, Literature Requests—800/652–6552, Reservations—800/654–8240

Mission Statement To advance the exceptional quality of life in Oklahoma by preserving, maintaining, and promoting our natural assets and cultural richness.

Administration Dick Dutton, Executive Director, 405/522–9616
Deputy Director and General Counsel, Claudia Conner, 405/522–9553
Administrative Services, Cathy Meneffee, 405/522–9572
Discover Oklahoma, Barbara Merckx, 405/522–9627
Human Resources, LaRonda Molina, 405/521–5247
Oklahoma Film & Music Office, Tava Sofsky, 405/522–9636
Oklahoma Today magazine, Colleen McIntyre, 405/522–9646
Public Policy and Research, Kim Caplinger, 405/522–9555
State Parks Division, Kris Marek, 405/522–951
Tourism Promotion Division, Jennifer Mullins, 405/522–9550

Personnel 121 classified, 288 unclassified, 362 temporary (seasonal)

History and Function Administered by an executive director, under the guidance of a nine–member commission, the department began in 1931 when the Oklahoma Legislature appropriated $90,000 for the land on which Lake Murray is located. In the late 1930s, Congress directed the U.S. Corps of Engineers to begin construction on several large reservoirs, primarily for flood control and water supply. In 1951 Lake Murray State Park also became the site for the first of seven state-owned lodges. Through the years, park, lodge, and tourism programs rested in the Planning and Resources Board, the Department of Commerce and Industry, and the Industrial Development and Park Department. In 1972 the legislature created the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, now made up of five divisions.

Oklahoma Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee (68 O.S. § 50015)

Transportation, Department of (69 O.S. § 4002)

Agency Code 345 (IA) www.odot.org
R.A. Ward Transportation Building, 200 NE 21 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/522–8000, FAX 405/521–2524

Mission Statement To provide a safe, economical, and effective transportation network for the people, commerce, and communities of Oklahoma.

Administration Mike Patterson, Executive Director; Russell Hulin, Deputy Director/Director of Finance and Administration; Casey Shell, Chief Engineer; Tim Tegeler, Director of Engineering; Darren Saliba, Director of Operations; Dawn Sullivan, Director of Capital Programs

Personnel 2,251 classified, 91 unclassified, 1 temporary

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1976 as an overall coordinating agency for the state’s highways, railways, and waterways, this agency superseded the original Oklahoma State Department of Highways, implemented by legislation in 1911. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission and Rail Planning were also placed under ODOT jurisdiction. The Waterways Branch was transferred from the Commerce Department to ODOT in 1993. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission became a separate agency as of July 1, 2002. The department is primarily funded by motor vehicle
fuel taxes, legislative appropriations, and a return of federal matching dollars from the Federal Highway Trust Fund. ODOT’s annual budget, totaling more than $1.5 billion in federal and state funds, is applied to highway construction and maintenance activities, railways, waterways, public rural transit programs and administration statewide. While the primary business is construction and maintenance of the state’s highways, the agency also promotes intermodal transportation. An eight-member Transportation Commission appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oklahoma Senate sets departmental policy and oversees general operations. The members represent eight geographic districts corresponding with ODOT’s eight field divisions. The commission meets on the first Monday of each month in the R.A. Ward Transportation Building in Oklahoma City.

Field Divisions  
Division 1, Muskogee, 918/687–5407; Division 2, Antlers, 580/298–3371; Division 3, Ada, 580/332–1526; Division 4, Perry, 580/336–7340; Division 5, Clinton, 580/323–1431; Division 6, Buffalo, 580/735–2561; Division 7, Duncan, 580/255–7586; Division 8, Tulsa, 918/838–9933.

Highway Construction Materials Technician Certification Board (69 O.S. § 1953)

Oklahoma Tourism Signage Advisory Task Force (74 O.S. § 1891)

Tribal Advisory Board (69 O.S. § 302.2)

Tuition Aid Grant Program, Oklahoma (OTAG)  
655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73104  
405/225–9456, 800/858–1840, FAX 405/225–9392  
E-mail—studentinfo@osrhe.edu

Turnpike Authority, Oklahoma (69 O.S. § 1703)

Mission Statement  
Partnering with others, we provide our customers with a choice of a safe, convenient, efficient, user-funded transportation network focusing on fiscal responsibility and promoting economic development.

Administration  
Tim Gatz, Director; Alan Freeman, Assistant Executive Director, Finance, and Administration; Joe Echelle, Assistant Executive Director, Maintenance, Engineering, and Construction; David Machamer, Assistant Executive Director, Toll and PIKEPASS Operations

Personnel  
472 classified, 56 unclassified, merit

History and Function  
Inaugurated during the administration of Governor Roy J. Turner in 1947, the authority constructed the Turner Turnpike between Oklahoma City and Tulsa. This toll road reached its sixtieth year of service May 16, 2013. Created to facilitate traffic throughout the state, this system of toll roads, approved by the legislature, has been financed through the sale of revenue bonds. The authority now operates ten turnpikes totaling 612 miles. The membership of the authority consists of the governor, an ex officio member, and six members appointed by the governor with confirmation by the Oklahoma Senate. There are six districts within the Turnpike System and one member is appointed from each district.

Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission, Oklahoma (47 O.S. § 582)

Mission Statement  
To license and regulate used motor vehicle dealers, wholesale motor vehicle dealers, automotive dismantlers, rebuilders, manufactured home dealers, manufacturers, and installers; to create an atmosphere of fair competition among equally regulated dealers; and to protect the interests of the consuming public.

Administration  
John W. Maile, Executive Director

Personnel  
10 unclassified, non-merit

Manufactured Home Advisory Committee (47 O.S. § 582.1)

Veterans Affairs, Oklahoma Department of (72 O.S. § 63.1)

War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma, 2132 NE 36 Street, Oklahoma City, 73111, Box 53067, Oklahoma City 73152  
405/523–4000, FAX 405/523–4008
Mission Statement  In partnership with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, state and local agencies, and veterans services organizations, the State of Oklahoma will facilitate in providing to the veterans residing in Oklahoma the highest quality support and care available anywhere in the nation.

Administration  Brigadier General Doug Elliott, Executive Director; Joel Kintsel, Deputy Executive Director
Claims and Benefits Programs Administrator, Jackie Whitten, 405/523–4021
Lawton: Jodi Opunui, SW Regional Claims Programs Administrator, 580/354–3033
Muskogee: Angie Bilby, Manager of Muskogee Claims and Benefits Office, 918/781–7766
Tulsa: Cody Wyatt, NE Regional Claims Programs Administrator, 918/348–4901
Ardmore Veterans Center: Shawn Kirkland, Administrator, 580/223–2266
Claremore Veterans Center: Amy Hammett, Administrator, 918/342–5432
Clinton Veterans Center: Brenda Jarrell, Administrator, 580/331–2200
Lawton Veterans Center: Tonya Hendricks, Administrator, 580/351–6531
Norman Veterans Center: Rob Arrington, Administrator, 405/360–5600
Sulphur Veterans Center: Pamela Arms, Administrator, 580/622–2144
Talihina Veterans Center: Sarah Brashear, Administrator, 918/567–2251

History and Function  Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1947 as the successor to the Soldiers Relief Commission, the department is responsible for the administration of the general duties of the commission, which includes assistance to veterans and their dependents in obtaining benefits.

Personnel  1,615 classified, 382 unclassified

Claims Offices
Muskogee: 125 S Main, Room 1B38, Muskogee 74401, 888/655–2838
Lawton: 501 SE Flower Mound Road, PO Box 849, Lawton 73502, 580/354–3033
Tulsa: c/o VA Outpatient Clinic, 9322 E 41 Street, Tulsa 74145; 918/764–7266 or 918/764–7267
Medical Center, Muskogee, Honor Heights Dr., Muskogee 74401; 918/680–3633 or 918/680–3630
Medical Center, Oklahoma City, 921 NE 13 St., Oklahoma City 73104; 405/270–0501, Ext 5477, 5478

Veterans Commission  (72 O.S. § 63.1)
2132 NE 36 Street, Oklahoma City 73111 405/523–4000

Veterinary Medical Examiners, Board of  (59 O.S. § 698.3)
Agency Code 790 (IA)
2920 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite C, Oklahoma City 73105 405/522–8831, FAX 405/522–8034

Mission Statement  To regulate the practice of veterinary medicine by the licensure of veterinarians and veterinary technicians, as well as the investigation of complaints to ensure that licensed veterinarians and euthanasia technicians are practicing within the provisions of the law.

Administration  Cathy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director
Personnel  6 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function  The board was established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1913 and is the chief regulatory agency for the practice of veterinary medicine, including the licensing and enforcement of state laws and rules and regulations of the board. This also includes the veterinary technicians. Re-created until July 1, 2020.

Animal Commission Advisory Committee  (59 O.S. § 529)
Examination Committee  (59 O.S. § 698.30a)

Visual and Performing Arts, Oklahoma School for the  (70 O.S. § 1210.451)
Mission Statement  OKArts will provide excellence in arts education and will deliver comprehensive academic programs for gifted and talented visual and performing arts students from across the State of Oklahoma. This extraordinary high school will fulfill a two-fold mission: It will provide each student with outstanding, professional preparation via a conservatory arts education; it will also equip the students with college preparatory academics.

Visual and Performing Arts Board of Trustees, Oklahoma School for the  (70 O.S. § 1210.451)

Viticulture and Enology Center  (37 O.S. § 563.1) Created within Redlands Community College, El Reno, Oklahoma.
Redlands Community College, 1300 S Country Club Road, El Reno, OK 73036–5304
Mission Statement To develop viticulture-related and enology-related education programs; develop technologies, strategies, or practices that aid in the production of grapes and wine in Oklahoma; and increase the positive economic impact of the Oklahoma wine industry on this state.

Administration Ed Zweiacher; E-mail—zweiachere@redlandscc.edu

**Water Resources Board, Oklahoma (82 O.S. § 1085.1)**

Agency Code 835 (IA)  
3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118–2855  
405/530–8800, FAX 405/530–8900  
McAlester—321 S 3 Street, Suite 5, 74501, 918/426–5435  
Woodward—2411 Williams Avenue, Suite 116, 73801, 580/256–1014

**Mission** The mission of the OWRB is to protect and enhance the quality of life for Oklahomans by managing and improving the state’s water resources to ensure clean and reliable water supplies, a strong economy, and a healthy environment.

**Administration** Julie Cunningham, Executive Director; Sara Gibson, General Counsel; Joe Freeman, Chief, Financial Assistance; Bill Cauthron, Chief, Water Quality Programs; Kent Wilkins, Chief, Planning And Management; Cleve Pierce, Chief, Administrative Services

**Personnel** 62 classified, 10 unclassified, 3 temporary

**History and Function** Created in 1957, the nine-member board is composed of nine members appointed by the governor for terms of seven years each, with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate. Beginning July 1, 2014, the membership of the board shall transition from congressional district and at-large representation to regional representation based on nine regions of the state, as provided in Title 82, Oklahoma Statutes, section 1085.1. At all times, at least one member of the board shall be well versed in each of the following types of water use: recreational, industrial, irrigation, municipal, rural residential, agricultural, soil conservation work, and oil and gas production. Not more than two members may be selected representing any one of the major types of water use. The board administers financial assistance programs, water use permits, the water well drillers licensing program, dam safety, floodplain management programs, the Clean Lakes program, promulgates state water quality standards, monitors the state’s surface and ground waters, and conducts special studies on lakes.

**Water for 2060 Advisory Council (82 O.S. § 1088.14)** Created until December 31, 2015

**Waterways Advisory Board (69 O.S. § 4018)**

Agency Code 345 (IA)  
ODOT Waterways Branch  
4002 N Mingo Valley Expressway, Tulsa 74116–5002  
918/838–9933, fax—918/834–5233

The board consists of seven members to advise the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and ODOT Waterways Branch on matters relating to the promotion and viability of Oklahoma’s commercially-navigable waterway, the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS). Members are appointed by the director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and shall consist of the two executive directors of Oklahoma’s two active public ports, commonly known as the Tulsa Port of Catoosa and the Port of Muskogee; two members from private port operations with existing waterfront facilities which regularly employ the use of barge transportation; one member from the public at-large who has professional experience and expertise in shipping, freight logistics or construction, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of transportation systems; and two members appointed at-large from business and/or industry associated with inland navigation.

The board shall serve in an advisory capacity to ODOT, the governor’s office and the Oklahoma Legislature in accomplishing its mission, assist in the development of rules, standards, policies, procedures, and directions of the ODOT Waterways Branch, and recommend specific public and private actions that would enable this state to utilize its waterways to promote future growth. The Waterways Branch works with local, state, and federal agencies to promote a better understanding of the state’s navigable waterway and works to ensure adequate funding is appropriated to the Corps of Engineers for the operation and maintenance of the system. The Corps of Engineers has the role of operating and maintaining the MKARNS and to maintain a 9-foot channel depth. The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for the safety, security, and regulations on the MKARNS, including setting the markers and tendering buoys on the navigation channel.

The 445-mile long MKARNS is an international water route to the Mississippi River and seaports of the world. It has been designated the M–40 Marine Corridor. The high-use system serves a twelve-state region, and forty-two countries have traded commerce with the Arkansas River Basin region via the MKARNS. Completed in 1970 at a cost of $1.3 billion, the system has eighteen locks and dams (five in Oklahoma) with an elevation differential of 420 feet from mile 600 on the Mississippi River to the head of navigation at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa. The 2,500–acre Tulsa Port of Catoosa is one of the largest, most inland, ice-free ports in the nation, with over seventy industries and more than 4,000 employees. Oklahoma’s 2017 estimated waterborne commerce totaled over 6.2 million tons worth over $2.2 billion. The tonnage is equivalent to the carrying capacity of 61,879 railcars, or 237,996 semi-trucks respectively. An estimated 11.54 million tons valued around $3.5 billion were shipped on the entire MKARNS in 2017. Commodities with the most tonnage were chemical fertilizer, iron and steel, soybeans, wheats
and other grains, sand, gravel and rock. More than 2,000 semi-trucks per day travel into and out of Oklahoma’s port and terminal facilities to load and off-load commodities to and from barges.

Wildlife Conservation, Department of  (Constitution, Article 26 § 1;293–101) Commission  
(Constitution, Article 26 §1;293–101)

Agency Code 320 (IA) 
2145 NE 36 Street, Oklahoma City 
PO Box 53465, Oklahoma City 73152–3465 
The department will move back to its renovated building located at 1801 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73015, in late 2018. 
405/521–3851, FAX 405/521–6535

Mission Statement The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is to manage Oklahoma’s wildlife resources and habitat to provide scientific, educational, aesthetic, economic, and recreational benefits for present and future generations of hunters, anglers, and others who appreciate wildlife.


Personnel 325 unclassified, 59 temporary, non-merit

Workers’ Compensation Commission, Oklahoma  (SB 1062)

1915 N Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 
www.ok.gov/wcc

Administration Mark Liotta, Chair; Jordan Russell, Commissioner; Megan Tilly, Commissioner; Hopper Smith, Executive Director

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 2013 (SB 1062), the commission moved the workers’ compensation system from a judicially based system to an administrative system. The commission consists of three commissioners appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate. Workers who are injured on or after February 1, 2014, may have their cases heard by an administrative law judge appointed by the commission. The commissioners also serve as an appellate body, and they perform other regulatory duties as they pertain to workers’ compensation issues.
State Government Institutions

Department of Corrections

Institutions

Charles E. “Bill” Johnson Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 1856 E Flynn Street, Alva, 73717–3004 • Telephone 580/327–8000
Region II • Becky Guffy, Warden

Clara Waters Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 9901 N I–35 Service Road, Oklahoma City, 73131–5228 • Telephone 405/254–3200
Region III • Randy Matthews, Director

Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 400 North Oak, PO Box 315, Taft, 74463–0315 • Telephone 918/683–8365
Region I • Sharon L. McCoy, Warden

Enid Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 2020 E Maine Avenue, Enid, 73701–6445 • Telephone 580/977–3800
Region III • John Masquelier, Director

Howard McLeod Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 1970 E Whippoorwill Lane, Atoka, 74525–8415 • Telephone 580/889–6651
Region I • Tommy Sharp, Warden

Jess Dunn Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • PO Box 1999, McAlester, 74502–1999 • Telephone 918/421–3339
Region I • Jerry Chrisman, Warden

Jessie Dunn Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • PO Box 316, Taft, 74463–0316 • Telephone 918/682–7841
Region I • Jim Farris, Warden

Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 53468 Mineral Springs Road, Hodgen, 74939–3064
Telephone 918/653–7831
Region II • Michael Wade, Warden

John H. Lilley Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 407971 Highway 62 E, Boley, 74829–6600 • Telephone 918/667–3381
Region II • Mike Bolt, Warden

Joseph Harp Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • PO Box 548, Lexington, 73051–0548 • Telephone 405/527–5593
Region II • Carl Bear, Warden

Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 3300 N Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, 73111–4217
Telephone 405/425–2900
Region II • Aboutanaa El Habti, Warden

Lawton Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 603 SW Coombs Road, Lawton, 73501–8294
Telephone 580/248–6703
Region III • Angela Hearrell, Director

Lexington Assessment and Reception Center (57 O.S. § 509) • PO Box 260, Lexington, 73051–0260 • Telephone 405/527–5676
Region II • Jerold Braggs Jr., Warden

Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 29501 Kickapoo Road, McLoud, 74851–8320 • Telephone 405/964–3020
Region II • Debbie Aldridge, Warden

Mack Alford Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • PO Box 220, Stringtown, 74569–0220 • Telephone 580/346–7301
Region I • Cameron Harvaneck, Warden

North Fork Correction Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 1605 E Main Street, Sayre, 73662–3122 • Telephone 580/928–8000
Region II • Jimmy Martin, Warden

Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 442586 E 250 Road, Vinita, 74301–5550
Telephone 918/423–4700
Region I • Tracy McCollum, Warden

Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 315 West I–44 Service Road, Oklahoma City, 73118–7634
Telephone 405/463–7800
Region III • Peggy Carter Jones, Director

Oklahoma State Penitentiary (57 O.S. § 509) • PO Box 97, McAlester, 74502–0097 • Telephone 918/423–4700
Region I • TDwayne Janis, Warden

Oklahoma State Reformatory (57 O.S. § 509) • PO Box 514, Granite, 73547–0514 • Telephone 580/480–3700
Region III • Tracy McCollum, Warden

R.B. Dick Conner Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) • 129 Conner Road, Hominy, 74035 • Telephone 918/594–1300
Region I • Janet Dowling, Warden

Union City Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) • PO Box 129, Union City, 73090–0129 • Telephone 405/483–5900
Region III • Kristie Carter, Director
William S. Key Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 508) ■ PO Box 61, Fort Supply, 73841–0061 ■ Telephone 580/766–2224 ■ Region II, Lonnie Lawson, Warden

Probation and Parole Offices

Administration ■ 2915 N Classen Blvd., Suite 410, Oklahoma City, 73106–5474 ■ Telephone 405/425–2696 ■ Kevin Duckworth, Director
Region I Probation and Parole ■ Telephone 918/302–3103 ■ Anthony Rowell, Deputy Director
Region II Probation and Parole ■ Telephone 405/778–7201 ■ Joshua Young, Deputy Director
Region III Community Sentencing ■ Telephone 405/425–2685 ■ Camille Porter, Deputy Director

Office of Juvenile Affairs

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (HB 1978, 1995) ■ 700 S 9 Street, Tecumseh, 74873 ■ Telephone 405/598–2135, Fax 405/598–8713 ■ Jerry Fry, Superintendent
Oklahoma Juvenile Center for Girls ■ 310 12th Avenue NE, Norman, 73071 ■ Telephone 405/329–1157, Fax 405/329–1179 ■ Todd Anderson, Superintendent
Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School ■ 3812 N Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73126 ■ Telephone 405/530–2878, Fax 405/530–2893 ■ Melissa White, Education Director/Superintendent
Southwestern Oklahoma Juvenile Center ■ 300 S Broadway, Manitou, 73555 ■ Telephone 580/397–3511, Fax 580/397–3491 ■ Marc Norvell, Superintendent

Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Carl Albert Community Mental Health Center (43A:3–102) ■ 1101 East Monroe, PO Box 579, McAlester, 74502 ■ Telephone 918/426–7800, 800/448–0740, Fax 918/426–5526
Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center (43A:3–103) ■ 909 East Alameda, PO Box 400, Norman 73070 ■ Telephone 405/360–5100, Fax 405/573–3958
Children’s Recovery Center of Oklahoma (43A:3–101) ■ 320 12 Avenue NE, Norman, 73071 ■ Telephone 888/506–3775, Fax 405/573–3804
Griffin Memorial Hospital (43A:3–101) ■ 900 E Main, PO Box 151, Norman, 73070 ■ Telephone 405/321–4880, Fax 405/321–4514
Jim Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center (43A:3–102) ■ 602 Southwest 38 Street, Lawton, 73505 ■ Telephone 580/248–5780, Fax 580/248–3610
Northwest Center for Behavioral Health (43A:3–107A) (formerly known as Western State Psychiatric Center) ■ 1222 10 Street, Suite 211, Woodward 73801 ■ Telephone 580/571–3233, Fax 580/254–2985
Oklahoma County Crisis Intervention Center ■ 2625 General Pershing Blvd., Oklahoma City 73107 ■ Telephone 405/942–2300, Fax 405/942–2303
Oklahoma County Recovery Unit ■ 1200 NE 13 Street, PO Box 53722, Oklahoma City 73152 ■ Telephone 405/522–8100, Fax 405/522–3958
Oklahoma Forensic Center ■ PO Box 69, Vinita 73152 ■ Telephone 918/256–7841, Fax 918/526–4491
Rose Rock Recovery Center (43A:3–107) Formerly, Vinita Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center ■ 24919 S 4420 Road, Vinita, 74301 ■ Telephone 918/256–9210, Fax 918/256–6377
Tulsa Center for Behavioral Health (43A:3–107) Formerly, Vinita Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center ■ 2323 S Harvard, Tulsa, 74114 ■ Telephone 918/253–2140

Department of Rehabilitation Services

Oklahoma School for the Blind (Constitution, Article 21 § 1, 10 O.S. § 1418, 70 O.S. § 1721) ■ 3300 Gibson Street, Muskogee, 74403 ■ Telephone 918/781–8200, 877/229–7136 ■ www.osb.k12.ok.us ■ Vacant, Superintendent
Oklahoma School for the Deaf (Constitution, Article 21 § 1, 10 O.S. § 1418, 70 O.S. § 1721) ■ 1100 E Oklahoma, Sulphur, 73086 ■ Telephone 580/622–4900, 888/685–3323 ■ www.osd.k12.ok.us ■ Larry Hawkins, Interim Superintendent
Department of Veterans Affairs

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Ardmore Division (72 O.S. § 221) • 1015 S Commerce, PO Box 489, Ardmore, 73402 • Telephone 580/223–2266, FAX 580/221–5606 • Shawn Kirkland, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Claremore Division (72 O.S. § 221.2) • 3001 West Blue Starr Drive, PO Box 988, Claremore, 74018 • Telephone 918/342–5432, FAX 918/342–0835 • Amy Hammett, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Clinton Division (72 O.S. § 226) • 1701 S 4 Street, PO Box 1209, Clinton 73601 • Telephone 580/331–2200, FAX 580/323–4834 • Brenda Jarrell, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Lawton/Fort Sill Division (72 O.S. § 221.2a) • 501 SE Flower Mound Road, PO Box 849, Lawton, 73502 • Telephone 580/351–6511, FAX 580/351–6526 • Tonya Hendricks, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Norman Division (72 O.S. § 221.1) • 1776 E Robinson, PO Box 1668, Norman, 73070 • Telephone 405/360–5600, FAX 405/364–8432 • Rob Arrington, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Sulphur Division (72 O.S. § 221) • 304 E Fairlane, Sulphur, 73086 • Telephone 580/622–2144, FAX 580/622–5881 • Pamela Arms, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina Division (72 O.S. § 229) • 10014 Southeast 1138 Avenue, PO Box 1168, Talihina, 74571 • Telephone 918/567–2251, FAX 918/567–2950 • Sarah Brashear, Administrator
Interstate Compacts, Regional Entities, and State-beneficiary Public Trusts

Adult Offender Supervision, Interstate Compact for (22 O.S. § 1091–1095)
Department of Corrections
2915 N Classen Blvd., Suite 410, Oklahoma City 73106
www.doc.ok.gov

Administration Kevin Duckworth, Commissioner

History and Function The Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision was established to control the transfer of offenders (Probation/Parole) across the state lines in a manner that promotes effective supervision strategies consistent with public safety, offender accountability, and victim’s rights. This unit is part of the Department of Corrections, Community Corrections Division and is responsible for ensuring Oklahoma’s compliance with the Compact.

American Indian Cultural Center and Museum Trust Authority
(74 O.S. § 1226.21) Created as a public trust.

Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission (82 O.S. § 1421)
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118

Administration Carly Cordell, Scott Thompson, and Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Commissioners; Yohanes Sugeng, Oklahoma Member, Engineering Committee; Budget Committee; Bill Cauthron, Oklahoma Member, Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Sara Gibson, Oklahoma Member, Legal Committee.

History and Function The major purposes of the compact are to promote interstate comity between the states of Arkansas and Oklahoma, to provide an equitable apportionment of the waters of the Arkansas River between the two states, and to address water quality issues. The compact was approved in 1971 by both states and revisions approved by both states in 1972.

Canadian River Commission (82 O.S. § 526.1)
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118

Administration Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Commissioner; Jonathan Allen, Assistant to Oklahoma Commissioner and Oklahoma Legal Committee Member; Yohanes Sugeng, Oklahoma Member, Engineering Committee; Jonathan Allen, Oklahoma Member, Legal Committee Member.

History and Function Composed of representatives from the states of Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas, the commission’s principal duties are to promote interstate comity in relation to the waters of the Canadian River; to provide for the construction of additional works to conserve the waters of the Canadian River, all in cooperation with the federal government under the terms of the Canadian River Compact.

Capital Investment Board, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 5085.2)
(State-beneficiary public trust)
13905 Quail Point Drive, Suite A, Oklahoma City 73134 (IA)
www.ocib.org

Administration Devon L. Sauzek, President

Mission Statement The Oklahoma Capital Investment Board (OCIB) is established to mobilize sources of equity and near-equity capital for Oklahoma businesses.

History and Function OCIB was established under a 1987 legislative act and began functioning in 1992. OCIB currently operates the Venture Investment Program which supports the funding of venture capital partnerships that meet the investment and strategic objectives of OCIB. OCIB guarantees investments in carefully selected venture capital partnerships,
which agree to focus a portion of their time, talent, and capital on potential investment opportunities in high growth, high
return Oklahoma businesses.

**Centennial Botanical Garden Authority, Oklahoma**

(62 O.S. § 4001; Executive Order 2011–45) Created as a public trust.

www.ocbg.org or www.tulsabotanic.org

**Children, Interstate Compact on the Placement of**

(10 O.S. § 577)

Department of Human Services
2400 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105-4601

Administration  Amber Brookshire, Compact Administrator;

Children, Interstate Commission for the Placement of

(58 906, 2008; 10 O.S. § 577)

**Corrections Compact, Interstate Institutions**

(57 O.S. § 601–602)

Department of Corrections, PO Box 11400, Oklahoma City 73136

Mission Statement  To protect the public, the employees, and the offender.

Administration  Grace Anderson, Compact Coordinator

Parole and Interstate Services
2901 N Classen Blvd., Suite 200, Oklahoma City, 73106

Administration  Deborah Romine, Parole Revocation Administrator

**County Energy District Authority**

(19 O.S. § 460.2) Created as public trusts with a county option.

Mission Statement  Allows county governments to establish PACE (Property-Assessed Clean Energy) programs to
incentivize permanently fixed renewal energy or energy efficiency improvements to private properties through PACE loans.

**Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council, National**

(74 O.S. § 150.9B; Article VI)

**Dairy Compact, Southern**

(2 O.S. § 7–10) Commission (Article III)

**Detainers, Interstate Agreement on**

(22 O.S. § 1347)

**Driver’s License Compact**

(47 O.S. § 781)
East Central Oklahoma Gas Authority (60 O.S. § 176)

(State-beneficiary public trust)
PO Box 776, Gore 74435

Administration  Horace Lindley, Administrator; Ryan Callison, Chairperson

Education Commission of the States, The (70 O.S. § 506.1 [Article III] [A])

Joy Hofmeister, Superintendent of Public Instruction (IA)
2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 121, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–4885, FAX 405/521–6205
E-mail—Joy.Hofmeister@sde.ok.gov

History and Function  The Interstate Compact for Education has as its purpose the furtherance of education through the close cooperation and understanding among executive, legislative, professional, educational, and lay leadership on a nationwide basis, and at the state and local levels; and to provide a forum for the discussion, development, and recommendation of public policy alternatives in the field of education.

Educational Personnel, Interstate Agreement on Qualification of (70 O.S. § 508.1)

(Nat'l. Assn. of State Directors of Teacher Education & Certification Interstate Contract)

State Department of Education
2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 212, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3337, FAX 405/522–1520
E-mail—Jeff.Smith@sde.ok.gov

Administration  Jeff Smith, Executive Director, Teacher Certification, OKSDE

Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Contract, National Association of State Directors of
www.nasdtec.net

Emergency Management Compact (63 O.S. § 684.1)

PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City 73152

Administration  Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management
Michelann Ooten, Director; Michelann Ooten, Deputy Director, 405/521–2481, FAX 405/521–4053

History and Function  Purpose is to provide for mutual assistance among the states entering into this compact in managing any emergency or disaster that is duly declared by the governor of the affected state, whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, man-made disaster, civil emergency aspects of resources shortages, community disorders, insurgency, or enemy attack. Also provides for mutual cooperation in emergency-related exercises, testing, or other training activities.

Energy Compact of the Southern States (74 O.S. § 1051)

Southern States Energy Board
6325 Amherst Court, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092
770/242–7712, FAX 770/242–0421
E-mail—sseb@sseb.org

Mission Statement  Through innovations in energy and environmental programs, policies, and technologies, the Southern States Energy Board enhances economic development and the quality of life in the South.

Administration  Kenneth J. Nemeth, Executive Director and Secretary to the Board

History and Function  The Southern States Energy Board is a non-profit interstate compact organization created in 1960 and established under Public Law 87–563 and 92–400. As an institution that has led to economic growth in the South, the Southern States Energy Board endeavors to reach the goal of sustainable development by implementing strategies that support its mission. SSEB develops, promotes, and recommends policies, technologies, and programs that protect and enhance the environment without compromising the needs of future generations. Sixteen southern states and two territories comprise the membership of SSEB. Each jurisdiction is represented by the governor and a legislator from the House and Senate. A governor serves as chairman and legislators serve as vice chairman and treasurer. Ex-officio, non-voting board members include a federal representative appointed by the president, the Southern Legislative Conference Energy and Environment Committee chairman and SSEB’s executive director, who serves as secretary.

Energy Council, The (Laws 1982, C. 282, § 3)

(For list of Oklahoma legislative members, call Oklahoma Senate 405/524–0126)
Finance Authority, Oklahoma Development (ODFA) (74 O.S. § 5062.2, 5062.6)
(Non-appropriated public trust)
9220 N Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City 73131
Agency Code 900 (IA)
405/848–9761, FAX 405/848–3314

Mission Statement: To assist in the creation and retention of employment throughout Oklahoma by providing a financing conduit or by providing loans to communities, businesses, and institutions without jeopardizing the credit rating of the state and at a minimum cost and minimal risk exposure to the taxpayers.

Administration: Michael D. Davis, President; Jeremy Stoner, Senior Vice President; Sunny Dobbins, Vice President; Cody Poole, Assistant Vice President; Lorie Collier, Assistant Vice President

Program Development and Credit Review Committee (74 O.S. § 5062.6A)

Finance Authority, Oklahoma Industrial (Constitution, Article 10 § 33A; 74 O.S. § 854)
(Non-appropriated public trust)
9220 N Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City 73131
Agency Code 370 (IA)
405/842–1145, FAX 405/848–3314

Mission Statement: To increase employment in Oklahoma and to help diversify the state's economy by issuing bonds and serving as a capital source for businesses.

Administration: Michael D. Davis, President; Jeremy Stoner, Senior Vice President; Sunny Dobbins, Vice President; Cody Poole, Assistant Vice President; Lorie Collier, Assistant Vice President

Personnel: 5 unclassified, non-merit

Health Care Commission, Interstate Advisory (63 O.S. § 7300)

Health Information Exchange Trust, Oklahoma (OHIET)
(63 O.S. § 1–132) Created as a public trust.

Juveniles, Interstate Compact for (10 O.S. § 7309)
Office of Juvenile Affairs, Juvenile Services, 3812 N Santa Fe, Suite 400 Oklahoma City 73118
PO Box 268812, Oklahoma City 73126–8812
405/530–2920, FAX 405/530–2938

Administration: Robert Hendryx, Deputy Compact Administrator

History and Function: The Interstate Compact for Juveniles was drafted by the Council of State Governments with the assistance of many other organizations to meet the needs of juvenile probationers and parolees who abscond or travel across state lines for placement purposes and to assist in returning runaway youth to their home states. The Interstate Compact for Juveniles was adopted in 2001 by Oklahoma and has been ratified by fifty states and the Virgin Islands.

Juvenile Supervision, State Council for Interstate (10 O.S. § 7309–1.10)

Juveniles, Interstate Commission for (10 O.S. § 7309–1.7)

Kansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Commission (82 O.S. § 1401)
Oklahoma Water Resources Board
3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118
405/530–8800, FAX 405/530–8900

Administration: Bryce Benson, Ross Kirtley, and Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Commissioners; Yohanes Sugeng, Oklahoma Member, Engineering Committee; Kent Wilkins, Oklahoma Member, Budget and Finance Committee; Jonathan Allen, Oklahoma Member, Legal Committee

History and Function: The Kansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact was approved by the states in 1965 and 1966 and by the U.S. Congress in 1966. The major purposes of the compact are to promote interstate comity between the states of Kansas and Oklahoma, and to provide and apportion equitably between the states the waters of the Arkansas River Basin.
Kiamichi Economic Development District of Oklahoma (KEDDO) (60 O.S. § 176)

(County-beneficiary public trust) www.keddo.org
1002 HWY 2 North, Wilburton 74578 918/465–2367, FAX 918/465–3873, 800/722–8180

Mission Statement  KEDDO’s purpose is to achieve total community development which will result in a balanced blend of industrial, recreational, social, cultural, and educational forces to bring about a broadened socio-economic base of the seven county region. The objective of KEDDO is to enhance the living conditions and standards in the area for all communities.

Administration  Danny Baldwin, Executive Director

History and Function  In 1967 a group of local civic and business leaders met and petitioned the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for funding of a local organization to accomplish overall economic planning and development for the seven county region of Choctaw, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg, and Pushmataha counties. KEDDO is a legal trust authority set up to assist people of southeastern Oklahoma plan and promote growth and development for the seven county area. The organization is directed by a board of trustees of persons from each of the counties. The financing for KEDDO is a cooperative effort between federal, state, and local governments.

Lone Chimney Water Association (60 O.S. § 176)

346400 East 5200 Road, Glencoe 74032 918/762–3581, FAX 918/762–3874

Mission Statement  To serve potable water to its customers. Formed in 1985.

Administration  Paul Kinder, Manager

Mental Health, Interstate Compact on (43A O.S. § 6–201)

2000 N Classen Blvd., Suite 600 E, Oklahoma City 73106 405/522–3908
Oklahoma Compact Administrator—Charla Young

Mid-South Industrial Authority (60 O.S. § 176)

(State-beneficiary public trust)
For information, contact the McAlester Chamber of Commerce, 918/423–2550.

Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (60 O.S. § 176)

(State-beneficiary public trust)
500 N Holcomb Drive, Burns Flat 73624 PO Box 549, Burns Flat 73624
580/562–3111, FAX 580/562–3113 www.moda4counties.org

Mission Statement  To promote economic development in Beckham, Custer, Kiowa, and Washita counties.

Administration  Kathy Carlisle, Executive Director; Don Gretteman, Chair, Board of Trustees

History and Function  A not-for-profit organization, established as a public trust with the state as beneficiary. In operation for approximately forty-three years, the staff performs daily maintenance on rental units. The revenue generated is invested in development and economic issues.

Military Children, Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for (70 O.S. § 510.1)

Mutual Aid Compact, Oklahoma Intrastate (63 O.S. § 695.2)

Nonresident Violator Compact (47 O.S. § 790)

Department of Public Safety, Driver Compliance Division www.ok.gov/dps
PO Box 11415, Oklahoma City 73136 405/425–2424, FAX 405/425–2321

Administration  Douglas R. Young, Director, Driver Compliance; Larry Williamson, Senior Division Supervisor, Driver Compliance; Mike Bailey, Senior Medical Officer, Driver Compliance
North Central Oklahoma Municipal Power Pool Authority  
(60 O.S. § 176) (State-beneficiary public trust)

Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority  (60 O.S. § 176)
(State-beneficiary public trust)  
103 N College Avenue, Tahlequah 74464  
Administration  Jim Reagan, General Manager  
918/456–5621, FAX 918/458–0765

Offender Supervision, Oklahoma State Council for Interstate Adult  (22 O.S. § 1094)  
Created in accordance with Article IV of the Interstate Compact for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

Oil Compact Commission, Interstate  (52 O.S. § 204(Article VI), 205)
Agency Code 307  
Secretary of Energy and Environment  204 N Robinson, Suite 1010, Oklahoma City 73102  
Administration  Colonel Michael Teague, Secretary of Energy and Environment  
405/522–7099

Ordnance Works Authority, Oklahoma  (60 O.S. § 164, 178)
(State-beneficiary public trust)  
(dba MidAmerica Industrial Park)  
www.maip.com  
PO Box 945, Pryor 74362  
Administration  David R. Stewart, CAO  
918/825–3500, 888/627–3500, FAX 918/825–4022

Pest Control Compact  (2 O.S. § 3–35)
www.pestcompact.org

Physical Therapy Compact Commission  (59 O.S. § 887.19)

Racing with Pari-mutuel Wagering, Interstate Compact Committee on Licensure of Participants in Live Horse  (3A O.S. § 240)

Radioactive Waste Compact Commission, Central Interstate Low-level  (27A O.S. § 2–8–102(Article IV))  
Department of Environmental Quality  
707 N Robinson, PO Box 1042, Oklahoma City 73101  
www.cillrwcc.org  
Administration  Jon Roberts, Commissioner, 405/702–7111, FAX 405/702–7101

Rail Compact, Interstate Midwest Regional Passenger  
(66 O.S. § 326) Commission  (66 O.S. § 327)

Red River Compact Commission  (82 O.S. §1432)
Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118  
405/530–8800, FAX 405/530–8900
Administration Charles Dobbs, Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Commissioners; Kent Wilkins, Oklahoma Member, Budget Committee; Bill Cauthron, Oklahoma Member, Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Yohanes Sugeng, Oklahoma Member, Engineering Committee; Sara Gibson, Oklahoma Member, Legal Committee

History and Function The Red River Compact Commission has been approved and ratified by the legislatures of the affected states, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, and serves to administer each state’s apportionment of the waters of the Red River and its tributaries.

**Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA)**

(60 O.S. § 176)

2704 N 1 Street, Durant 74701
PO Box 709, Durant 74702

Mission Statement A voluntary association of Oklahoma local governmental jurisdictions that performs functions for the benefit of and exists for the primary benefit of Oklahoma local governmental jurisdictions.

Administration Jon McCormick, Executive Director; Jon McCormick, Chief Financial Officer; Brenda McCarty, Accounting Administrator; Mark Ellis, Area Agency on Aging; Patricia Jones, Planning and Development; Phillip Powell, Rural Fire Defense

History and Function The Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA) was first organized November 19, 1957, and consisted of Carter, Garvin, and Murray counties. The agency’s primary objective was to promote and support construction of Arbuckle Dam and Reservoir. When Congress passed the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the present ten county configuration was recognized. These ten counties are: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Coal, Johnston, Garvin, Love, Marshall, Murray, and Pontotoc. The Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce recognized SODA as an Economic Development District February 21, 1967, allowing SODA to become the first such district in the nation to be founded by EDA.

**South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA)**

(60 O.S. § 176)

PO Box 569, 420 Sooner Drive, Burns Flat 73624

800/627–4882, FAX 580/562–4880

Mission Statement The authority’s mission is to strengthen governments by providing services and technical assistance; promote orderly growth and development through job creation and the preservation of the environmental integrity; and improve the quality of life by maximizing economic and social opportunities for the region and its population.

Administration Debora Glasgow, Executive Director

**Student Loan Authority, Oklahoma**

(70 O.S. § 695.3)

(State-Beneficiary Public Trust)

Agency Code 618 (IA)

525 Central Park Drive, Suite 600, Oklahoma City 73105
405/556–9200, 800/456–6752, FAX 405/556–9255, 800/261–7529

Box 18145, Oklahoma City 73154–0145

Administration James T. Farha, President; Mary Anne Evans, Vice President, Loan Management; W. A. Rogers, Executive Vice President; Ken Ontko, Vice President, Information Systems; Kay Brezny, Vice President, Human Resources and Special Projects

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature on August 2, 1972, as an express trust for the benefit of the state by a trust indenture executed pursuant to the Public Trust Act. Acceptance of the beneficial interest in the trust was authorized by the legislature in the Oklahoma Student Loan Act. As a federal contractor, the authority services federal student loans for students or their parents for post-secondary education. The authority is authorized to incur indebtedness through the issuance of revenue bonds or notes. Student or parent borrowers are required to repay their loans with interest that provides for the authority’s operating costs. The authority receives no state appropriated funds.

Uniform State Laws, Commissioners to National Conference of Commissioners on (74 O.S. § 471)

History and Function Established as an advisory committee to the Oklahoma Legislature and to the governor. Composed of four members of the Oklahoma Bar appointed by the governor with the advice of the president of the Oklahoma Bar; two members, at least one of whom is a member of the Oklahoma House, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and two members, at least one of whom is a member of the Oklahoma Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Members are appointed for four-year terms. The commissioners attend the annual meetings of the National Conference (see below).
Wildland Fire Protection Compact, South Central Interstate (2 O.S. § 16–35)
Formerly South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact

Advisory Committee (2 O.S. § 16–35, 2 O.S. § 16–38)

Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (IA)
PO Box 528804, Oklahoma City 73152
E-mail—george.geissler@ag.ok.gov

Administration Mary Fallin, Governor, Compact Administrator; George Geissler, Assistant Compact Administrator and Representative of the State of Oklahoma.

History and Function As part of the Agricultural Code, the compact’s purpose is to promote effective prevention and control of forest fires in the south central region of the United States, mainly in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The Advisory Committee has been authorized to meet with other compact state administrators to formulate a regional forest fire protection plan for the member states.
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