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Executive Branch
Governor Mary Fallin was elected November 2, 2010, during a historic election in which she became the first-ever female governor of Oklahoma. She was inaugurated on the steps of the Oklahoma Capitol as the state’s twenty-seventh governor on January 10, 2011. She won reelection in November 2014. After working in the private sector as a manager for a national hotel chain, Fallin made her first foray into public service in 1990 when she was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. This began her long and distinguished career of public service dedicated to conservative, common sense solutions to the challenges facing Oklahoma families and small businesses.

During her time in the House, Fallin earned a reputation as a consensus builder who was willing to reach across the aisle. Serving in the Republican minority, she managed to pass more than a dozen bills that were signed into law by the state’s Democratic governor, including Oklahoma’s first “anti-stalker law,” and measures aimed at improving the business climate in Oklahoma. She also worked to lower the health care costs of small businesses in Oklahoma and for her work in this area was honored as a Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council.

In 1994 Fallin would first make history by becoming the first woman and first Republican to be elected lieutenant governor of Oklahoma, an office she would hold for twelve years. In this capacity, Fallin focused her attention on issues affecting job creation and economic development. She served on ten boards or commissions involving business and quality-of-life issues in Oklahoma. In 1997 she chaired the Fallin Commission on Workers’ Compensation, which released a comprehensive reform plan to lower costs of workers’ compensation while creating a system that was fair to both businesses and workers. Fallin also used her position as president of the Oklahoma State Senate to allow the citizens of Oklahoma to vote on “Right to Work,” which ended the practice of compelling workers to join and pay dues to a union. In 2001 Oklahoma became the first state in the country to pass such a law in more than twenty-five years.

Fallin was elected to the U.S. Congress in 2006 where she represented the Fifth District of Oklahoma. In Congress, Fallin served on the committees for small business, transportation and infrastructure, natural resources, and armed services. Fallin coauthored numerous pieces of legislation to lower taxes, reduce regulation on businesses and individuals, fight federal overreach, increase American energy production, create jobs and protect constitutional liberties.

Now serving as governor, Fallin has worked to grow Oklahoma’s economy and bring more and better jobs to the state. Under her fiscally conservative, pro-growth agenda, the state’s per capita personal income rose by 10.7 percent from 2011 to 2014, the ninth highest in the nation. Fallin has signed into law historic lawsuit reform and a complete overhaul of the state’s workers’ compensation system, eliminating frivolous lawsuits that hinder business growth and retention. She has also signed bills to modernize and streamline government operations, responsibly cut the income tax, increase compensation for public employees, and address the state’s fiscally unstable pension system.

Most recently, in her 2015 State of the State address, Fallin named three top priorities for the state: reducing incarceration rates, boosting health outcomes, and increasing educational attainment. To further these goals, she has actively pursued criminal justice reform, signed into law life-saving measures to reduce prescription drug abuse, and launched a statewide
Fallin has also worked to tie government spending and measurable outcomes and results, using the process of “performance informed budgeting.” Working closely with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, Fallin launched OKStateStat.Ok.Gov, a website which tracks over 160 state objectives in areas like health, criminal justice and education, allowing citizens to follow the state’s progress and hold their government accountable.

Fallin served as chair of the National Governors Association from August 2013 to July 2014. She is the current policy chair of the Republican Governors Association. Fallin is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. She is married to Wade Christensen, Oklahoma’s first “First Gentleman.” The couple have six children between them.

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Todd Lamb, Republican, was born on October 19, 1971, in Enid, Oklahoma. 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. Appointed to the governor’s cabinet, Lamb is the state’s leading small business advocate and is currently pushing for reforms to the state’s unemployment compensation system as well as other regulatory reforms to help entrepreneurs prosper.

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 identify 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. He is currently serving as chair of the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association. For four years Lamb has been vice chair of the Aerospace States Association.

Lamb and his wife, Monica, have been married twenty 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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E. Scott Pruitt, Republican, was elected as Oklahoma’s seventeenth attorney general on November 2, 2010. He is the second Republican in the history of the state to hold the office, which oversees eighty attorneys. Pruitt has quickly risen as a national leader in the cause of restoring limited government and the proper balance of power between the states and the federal government. As a first priority in office, Pruitt established Oklahoma’s first Federalism Unit in the Office of Solicitor General to more effectively combat unwarranted regulation and systematic overreach by federal agencies, boards, and offices.

Establishing and respecting the rule of law is a hallmark of Pruitt’s administration. Pruitt served two terms as chair of the Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA), and one term as chair of the Midwest Region of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG). Under his leadership, attorneys general have come together to advance policies and legal strategies that protect the interests of their states from an overly intrusive federal government, with a particular focus on domestic energy security and production. Pruitt has led the charge with repeated notices and subsequent lawsuits against the United States Environmental Protection Agency for their leadership’s activist agenda and refusal to follow the law.

Before he was elected attorney general, Pruitt represented Broken Arrow, Coweta, and Tulsa in the Oklahoma State Senate for eight years, serving four of those years as assistant Republican floor leader. He used his legislative experience to transform the Attorney General’s Workers’ Compensation and Insurance Fraud Unit, and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Pruitt grew up in Lexington, Kentucky. He earned a bachelor’s degree in communications and political science from Georgetown College, and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law. While in private practice, Pruitt specialized in constitutional and employment law. Pruitt and his wife of twenty-five years, Marlyn, are raising two children, McKenna and Cade in Tulsa. The Pruitts are members of First Baptist, Broken Arrow, where Pruitt serves as deacon.

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Salary—$132,825 annually
Personnel—unclassified
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 thirty-eight 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 math teacher at Cache High 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 $22 billion of taxpayer money deposited each year, 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, which certifies funds available for the state budget.

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. In addition to his duties as state treasurer, Miller is a tenured economics professor at Oklahoma Christian University, where he teaches at the graduate and undergraduate levels and has been honored with the “Who’s Who Among American Teachers” award and the Merrick Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching Free Enterprise.

Miller served six years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where he had 225 bills signed into law and led efforts to modernize state government and enhance transparency and accountability. Miller served his last three years in the House 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. He took his reputation as a reformer and common-sense fiscal conservative to the treasury where he continued to reduce waste and inefficiency by eliminating leased office space and consolidating the agency into one location in the State Capitol Building, 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.

Prior to his election to the Oklahoma Legislature, Miller served in the administration of Governor Frank Keating as chair of the Legislative Compensation Board where he established a 10-year freeze on legislative salaries that remains in effect today.

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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 five years, the department has returned a total of $28.5 million in unspent funds to the state treasury, and has generated more than $1 billion in revenue for the state. As an active member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Doak is the vice chair of the Property and Casualty Insurance Committee, the chair of the American Indian and Alaska Native Liaison Committee, and a member of the International Insurance Relations Committee. He also shapes important national insurance policy issues as a member of the Government Relations Leadership Council.

Doak is committed to protecting all Oklahomans by his pledge to visit all seventy-seven counties annually. During his visits, which he has done each year since taking office, he promotes public awareness of important insurance issues through education and community outreach. Doak and his wife, Debby, and children, Zack and Kasey are members of the South Tulsa Baptist Church.

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Personnel—120 non-merit, unclassified

Salary—$126,713 annually
Labor Commissioner Mark Costello passed away on August 23, 2015. At press time, Governor Mary Fallin had not appointed an interim commissioner of labor.

Key Personnel—Jim Marshall, Chief of Staff; Don Schooler, General Counsel; Stacy Bonner, Finance Director; Liz McNeill, Communications; Danielle Wade, Special Assistant to the Commissioner; Diana Jones, Director of OSHA Consultation Program/PEOSH/Asbestos; James Bick II, Director of Licensing Division; and Angela Cobble, Director of Safety Standards Division.

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

Salary—$105,053 annually

Personnel—47 classified, 19 unclassified
Joy Hofmeister, Republican, was sworn in as Oklahoma’s fourteenth state superintendent of public instruction on January 12, 2015. Since taking office, Hofmeister has traveled throughout Oklahoma to advocate for school children, launched common sense steps to improve performance of the education system, and has begun transforming the Oklahoma State Department of Education into an inclusive and transparent service-oriented organization. In her first fourteen weeks as state superintendent, she visited more than twenty school districts in every part of the state. She is an advocate for solutions to Oklahoma’s teacher shortage and the elimination of unnecessary mandates and assessments.

Hofmeister is a former public school teacher and small business owner. She served on the Oklahoma State Board of Education from January 2012 through April 2013 as an appointee of Governor Mary Fallin.

In the private sector, Hofmeister spent fifteen years operating Kumon Math & Reading Centers of South Tulsa, which works through parent partnerships to ensure higher academic achievement for children. During that time, she personally worked with more than 4,000 students to improve their educational outcomes.

Hofmeister graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education from Texas Christian University, and holds teaching certificates in English and elementary education.

As a mother of four graduates of Oklahoma’s public school system, Hofmeister served as an officer for the Jenks Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors, the Select Committee for the Study of School Finance, and other committees within the Jenks Public School District. She and her husband maintain residence in Tulsa.

Key Personnel—Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy State Superintendent of Academic Affairs and Planning; Dr. Robyn Miller, Deputy State Superintendent of Educator Effectiveness; Matt Holder, Chief Operations Officer; Lance Nelson, Chief of Staff; Heather Griswold, Deputy Chief of Staff; David Kinney, General Counsel; Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Relations; and Phil Bacharach, Director of Communications.

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Salary—$124,373 annually

Personnel—264 unclassified
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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 twice appointed Anthony to the National Petroleum Council. He is past president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, a member and past president of the Economic Club of Oklahoma, and 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 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 three 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 Oklahoma State University; and daughter Hillary is a junior at Kellyville High School. 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. On July 27, 2010, she was re-elected to a full six-year term. Murphy served as chair of the commission, following election by her fellow commissioners, from January 3, 2011, through July 31, 2012, and currently serves as vice chair.

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 and president 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 trustee and a care chaplain for the Church of the Servant United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. In January 2014, Murphy became the chair of the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board. In January 2015, she became the president of the Southwest Power Pool Inc., Regional State Committee. 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.
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Chris Benge


Chris Benge was appointed as Oklahoma’s thirty-third secretary of state by Governor Mary Fallin on November 8, 2013. In addition to his duties as secretary of state, Benge serves on the governor’s cabinet.

Benge was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1998 and left office in November 2010 due to legislative term limits. He served six years in House leadership positions, including three years as chair of the Appropriations and Budget Committee, a position that is responsible for negotiating and writing the state budget. He spent his last three years in office as Speaker of the House.

After his legislative service, Benge worked in Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett’s administration as the director of Intergovernmental and Enterprise Development. His focus was on public policy and special project development, such as river development, transportation, infrastructure needs, and energy leadership.

Most recently, Benge served as senior vice president of government affairs with the Tulsa Regional Chamber, leading the organization’s advocacy efforts at the state and federal level through the OneVoice process, as well as working with city and county officials on local policy issues.

His legislative service was highlighted by focusing on ways to encourage economic development and job growth for the citizens of Oklahoma. He was committed to funding transportation infrastructure, addressing physician training by stabilizing the OSU Medical Center, and promoting education initiatives. He also focused on pension reform, government efficiency, and responsible use of excess oil and gas tax collections.

As a way to increase the focus on growing the state’s economy, Benge brought focus to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program and the Closing Fund, which have brought numerous high caliber jobs to the state. He also pushed for incentives that assisted local industry growth in aerospace and energy. He received recognition for his efforts to help the state create a favorable business climate from the Oklahoma State Chamber with the organization’s Defender of Free Enterprise Award for 2009. Benge led the effort in the legislature to help attract an NBA franchise to the state, which led to the beginning of the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Benge also brought particular attention to the use of domestic energy in the state by working to establish a set of energy goals for Oklahoma that included increased use of natural gas for transportation. These efforts led to his testifying before a congressional committee on the benefits of using more natural gas for transportation purposes.

On February 9, 2015, Governor Fallin appointed Benge to fill the position of the Native American Liaison. In addition to his duties as secretary of state, he will work directly with the Tribal Nations of the State of Oklahoma. He will work to further the relationship between the state and tribal leadership, and build on the momentum the state and tribal nations have developed over the last few years. On July 1, 2015, Governor Fallin appointed Benge to serve on the Oklahoma F–35 Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to ensure a successful mission change for the 138th Fighter Wing to the F–35 Lightning II, based at Tulsa International Airport. The 138th Fighter Wing is one of the premier combat units in the USAF.

A lifetime Tulsa area resident, Chris and his wife Allison, along with their two children, reside...
in the community of Berryhill. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University.

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

- Access to Justice Commission, Oklahoma
- Archives and Records Commission
- County Government Personnel Education and Training, Commission on Election Board, State
- Ethics Commission, Oklahoma
- Judicial Compensation, Board of
- Judicial Complaints, Council on
- Judicial Nominating Commission
- Library Board, State and Department of Libraries
- Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers of Oklahoma, Board of Governors of
- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law
- Native American Cultural and Educational Authority
- Native American Liaison, Oklahoma
- Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors, State Board of Registration for
- Professional Responsibility Tribunal
- Real Estate Appraiser Board
- Real Estate Commission, Oklahoma
- Real Estate Contract Form Committee, Oklahoma
- Secretary of State
- Workers’ Compensation, Advisory Council on
- Workers’ Compensation Commission

Secretary of Agriculture
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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 currently 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 $6.2 billion to $7.5 billion, 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 numerous boards and committees including the Oklahoma Industrial Finance Authority, Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Board, Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Executive Bond Oversight Commission, Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development, and the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority. Additionally, she has been appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to the 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.

Snodgrass’s commitment to community service is also well-documented. In 2013, she served as chair of the State Charitable Campaign for United Way of Central Oklahoma. In 2012, she served as the fund coordinator for the Oklahoma National Guard Camp Gruber Chapel. She was also the founding member of the Board of Directors for Friends of the Mansion, Inc., inaugural chair of Septemberfest, and a former co-chair of “Opening Night,” Oklahoma City’s annual New Year’s Eve celebration. She served eight years on Oklahoma’s Capitol Preservation Commission, and is a former board member of the Arts Council of Oklahoma City.

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

- 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Memorial of Reconciliation Design Committee
- African American Centennial Plaza Design Committee
- Alarm and Locksmith Industry Committee
- Arts Council, Oklahoma
- Commerce, Oklahoma Department of Employment Security Commission, Oklahoma and State Advisory Council and Board Review
- Geographic Information Council, State
- Greenwood Area Redevelopment Authority
- Historic Preservation Review Committee, Oklahoma
- Historical Records Advisory Board
- Historical Society, Oklahoma
- Housing Finance Agency, Oklahoma
- Industrial Finance Authority, Oklahoma
- J.M. Davis Memorial Commission
- Jazz Hall of Fame Board, Oklahoma
Secretary of Education and Workforce Development
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Shirley concurrently serves as president of Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, and as Oklahoma Secretary of Education and Workforce Development. She was hired in May 2011 as the first female president in the OSU system. In January 2015, Shirley was appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to serve in her cabinet as secretary of education and workforce development. In this position, she is working with the governor to implement the Oklahoma Works program, which is designed to increase educational attainment for Oklahomans in order to produce a more educated workforce to support and cultivate the state’s economy.

From 2007 to 2011, Shirley also served in Governor Brad Henry’s cabinet as Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Tourism. In this position, she was the liaison between the governor, five major state agencies, and more than thirty small agencies, authorities, and institutions. During this time, she also served as executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the state’s leading economic development agency.

Formerly, Shirley was president of ICI Mutual in Washington, D.C., after serving in various leadership offices in the company. ICI Mutual is the captive insurance company of the mutual fund industry.

In addition to her dual roles as OSU-OKC president and secretary of education and workforce development, Shirley also serves on the United Way board, as well as several business boards, including the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau, BancFirst, AAA Oklahoma/South Dakota, and the Oklahoma State Fair Board. She also serves on the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum Board of Trustees.

As an Oklahoma native, Shirley graduated from Oklahoma State University and earned a law degree from the University of Oklahoma. Shirley and her husband, Russ Harrison, live in Oklahoma City. They have six children and are members of the Saint Luke’s United Methodist Church.

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

- Labor Commissioner, and Department of Labor
- Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority
- Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority
- Office of Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises
- Ordinance Works Authority, Oklahoma
- Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park, Board of Trustees, and Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park
- Register of Natural Heritage Areas, State
- Rural Action Partnership Program
- Rural Area Development Task Force
- Rural Development, Center for
- Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, Oklahoma
- Scenic Rivers Commission
- Tourism and Recreation Commission, Oklahoma, and Department of Tourism and Recreation
- Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee, Oklahoma
- Will Rogers Memorial Commission
executive entities:

Accrediting Agency, State
Anatomical Board, State
Career and Technology Education, State Board of
Career and Technology Education Department
College and University Boards 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, Oklahoma (OETA)
Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development
Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Division of the Oklahoma Career and Technology Education Advisory Committee
Partnership for 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


Michael Teague is serving as Oklahoma’s first secretary of energy and environment.

Prior to his appointment, Teague served in the U.S. Army for nearly thirty years before retiring with the rank of colonel.

Teague served in many capacities during his time in the army including commander for the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he was responsible for 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 power generation and distribution, water desalinization, and environmental impact studies. He has facilitated and negotiated numerous solutions regarding federal and state agencies, tribes, and local stakeholders, and has acted as a liaison between the Tulsa District and the United States Congress.

Teague also served in operational assignments in Germany, Honduras, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and numerous stateside duty stations. He deployed several times to the Middle East and central Asia including commanding the 52nd Engineer Battalion in Mosul, Iraq, in support of the 101st Airborne Division as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

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
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

Preston Doerflinger

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Doerflinger was appointed by Governor Mary Fallin on January 19, 2011. He also serves as director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), the state’s central finance and operations agency.

Prior to his state appointment, Doerflinger founded and served as chief executive officer of PLD Management, a business consulting and investment firm, in addition to founding several health care and supply companies. In 2009, he was elected city auditor of Tulsa. He received a bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership from Southern Nazarene University.

Since joining the Fallin administration, Doerflinger has become known as the governor’s chief problem solver and a leader of her efforts to modernize state government. He is also the governor’s lead budget negotiator with the legislature.

As director of OMES, Doerflinger is the state’s chief non-elected finance, administrative, and operations officer. Doerflinger’s cabinet duties were expanded in summer 2013 under the new cabinet position of secretary of finance, administration, and information technology.
that reflects the widened responsibilities assigned to OMES through major consolidation initiatives in 2011 and 2012.

Between March and November of 2012, Doerflinger served as interim director of the Department of Human Services, the largest state agency. At DHS, Doerflinger was instrumental in implementing the beginning stages of the Pinnacle Plan, the largest child welfare reform in recent state history.

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
- Consumer Credit Commission and Department of Consumer Credit
- Contingency Review Board
- Development Finance Authority, Oklahoma
- Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council
- Employee Assistance Program, State, and Advisory Council
- Employee Insurance & Benefits Board, Oklahoma
- Equalization, State Board of
- Firefighters Pension and Retirement System and Board
- Home Inspector Examiners, Committee of Incentive Approval Committee
- Incentive Awards for State Employees, Committee for
- Insurance Commissioner and State Insurance Department
- Interstate Cooperation, Oklahoma
- Land office, Commissioners of the
- Law Enforcement Retirement System and Board, Oklahoma
- Legislative Compensation, Board on

- Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and Board of Directors, Oklahoma
- Long-Range Capital Planning Commission
- Lottery Commission and Board of Trustees, Oklahoma
- Management and Enterprise Services, Office of
- Manufactured Home Advisory Committee
- Market Assistance Association and Board of Directors
- Merit Protection Commission
- Motor Vehicle Commission, Oklahoma
- Multiple Injury Trust Fund
- Oversight Committee for State Employee Charitable Contributions
- Pension Commission, Oklahoma State
- Police Pension and Retirement System and Board, Oklahoma
- Program Development and Credit Review Committee
- Public Employees Relations Board
- Public Employees Retirement System and Board, Oklahoma
- Securities Commission, Oklahoma, and Department of Securities
- State Credit Union Board, Oklahoma
- State Governmental Technology Applications Review Board
- Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement Committee
- Tax Commission, Oklahoma
- Teachers’ Retirement System, Board of Trustees of the, and Teachers’ Retirement System
- Treasurer, State
- Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission, Oklahoma
Cline was appointed secretary of health and human services by Governor Mary Fallin on January 31, 2011. Cline also serves as Oklahoma’s Commissioner of Health, a position he has held since June 30, 2009. Cline previously completed a post as Health Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, where he advised the U.S. Ambassador, the Iraqi Minister of Health, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on health-related challenges in Iraq. He served in this capacity under the administrations of President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. Cline also served as administrator for the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration from 2006–2008, a position for which he was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. In 2004 he was appointed by Governor Brad Henry as Oklahoma’s secretary of health. He also served as the commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. His professional history also includes staff psychologist at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts; clinical instructor in the Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry; and chair of the governing board for a Harvard teaching hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Cline earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Oklahoma in 1980. He received a master’s degree and doctorate degree in clinical psychology from 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 Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Community Mental Health Planning and Coordination Boards
- Alzheimer’s Research Advisory Council
- Athletic Commission, Oklahoma State Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee
- Behavioral Health Licensure, Board of Blind Vendors, Committee of Catastrophic Health Emergency Planning Task Force, Oklahoma
- Cerebral Palsy Commission and J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities
- Child Abuse Examination Board of Child Abuse Prevention Training and Coordination Council
- Child Abuse Prevention, Office of 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 Services 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, Governor’s Advisory Committee to the Office of, 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
- Food Service Advisory Council
- Funeral Board, Oklahoma
- Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
Executive Branch

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 and Hospice Advisory Council
Hospital Advisory Committee, Oklahoma 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, 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 for Medical Licensure and Supervision, Board of Mental Health Advisory Committee on Deafness and Hearing Impairment 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 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 Physician’s Assistant Advisory Committee Placement of Children, Interstate Compact Podiatric Medical Examiners, Board of Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Interagency Coordinating Council for Coordination of Efforts for Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of Public Guardian, Office of Registered Electrologists, Advisory Committee of 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

Major General Robbie Asher

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Major General Robbie L. Asher serves as the secretary of the military as well as the adjutant general of Oklahoma. As such, he is responsible for commanding units of the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard. He also serves as the military advisor to the governor. Asher was commissioned in 1976 through the Texas Army National Guard.

Asher joined the United States Army in June 1974, and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, where he served until June 1976. The
day after his release from active duty, Asher began his career with the Oklahoma National Guard, when he enlisted in the 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Field Artillery Brigade. He was commissioned in 1981 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Oklahoma.

Asher’s key assignments have included: chief, Officer Personnel Actions Branch/Detachment; executive officer, Headquarters, State Area Command; commander, 1st Battalion 279th Infantry, 45th Infantry Brigade; deputy commander, 45th Infantry Brigade; and director, Joint Staff, Oklahoma Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma National Guard. While serving as the deputy commander for the 45th Infantry Brigade, Asher deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

On February 7, 2015, Governor Mary Fallin appointed Asher as the twentieth adjutant general for Oklahoma since statehood, and to the cabinet position of secretary of the military. The secretary of the military is responsible for the following executive entities or their successors:

**Adjudtant General, State**

**Military Department**

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**Secretary of Safety and Security**

**Michael C. Thompson**

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Michael C. Thompson was appointed secretary of safety and security by Governor Mary Fallin on December 20, 2010. He also serves as commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. As commissioner, Thompson is directly responsible for the Department of Public Safety, which includes the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP). Thompson rose to the rank of major with the OHP before being appointed commissioner by Governor Fallin. 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.

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
- Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board
- Driver’s License Compact
- Driver’s License Medical Advisory Committee
- Emergency Management, Oklahoma Department of
- Homeland Security Director, Office of
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McKeever is the Oklahoma Secretary for Science and Technology, and Regents Professor of Physics at Oklahoma State University. He is the former vice president for Research and Technology Transfer at Oklahoma State University (2003–2013). As secretary of science and technology, he serves on the governor’s cabinet and is chair of the Governor’s Science and Technology Council and Unmanned Aerial Systems Advisory Council. He also sits on numerous boards, including Oklahoma EPSCoR, and the Oklahoma Biosciences Association, and has served on several national scientific committees. He is also currently the director of the National Energy Solutions Institute at OSU.

He obtained his PhD from the University of Bangor, UK, and after postdoctoral work at the universities of Birmingham and Sussex in the United Kingdom, he joined the OSU physics faculty in 1983, attaining the rank of associate professor in 1986 and full professor in 1990. He was named a Noble Research Fellow in Optical Materials in 1987, served as head of the Department of Physics from 1995–1999, and as associate dean for research in the College of Arts & Sciences from 2000–2003. McKeever was named the MOST (More Oklahoma Science and Technology) Chair of Experimental Physics in 1999.

McKeever’s research and technology transfer experience led him to interests and substantial experience in how best to transition technology from the state’s research institutions into commercial enterprises for the benefit of the local and state economies, and the creation of innovative and scalable models for technology commercialization and job growth. His personal research interest involving radiation sensor development has led to new patents and licenses, and new company formation.

He has authored or co-authored over 200 scientific publications and six books, and has six United States and nine international patents in the area of radiation detection and measurements, specializing in development and applications of luminescence in radiation dosimetry. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society, a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, and a member of the Health Physics Society. He has also served as co-editor-in-chief and is presently consulting editor of the journal *Radiation Measurements*.

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)**
Secretary of Transportation  
Gary Ridley

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Longtime transportation executive Gary Ridley was appointed secretary of transportation by Governor Brad Henry in May 2009 and reappointed by Governor Mary Fallin in November 2010. Ridley has a wealth of knowledge regarding transportation having served as the director of both the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. Ridley’s journey up through the ranks provided him with first-hand insights into the whole spectrum of department operations. His ODOT service began in 1965, when he joined the department as an equipment operator. He has served as maintenance superintendent in Kingfisher; traffic superintendent in Perry as well as field maintenance engineer; and Division Five maintenance engineer and division engineer in Clinton. In 2001 he was named assistant director of operations, and later ODOT director. A native of Chicago, Ridley is a registered professional engineer. He and his wife Eula live in Yukon. They have two children, Daphne and Joe.

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, Oklahoma
- Transportation Commission, and Transportation Department
- Transportation County Advisory Board, Department of
- Transportation Tribal Advisory Board, Department 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 Febru-
ary 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
Legislative Branch
The Legislative Service Bureau, Jan Eric Cartwright Memorial Library, and the staffs of the Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House provided information in this chapter.
Oklahoma State Senate

Senate Leadership

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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

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Referees—Greg Albert, Louise Helms, Daniel Karim, Barbara Swimley
Chief Justice John F. Reif, District 1. Reif is currently serving 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 Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1976, and was admitted to the bar the same year. 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.

Vice Chief Justice Douglas L. Combs, District 8, 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
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 Brad 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 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 thirty 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 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 1996, 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 of 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. She is the Key Club advisor for the Southeast High School Key Club, and a volunteer with El Sistema Oklahoma, an after school music program for elementary school children attending Oklahoma City Public Schools. Gurich is past president and member of the Kiwanis Club of Oklahoma City, and was only the second woman president of the ninety-year-old club when she served from 2006 to 2007. She is the Kiwanis Advisor for the Southeast High School Key Club. She was honored in 2013 as a valuable volunteer by the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation. 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 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 as the featured speaker at the Twentieth William O. Douglas Lecture Series at Gonzaga University in 1990. She received an honorary doctorate degree from OCU in 1991, and has been named as an honorary alumnus by both OCU and Southwestern Oklahoma State University. In June 1999 the American Judicature Society awarded Kauger the Herbert Harley Award in recognition of her outstanding efforts to improve the administration of justice. That same year, the Oklahoma Bar Association honored her with the Judicial Excellence Award. In March 2001 Justice Kauger was inducted into the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame. In 2004 she was named one of the ten most notable women in Oklahoma City by the Oklahoma City Orchestra League. In July 2004 she donated Main Street in Colony, Oklahoma, which her great grandfather built, to Southwestern Oklahoma State University to be used to promote the arts in western Oklahoma. In 2005 Kauger received the Governor’s Art Award. In addition, she is a member of the District State-Federal Judicial Council and the Washita County Hall of Fame. She chaired the Oklahoma Judicial Center Building Committee, and the Building Art Committee. After the move into the new Center in 2011, the committee received the Governor’s Art Award. In 2012 she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Paseo Arts Association. Kauger can be reached at Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9364.

Justice Steven W. Taylor, District 2. Born on June 7, 1949, in Henryetta, Oklahoma, Taylor attended McAlester Public Schools. He received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Oklahoma State University in 1971 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1974. He is the only person to have received the highest alumni awards at both OSU and OU. Taylor joined the United States Marine Corps and served on active duty from 1974 to 1978. He was trained as an infantry platoon commander and later served as a prosecutor and chief defense counsel. In 1977 he became the youngest judge in the U.S. armed forces. He achieved the rank of major. Following his military career, Taylor practiced law in McAlester from 1978 to 1984. Taylor’s public service career began in 1980, when he was elected to the McAlester City Council. In 1982 he was elected mayor of McAlester, making him the youngest in the city’s history. In 1983 he received recognition as one of three "Outstanding Young Oklahomans." Recognizing Taylor’s leadership in economic development, the City of McAlester named a multi-million dollar industrial park for him, where many industries now employ several hundred Oklahomans. The city further honored Taylor in 1997 by naming him “Citizen of the Year.” He is the co-author of University of Oklahoma College of Law: A Centennial History, a book published in 2009 detailing the history of the OU Law School. Governor George Nigh appointed Taylor associate district judge in 1984. Taylor became the first associate district judge elected president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference. In 1994 he was elected district judge and chief judge of the eighteenth Judicial District that included McIntosh and Pittsburg counties. In 1997 and 2003 he was elected presiding judge of the East Central Judicial Administrative District that encompasses ten counties. During the twenty years Taylor served as a trial judge, he presided over more than 500 jury trials including the
Justice Joseph M. Watt, District 9. Watt was born on March 8, 1947, in Austin, Texas. He graduated from Austin High School in 1965, received a bachelor’s degree in history/government from Texas Tech University in 1969, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas Law School in 1972. Admitted to practice law in both Texas and Oklahoma, Watt moved to Altus, Oklahoma, in 1973, where he worked in private law practice from 1973 to 1985. He also served as Altus city prosecutor from 1973 to 1985, and as city attorney from 1980 to 1985. Watt was appointed special district judge for Jackson County in 1985, and was elected associate district judge in 1986. He served in that capacity until January 1991, when he was asked to serve as general counsel in Governor David Walters’s administration. Watt was appointed as justice to the Oklahoma Supreme Court on May 18, 1992. Watt’s judicial service also includes Oklahoma Supreme Court chief justice for two terms from 2003 to 2006; and vice chief justice from 2001 to 2002; Oklahoma Judicial Conference vice president, 1993 to 1994; Oklahoma Judicial Conference president elect, 1995; Oklahoma Judicial Conference president, 1996; Court on the Judiciary Appellate Division, 1997–2002; and Supreme Court Liaison to the Oklahoma Bar Association, 1997–2002. His honors include the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity Outstanding Law Student in the Nation in 1972; University of Texas Circle of Omnicron Delta Kappa National Honorary Leadership Society, 1972; Paul Harris Fellow; Graduate of the Inaugural Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Citizens Academy, 2004; Honorary Alumnus, Oklahoma City University School of Law, 2005; and Honorary Highway Patrol Trooper, 2006. He has served as secretary and as president of the Altus Rotary Club. Watt is a member of the Oklahoma and Texas bar associations. He and his wife, Cathy, have four grown children and three grandchildren. Watt 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 December 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 Okla-
homem 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.
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 Clancy Smith, District 1. Smith was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on September 1, 2010, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Charles S. Chapel. She was named presiding judge on January 1, 2015. Smith is a native of Hugo, Oklahoma, and graduated from Hugo High School. She attended Oklahoma State University, receiving a bachelor’s degree in English in 1964. She taught high school English in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Jacksonville, Florida. She received her juris doctorate from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1980. After graduating law school, she worked in private practice of law from 1980 to 1994. She then served as a special judge in Tulsa County from 1994 to 1998 in the family division. Smith received the Outstanding Family Law Judge Award from the family law section of the Oklahoma Bar Association in 1996. From 1998 to 2005, she served in the criminal division of Tulsa County, conducting preliminary hearings, arraignments, plea hearings, and bond hearings. In 2005 Governor Brad Henry appointed Smith as district judge for the Fourteenth Judicial District. From 2005 to 2010, Smith served the criminal division in Tulsa County and has presided over more than 110 felony jury trials. Smith is a member of the Tulsa County Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. She served as president of the Johnson-Sontag Chapter of the America Inns of Court for three years and received the James Sontag Award in 2010. In 2013 she received the OBA Award of Judicial Excellence, and the University of Tulsa School of Law Outstanding Senior Alumni Award in 2014. Smith can be reached at Suite 2, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9643.

Vice 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
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 has been married for thirty-three years. His wife, Mary Hughes Hudson, of Bartlesville, 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 Arlene Johnson, District 4. Johnson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Oklahoma and Juris Doctor degree from the OU School of Law. After admission to the Oklahoma Bar on July 29, 1971, she practiced law with the Oklahoma City law firm of Bulla and Horning, and subsequently served as judicial law clerk to the Court of Criminal Appeals. Johnson worked as Oklahoma County assistant district attorney and as assistant Oklahoma Attorney General. She served as assistant United States attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for twenty-one years. She received the U.S. Attorney General’s John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement (1998), and the FBI’s Commendation for Exceptional Service in the Public Interest (1998). Johnson is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the
United States District Court for the Western District. Governor Brad Henry appointed Johnson to the Court of Criminal Appeals, District 4, on February 18, 2005. She is a former member of the Tenth Circuit Uniform Criminal Jury Instruction Committee, the Admissions and Grievance Committee for the Western District of Oklahoma, and is a former member of the United States Magistrate Merit Selection Panel for the Western District of Oklahoma. Johnson has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Johnson may be reached at Suite 2, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9640.

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. 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.
**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, William C. Hetherington Jr., Larry Joplin, and E. Bay Mitchell. The chief judge and vice-chief judge are selected and rotate each year between Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

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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 LL.M 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 Program Committee. 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 William C. Hetherington Jr.,** District 4, Office 1. Born in February 1947, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Hetherington has been a sixty-five year resident of Norman, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Norman High School, the University of Oklahoma, and received the Juris Doctor degree from the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1979. He served on the OCU School of Law Alumni Board of Trustees through the end of his term in 2004. Hetherington’s judicial career began in 1982 as a special district judge. He retired from the bench and worked in private practice law from 1986 through 1991. He was appointed district judge in Cleveland County in 1992. He was re-elected to five four-year consecutive terms, unopposed. Hetherington has served the judicial branch as a district judge since that time. During his tenure as district judge, he served as chief judge for Judicial District 21, Cleveland County, for seven terms, and was elected by his peers as presiding judge of the South Central Administrative Judicial District, serving in that capacity in 2001 and 2002. He also served on the Oklahoma State Judicial Conference Executive Board for six years, and as president of the Conference in 2000. Hetherington shared both civil and criminal felony case load dockets with District Judge Tom Lucas and District Judge Lori Walkley, while serving in Cleveland County. He has extensive experience in handling mass tort litigation, having been assigned judge in the State of Oklahoma Attorney General Tobacco case, several oil field class-action cases, and class-action tort cases involving the Oklahoma Walmart employees and the “Hepatitis C” cases out of central Oklahoma. He was assigned judge and responsible for judicial administration of the Cleveland County Community Corrections Intervention system. He designed and implemented the Cleveland County Mental Health Court, and was co-assigned judge with Judge Jequita Napoli. In 2000 Hetherington was nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission as one of three nominees to then Governor Frank Keating for appointment consideration to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Governor Brad Henry appointed Hetherington to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals on November 19, 2009. He regularly serves as a visiting lecturer at the University of Oklahoma School of Law, and is a master member and past president of the Luther Bohanon American Inn of Court.

**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 from 2008 to 2010 was on the board of directors of the Oklahoma County Bar Association, where he has 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.

Tulsa

Judge Deborah Barnes, District 2, Office 1. Born in 1954 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Barnes is a native of Sand Springs. She received a bachelor’s degree in journalism 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. While in law school, she served as articles editor of the Law Review, and received the Faculty Award for Most Likely to Succeed. Barnes was 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. In 2002 she joined the firm of Crutchmer, Bowers, and Barnes. In 2008 Governor Brad Henry appointed her to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. 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 is the recipient of the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award, and a three-time finalist for the Journal Record Woman of the Year. She is a member of Leadership Oklahoma Class XII, and First United Methodist Church of Tulsa. Barnes has been married to Ronald M. Barnes, an attorney, since 1974 and they have one son, Grayson.

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 Okla-
homa. 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 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 from the Oklahoma Association for Justice. 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 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 served 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
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 executive board and legislative committee. 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 two sons-by-marriage, Clayton and Kevin.
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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Constitution, Article 7 § 1; 85a O.S. § 400 (State Industrial Court)

L. Brad Taylor, Presiding Judge—Oklahoma City and Tulsa

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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 six judges appointed by the governor.

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Profiles of Agencies, Boards, and Commissions

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2–1–1 Oklahoma Coordinating Council (56 O.S. § 3021)
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Abstractors Board, Oklahoma (1 O.S. § 22) Re-created until July 1, 2019
Agency Code 022 (IA)
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Mission Statement The Oklahoma Abstractors Board regulates the abstracting industry and issues abstractor licenses, certificates of authority, and permits to construct abstract plants.

Administration Vacant, Executive Director
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.

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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 11 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

Administration Gina M. Wekke, Director

History and Function The agency was established in 1949 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, 2017.

Aeronautics Commission, Oklahoma (3 O.S. § 84)

Agency Code 060 (IA) www.aeronautics.ok.gov
120 N Robinson, Suite 1244W, Oklahoma City 73102 405/604–6900, FAX 405/604–6919
E-mail—oac@oac.ok.gov

Administration Victor N. Bird, Director
Dale Williams, Deputy Director, Airports Division
Elaine Spell, Operations Officer
Harve Allen, Public Information Officer
Jane Mitchell, Grants Administrator
Treasure Morgan, Aviation Education and Government Affairs Liaison
Michelle Bouziden, Administrative Assistant

History and Function The commission was created in 1963 by the Oklahoma Legislature to encourage, foster, and assist in the development of aeronautics in Oklahoma and to encourage the establishment and maintenance of public airports. This includes the preservation and improvement of the state’s 110 public airports, which make up the state airport system; and the promotion of the aerospace industry, a top employer in Oklahoma, providing approximately 120,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Center for Aerospace and Defense Supplier Quality (3 O.S. § 85.3)

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)

Agency Code 040 (IA) www.ag.ok.gov
PO Box 528804, Oklahoma City 73152–8804 405/521–3864, FAX 405/521–4912

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
Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner and Public Information, 405/522–6105
Kandi Batts, Executive Assistant, 405/522–5488
Agriculture Environmental Management Services, Jeremy Seiger, Director, 405/522–5492
Animal Industry Services, Dr. Rod Hall, DVM, Director, 405/522–6131
Food Safety, Stan Stromberg, Director, 405/522–6127
Forestry Services, George Geissler, Director, 405/522–6148
Laboratory Services, Paul Kerr, Director, 405/522–5431
Legal Services, Teena Gunter, Director, 405/522–5996
Market Development Services, Jamey Allen, Director, 405/522–5509
Consumer Protection Services, Kenny Naylor, Director, 405/522–5879
Statistics Services, Wilbert Hundl Jr., 405/522–6190
Wildlife Services, Kevin Grant, 405/522–4039

Personnel 336 classified, 56 unclassified, 26 temporary

Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board (2 O.S. § 18–403)

Agriculture Mediation Board (2 O.S. § 2–30)

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

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

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

Anatomical Board of the State of Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 91; 74 O.S. § 3907)
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; Kayla McNeill, 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, 2016.

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/cas/archsur
E-mail—rbrooks@ou.edu

Administration  Robert L. Brooks, State Archeologist/Director

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; enforces 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)  www.ok.gov/architects
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  Jean Williams, 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)  
PO Box 52001–2001, Oklahoma City 73152–2001  
405/521–2931, FAX 405/521–6418, TDD 405/521–2931

Website: www.arts.ok.gov  
Jim Thorpe Building, Suite 640

Mission Statement  To lead in the development, support, and enrichment of a thriving arts environment, which is essential to quality of life, education, and economic vitality.

Administration  Amber Sharples, Executive Director; Amy Weaver, Deputy Director; George Taylor, Director of Finance; Joel Gavin, Director of Marketing and Communications

Personnel  14 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.

Athletic Commission, Oklahoma State

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

Website: www.ok.gov/osac

Attorney General (Constitution, Article 6 § 1)

Agency Code 049 (IA)  
313 NE 21 Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
405/271–9444

Website: www.ok.gov/oag

Office of Civil Rights Enforcement (SB 763, 2011) (IA)

Workers’ Compensation Fraud Investigation Unit (85A O.S. § 6) (IA)

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

Agency Code 065 (IA)  
2900 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City 73105  
405/521–2782, FAX 405/522–2993

Website: www.ok.gov/banking

Tulsa Office: Triad Center 1, 7666 E 61 Street, Suite 305, Tulsa 74133  
918/295–3649, FAX 918/893–6405

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

Administration  Mick Thompson, Bank Commissioner; O. Dudley Gilbert, Deputy Commissioner; Sherbie Kiffin, Assistant Deputy Commissioner; Harold A. Reel, Assistant Deputy Commissioner; Paul Qualls, Regional Examiner; Jeff Bagby, Regional Examiner; Rhonda Bruno, Director of Administration; Regina Rainey, Chief of Staff; Angela Morris, Administrative Assistant

Personnel  45 unclassified, 1 temporary, non-merit

History and Function  Through its boards, the department supervises all state chartered banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, credit unions, and licensed sellers of checks and money transmitters; makes periodic examinations of the institutions under its supervision; conducts public hearings on charter applications and processes all documents submitted by state chartered financial institutions seeking corporate powers and changes in their articles of incorporation.

State Banking Board (6 O.S. § 202) (IA)
Banking Board, State (6 O.S. § 202)

State Banking Department (IA)
2900 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105 405/521–2782, FAX 405/522–2993
Tulsa Office: 7666 E 61 Street, Suite 305, Tulsa 74113

Administration  Mick Thompson, Commissioner; O. Dudley Gilbert, Deputy Commissioner; Angela Morris, Administrative Assistant

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

History and Function  Established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1965, the Banking Board is authorized to adopt and promulgate reasonable and uniform rules and regulations to govern the conduct, operation, and management of all banks or trust companies created, organized or existing under or by virtue of the laws of this state, and otherwise to govern the administration of the Oklahoma Banking Code.

Bar Association, Oklahoma

(Integrated bar under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. 5 O.S. § 12–14, 16, and Appendix)

1901 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105  www.okbar.org
PO Box 53036, Oklahoma City 73152–3036 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 Krug, Director of Educational Programs; Jim Calloway, Management Assistance Program Director; Jane McConnell, Law Related Education Coordinator; 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 5:12–14, 16 405/416–7075

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

Law Related Education Program  Created by the Bar Association 405/416–7005

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)

(Placed under the direction and supervision of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma.)
University of Oklahoma, 111 East Chesapeake Street, Norman 73019–0575  www.biosurvey.ou.edu
405/325–4035, FAX 405/325–7702 E-mail—jkelley@ou.edu

Administration  Jeffrey Kelley, Director; Bruce Hoagland, Coordinator, Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory; Wayne Elisens Curator, Bebb Herbarium; Jeremy Ross, Executive Director, Sutton Avian Research Center; Kurt Kuikinski, 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; (5) the Sutton Avian Research Center, a bird conservation center located in Bartlesville, and (6) 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
Mission Statement  To eradicate the boll weevil from Oklahoma.
Personnel  6 unclassified, 1 temporary, non-merit

Bond Advisor, Oklahoma State (62 O.S. § 695.7)

9220 N Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City 73131 (IA)
Mission Statement  To administer the Private Activity Bond Allocation Act, and to provide advice and assistance to the Long-Range Capital Planning Commission and serve as staff to the Council of Bond Oversight.

Bond Commissioner (62 O.S. § 11)
The Attorney General is ex officio Bond Commissioner of the State.

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

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

Secretary of State (IA) State Capitol Room 101, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City 73105–4897
405/521–6434, FAX 405/521–2031

Administration Tookie Hayes, 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
Business Solutions Division, 900 N Stiles Avenue, 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 in the form of a business start up workbook, and finance referral. A group of coordinators, designated by the directors from the twenty-five state agencies knowledgeable about business license, permit, or filing requirements for their respective state agencies, provides current information to the office of business license information.

Capital Investment Board, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 5085.2)

(State-beneficiary public trust)
13905 Quail Point Drive, Suite A, Oklahoma City 73134 (IA) 405/848–9456, FAX 405/842–6389
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.

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

5005 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 100 (IA)
PO Box 53218, Oklahoma City 73152–3218 405/522–8519

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

Administration Travis Monroe, 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 73152–3448 405/521–3678, FAX 405/521–6403
Administration Denise Martin, 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 206 (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.

Career and Technology Education, Oklahoma Department of
(70 O.S. § 14–104) Board (70 O.S. § 14–101)
Agency Code 800 (IA) www.okcareertech.org
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-nine campus sites and sixteen skills centers located in correctional facilities. 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      250 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
www.jdmc.org
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 functionality. 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 (63 O.S. § 934)

901 N Stonewall, Oklahoma City 73117 (IA)  www.ok.gov/ocme
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 (10 O.S. § 601.1)

Agency Code 127 (IA)  www.okkids.org
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.

**Administration** Lisa Smith, Director; Jack Chapman, 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** (10 O.S. § 601.30; 10 O.S. § 1150.2)

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** (10 O.S. § 1150.2) Re-created until July 1, 2020

405/606–4933, FAX 405/524–0417

**Administration** Lisa Rhoades, Administrator

**Children of Incarcerated Parents**

405/606–4918; FAX 405/524–0417

**Administration** Treasa Lansdowne, Coordinator

**Juvenile System Oversight, Office of** (10 O.S. § 601.6)

405/606–4900; FAX 405/528–0455

**Administration** Lisa Smith, Director; Jack Chapman, Assistant Director

**Office of Planning and Coordination for Services to Children and Youth** (10 O.S. § 601.3)

405/606–4931; FAX 405/524–0417

**Administration** Anthony Kibble, MSW, Coordinator

**Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board** (10 O.S. § 1116.6)

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)

Agency Code 145 (IA) www.chiropracticboard.ok.gov

421 NW 13 Street, Suite 180, Oklahoma City 73103 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, 2016.

**Administration** Beth Carter, Executive Director; Joseph English, Investigator

**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.)


**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)
877/654–7284
www.ok4saving.org

**Commerce, Oklahoma Department of** (74 O.S. § 5003.1)
Agency Code 160 (IA)
900 N Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma City 73104–3234
405/815–6552, National Toll Free 1–800–TRY-OKLA; FAX 405/815–5199

**Mission Statement** To create and deliver high-impact solutions that contribute to job creation and lead to prosperous lives and communities for all Oklahomans.

**Administration** Deby Snograss, Executive Director, 405/815–5306; Jamie Maddy, Chief of Staff, 405/815–5153; Don Hackler, General Counsel, 405/815–5359; Vaughn Clark, Director, Community Development, 405/815–5370; Charles Kimbrough, Director, Business Development, 405/815–5361

**Personnel** 123 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 three foreign countries.
Mission Statement  Helping Oklahoma’s poor and needy by promoting collaboration between government agencies and faith-based/community organizations to provide social services.

Administration  Karen Jacobs, Coordinator

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

**Conservation Commission, Oklahoma** (Executive Order 2015–10)

**Community Hospitals Authority**

Agency Code 645 (IA)  Community Hospitals Authority (63 O.S. § 3240.3)

Mission Statement  Helping Oklahoma’s poor and needy by promoting collaboration between government agencies and faith-based/community organizations to provide social services.

Administration  Karen Jacobs, Coordinator

**Conservation Commission, Oklahoma** (Executive Order 2015–10)

Agency Code 645 (IA)  Conservation Commission, Oklahoma (27A O.S. § 3–2–101)

Mission Statement  To conserve, protect, and restore Oklahoma’s natural resources, working in collaboration with the conservation districts and other partners on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma.

Administration  Trey Lam, Executive Director 405/521–4827; Lisa Knauf Owen, Assistant Director 405/521–6797; Abandon Mine Land Division, Robert Toole, Director Conservation Programs Division, Tammy Swatsky, Director District Services and Human Resources, Lisa Knauf Owen, Director Financial Management, Steve Coffman, Director Office of Geographic Information and Technical Services, Mike Sharp, Director Water Quality Division, Shanon Phillips, Director

Personnel  3 classified, 42 unclassified, merit

History and Function  Authorized under the Conservation District Act in 1937 when Oklahoma landowners faced the serious problem of erosion from wind and water, the early-day work for the Conservation Commission was to eradicate these problems. Today the Conservation Commission, the federal USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and a network of eighty-seven local conservation districts cooperatively carry out the conservation program in Oklahoma. In addition to providing direct technical assistance to local land users for soil and water conservation, the commission and conservation districts are responsible for upstream flood control protection, a state-funded conservation cost-share program, reclamation of abandoned mine land and nonpoint source water quality monitoring, planning, and management, in addition to a variety of educational and informational activities.

Conservation Districts—Oklahoma’s eighty-six 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. A directory of conservation district offices, addresses, and telephone numbers is available on the Conservation Commission’s web site at www.conservation.ok.gov.

Small Watershed Upstream Flood Control Program—The Conservation Commission assists the state’s eighty-six 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.

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 local programs. 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 Education—The Conservation Education program involves a number of activities including teacher training, technical assistance to conservation districts, outdoor classroom development, and cooperative projects with other state and federal agencies and higher education entities. The agency co-sponsors education curriculum for Project WET (Water Education for Teachers).
Environmental Education Coordinating Committee—The Oklahoma Environmental Quality Act of 1993 designated the OCC to coordinate environmental education with all other state agencies in a statewide effort involving government, environmental advocates, business community, private citizens, and students to educate the citizenry of Oklahoma about the importance of the environment and our natural resources. In response, the Conservation Commission established the State Environmental Education Coordinating Committee with the goal of more efficiently serving the public by increased networking among agencies and reduced duplication of effort.

Wetlands—Federal funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency assisted the Conservation Commission in preparing the Oklahoma Comprehensive Wetlands Conservation Plan. The commission continues to coordinate the implementation of the state comprehensive wetlands management plan.

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. The Water Quality Division is responsible for the assessment, prioritization, and management program of nonpoint source pollution of the state’s waters required under Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Quality Division developed a strategy to monitor 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, which rotates into two new basins every two years, 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 NonPoint Source Working Group identifies priorities where funds and technical assistance will be directed. The Water Quality Division also includes the Conservation Commission’s Wetlands Program, which coordinates implementation of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Wetlands Conservation Plan. The plan promotes 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.

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 purpose of this 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.

Pollution Complaints Tracking—The Oklahoma Environmental Quality Act of 1993 also directed the Conservation Commission to establish and maintain a geographic information database for all citizen pollution complaints. This system became operational July 1, 1993.

Carbon Sequestration Certification Program—This 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. By developing a program, that combines research, natural resource protection, and state-backed verification of carbon offsets, Oklahoma has a model, voluntary program that strives to maximize the quality of offsets from agriculture, forestry, and ecologic sequestration.

Construction Industries Board (59 O.S. § 1000.2)
Re-created until July 1, 2017
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; Linda Ruckman, Board Secretary/Executive Assistant

Personnel 34 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 Licensing Act, the Mechanical Licensing Act, the Home Inspectors 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. § 858–624)**
- **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 (74 O.S. § 3903; 59 O.S. §1004) Re-created until July 1, 2016**
- **Plumbing Hearing Board (59 O.S. § 1010)**
- **Plumbing Installation Code Variance & Appeals Board (59 O.S. § 1021.1)**
- **Roofing Examiners, Committee of (59 O.S. § 1151.26)**
- **Roofing Hearing Board (59 O.S. § 1151.28)**
- **Roofing Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board, Oklahoma State (59 O.S. § 1159.29)**

**Consumer Credit, Commission on (14A O.S. § 6–501)**

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

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  23 classified, 4 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.

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

**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  405/744–5339

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

Agency Code 185 (IA)  www.occeweb.com
Jim Thorpe Building, 2101 N Lincoln Boulevard  PO Box 52000, Oklahoma City 73152–2000  405/521-2211, FAX 405/522–1623, TDD 405/521–3513

Consumer Services:
- Pollution Complaint/Royalty Owner Information Hot line 800/522–0034
- Public Utility Complaints 800/522–8154


Administration  Cleve Pierce, Interim Director, 405/521–2307;
Administrative Proceedings Division, Michael Decker, 405/521–2241
Mission Statement  
To regulate and enforce the laws and supervise the activities associated with the exploration and production of oil and gas; the storage and dispensing of petroleum based fuels; the establishment of rates and services of public utilities; and the operation of intrastate transportation to best serve the economic needs of the public. In the interests of the public, the commission will oversee the conservation of natural resources; avoid waste; abate pollution of the environment; and balance the rights and needs of the people with those of the regulated entities which provide essential and desirable services for the benefit of Oklahoma and its citizens.

Personnel  
310 classified, 155 unclassified, 13 temporary, merit

History and Function  
The Corporation Commission was established at statehood. The First Legislature empowered and directed the commission to regulate and supervise the activities of “all public businesses,” whose services were considered by the legislature to be essential to the public welfare. The legal principle for state regulation of rates and services of public businesses had been established after the Civil War, and that principle was sustained by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1877. Regulation to assure fair rates and prevent discrimination in rates and services began as a legislative matter, but as the nation grew and the need for regulation increased, legislative bodies began establishing specific agencies to administer regulation. The Corporation Commission serves as both a tribunal and agency of investigation, accomplishing regulation through a combination of legislative, executive, administrative, and judicial powers. Commission orders carry the same weight of authority as laws enacted by the legislature.

The Oklahoma Constitution authorized the Corporation Commission to regulate transportation and transmission companies, mainly railroads and telephone and telegraph companies. The First Legislature (1908) added authority for “all public businesses.” The Second Legislature (1909) put regulation of oil pipeline companies under commission jurisdiction. The commission began regulating the prices of telephone calls in November 1908 and telegrams in April 1912. Regulation of water, heat, light, and power rates began in December 1913. The commission began regulating oil and gas in 1914 when it restricted drilling and production of oil from the Cushing and Healdton fields to prevent waste when production exceeded pipeline transport capacity.

The commission acted under its authority to regulate pipelines as common carriers. In 1915 the legislature passed the Oil and Gas Conservation Act and directed the commission to enforce it; declared cotton gins to be public utilities under commission regulation; and extended commission authority over utility companies to include practices and rates.

The businesses regulated by the commission and types of regulation administered have changed through the years as technology has advanced and services considered essential to the public welfare have changed. The commission presently regulates public utilities, except those under municipal or federal jurisdiction; oil and gas drilling, production, and environmental protection; motor fuel quality and containment; gas and hazardous liquid pipeline safety procedures; and some aspects of motor carrier transport and railroad operations. The commission also administers and enforces federal programs for underground injection control (in connection with oil and gas enhanced recovery programs and disposal of certain oil and gas drilling waste fluids) and remediation of soil and ground water pollution caused by leaking underground storage tanks. The commission also manages the state Petroleum Storage Tank Release Indemnity Fund, which reimburses a portion of the cost of remediating environmental pollution caused by leaking storage tanks.
Corrections, State Department of (57 O.S. § 505)   Board (57 O.S. § 503)

Agency Code 131 (IA)  3400 N Martin Luther King Avenue 73111–4298  www.doc.state.ok.us
PO Box 11400, Oklahoma City 73136–0400  405/425–2500, FAX 405/425–2578

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


Personnel  3,491 classified, 343 unclassified, 24 temporary, merit

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 seventeen institutions ranging from maximum to minimum security, seven probation and parole districts, six community corrections centers, and fifteen work centers.

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

Administration  Robert Patton, 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)

Oklahoma Correctional Industries (57 O.S. § 549.1)  www.ocisales.com
3402 N Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City 73111  405/425–7525, FAX 405/425–7502

Administration  J.D. Colbert, Administrator

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)  2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 84, Oklahoma City, 73107  www.cosmo.ok.gov
405/521–2444, 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; Jennifer McRee, Principal Assistant

History and Purpose  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.

**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

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

State Banking Department
2900 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City 73105  
405/521–2782, FAX 405/522–2993

Tulsa Office: 7666 E 61 Street, Suite 305, Tulsa 74133  
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; Suzanne McClain Atwood, 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, FAX 918/341–5771

**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

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, certifies 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.

Allied Dental Education Committee (59 O.S. § 328.17)
Anesthesia Committee (59 O.S. § 328.17)
Assistants, Dental Labs and Other Auxiliary Personnel Committee (59 O.S. § 328.17)
Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 328.17)
Dental Practice Committee (59 O.S. § 328.17)
Historical and Retirement Committee (59 O.S. § 328.17)
Specialty Practice Committee (59 O.S. § 328.17)

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

2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 74, Oklahoma City 73107  www.okddc.ok.gov
405/521–4984, 800/836–4470, FAX 405/521–4910  E-mail—ann.trudgeon@okdhs.org

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)  www.ok.gov/odc
2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 90, Oklahoma City 73107–2423  405/521–3756, 800/522–8224, FAX 405/522–6695

Mission Statement  
To serve all Oklahomans with disabilities, meeting their concerns and needs.

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

Personnel  
5 classified, 2 unclassified, merit

History and Function  
The Office of Handicapped (Disability) Concerns was formed in 1980 as referenced in Title 74, Sections 9.21–9.35 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The purpose of the agency is to help state government develop policies and services that meet the needs of Oklahomans with disabilities. 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 of members, call 405/521-3756 or 800/522-8224.

Client Assistance Program
405/521-3756, FAX 405/522-6695, Toll Free 800/522-8224

**Administration** William Ginn, Director

**History and Function** Section 112 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. This program provides clients, client-applicants, and former clients with assistance in obtaining services under the Rehabilitation Act. As of 1973, as amended, CAP serves clients, client-applicants and former clients of Rehabilitative and Visual Services (RVS), federally funded centers and programs.

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

Agency Code 220 (IA)  www.ok.gov/dac
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** Suzanne McClain Atwood, Executive Coordinator; Trent H. Baggett, Assistant Executive Coordinator, 405/264–5000, FAX 405/264–5099; Suzanne Breedlove, Victims Services Division, 405/264–5006, FAX 405/264–5097; DeLynn Fudge, Director, Federal Programs/Grants Division, 405/264–5008, FAX 405/264–5095; Bud Webster, Director, Finance Division, 405/264–5004, FAX 405/264–5099; David Bebber, Director, IT Division, 405/264–5002, FAX 405/264–5099

**Personnel** 38 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)  www.ok.gov/sde
Oliver Hodge Building, 2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 118, Oklahoma City 73105  405/521–3308, FAX 405/521–3205  E-mail—Joy.Hofmeister@sde.ok.gov

**Administration** Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairperson of the State Board; Kalee Isenhour, Secretary of the Board; and 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 Building, 2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105–4599  405/521–3301, FAX 405/521–6205

**Administration** Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Joel Robinson, Chief of Staff, 405/521–4516; Liz Young, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, 405/521–4885

Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy State Superintendent of Academic Affairs and Planning, 405/521–4514

Dr. Robyn Miller, Deputy State Superintendent of Educator Effectiveness, 405/521–3332

Rene Axtell, Assistant State Superintendent of Special Education, 405/521–4873

David Kinney, General Counsel, 405/521–4352

Matt Holder, Chief Operations Officer, 405/522–3713

Lance Nelson, Chief of Staff, 405/521–4516

Heather Griswold, Deputy Chief of Staff, 405/522–8758

Carolyn Thompson, Director of Government Relations, 405/522–3520

Phil Bacharach, Director of Communications, 405/521–4894

Mathangi Shankar, Director of Financial Services, 405/522–0162

Lynn Jones, Executive Director of Accreditation, 405/521–3333

**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, and 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, school finance, school transportation, school accreditation, reading, student testing, gifted/talented, literacy, Indian education, and multicultural programs.

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

Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Commission  
(70 O.S. § 6–101.17) Until July 1, 2016. Formerly Oklahoma Race to the Top Commission

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

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

Administration  Dr. Sherry Labyer, 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)

Re-created until July 1, 2020

Agency Code 266 (IA)  
7403 N Kelley Avenue  
PO Box 14190, Oklahoma City 73113  
www.oeta.tv  
405/848–8501, 800/879–6382, FAX 405/841–9216, FAX News 405/841–9226, TDD 405/841–9294 (Oklahoma City area); TDD 800/292–1397 (other Oklahoma areas).
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  Dan Schiedel, Executive Director, GM; Holly Emig, Director of Programming; Richard Ladd, Director of Engineering; Janette Thornbrue, Operations Manager; Mark Norman, Deputy Director, Technology; and Toni Matthews, Deputy Director, Finance and Administration

Personnel  56 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)

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

Agency Code 270 (IA)  www.elections.ok.gov
State Capitol, Room B–6  PO Box 53156, Oklahoma City 73152
405/521–2391, FAX 405/521–6457, TDD 405/521–3028  E-mail—info@elections.ok.gov

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 Slator, Assistant Secretary; Jay Smith, Information Services; Suzanne Cox, Support Services; Jo Robinson, Ballot Generation Services

Personnel  14 classified, 5 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)  www.ok.gov/oem
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  Albert Ashwood, 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) www.oesc.ok.gov
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 compensa-
tion 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  692 classified, 88 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 gov-
erned 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, FAX 580/421–9265
1500 Hoppe Boulevard, Suite 2
(PO Box 850, 74820)

Altus (33)—Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa
580/482–3262, FAX 580/482–3284
1115 N Spurgeon Street, 73521
(PO Box 531, 73522)

Ardmore (10) Carter, Love, Murray
580/223–3290, FAX 580/226–2730
2421 Autumn Run, Suite B, 73401
(PO Box 1457, 73402)

Bartlesville (74)—Nowata, Osage, Washington
918/331–3400, FAX 918/331–0044
210 NE Washington, 74006
(PO Box 4039, 74006–4039)

Chickasha (26) Grady, McClain, Caddo
405/224–3310, FAX 405/222–1215
301 S 2 Street, 73108
(PO Box 398, 73023)

Claremore (66)—Rogers
918/341–6633, FAX 918/341–7723
1810 N Sioux, 74018 (PO Box 908, 74017)

Clinton (20)—
Beckham, Custer, Roger Mills, Washita
580/323–1341, FAX 580/323–9176
1120 Frisco Avenue (PO Box 605, 73601)

Duncan (69)—Jefferson, Stephens
580/255–8050
FAX 580/255–8959
1927 W Elk Avenue, 73533
(PO Box 750070, 73575)
Durant (07)—
Atoka, Bryan, Coal, Johnston, Marshall
580/924–1828, FAX 580/920–2464
4310 W Highway 70, 74701
(PO Box 1000, 74702)

Enid (24)—Alfalfa, Blaine, Garfield, Grant, Kingfisher, Major
580/234–6043, FAX 580/234–8405
900 W Cherokee, 73701 (PO Box 1269, 73702)

Guymon (70)—Beaver, Cimarron, Texas
580/338–8521, FAX 580/468–1814
225 E Highway 5
(PO Box 929, 73942)

Holdenville (32)—Hughes, Okfuskee
405/379–5452, FAX 405/379–6355
115 N Rogers Drive (PO Box 937, 74848)

Idabel (45)—Choctaw, McCurtain, Pushmataha
580/286–6667, FAX 580/286–7867
2102 SE Washington Street, Suite B & C
(PO Box 1197, 74545)

Lawton (16)—Comanche, Cotton, Tillman
580/357–3500, FAX 580/357–9629
1711 SW 11 Street
(PO Box 989, 73502)

McAlester (61)—
Haskell, Latimer, Pittsburg
918/423–6830, FAX 918/429–1175
1414 E Wade Watts Avenue, 74501
(PO Box 1108, 74502)

Miami (58)—Craig, Ottawa
918/542–5561
FAX 918/542–7505
121 N Main, 74354
(PO Box 670, 74355)

 Muskogee (51)—
 McIntosh, Muskogee, Wagoner
918/682–3364, FAX 918/682–4311
717 S 32 Street, 74401 (PO Box 1688, 74402)

Norman (5514)—Cleveland
405/701–2000
FAX 405/701–2042
114 E Main, 73071

Oklahoma City (5503)
Logan, Oklahoma, Canadian
405/234–5000, FAX 405/378–0223
9210 S Western Avenue, 73139

 Oklahoma City (5509) East—
Canadian, Logan, Oklahoma
405/713–1890, FAX 405/713–1898
7401 NE 23 Street, 73141

Okmulgee (56)—Okmulgee
918/756–5791, FAX 918/756–0937
801 E 4th Street, 74447
(PO Box 2218, 74447)

Ponca City (36)—Kay, Noble, Osage
580/765–3372, FAX 580/765–6145
1201 W Grand Ave., 74601
(PO Box 309, 74602)

Poteau (40)—LeFlore
918/647–3124, FAX 918/647–8939
106 Rogers Avenue
(PO Box 9, 74953)

Pryor (49)—Delaware, Mayes
918/825–2582, FAX 918/825–6494
219 NE 1 (PO Box 427, 74362)

Sallisaw (5)—Sequoyah
918/775–5541, FAX 918/775–6385
401 W Houser, 74955

Sand Springs (6)—Tulsa, Creek, Pawnee
918/245–9544
FAX 918/245–9566
401 E Broadway, Suite B1, 74063

 Sapulpa (19)—Creek
918/224–9430, FAX 918/227–2859
1700 S Main Street, 73153
(PO Box, 74066)

 Seminole (67)—Seminole
405/382–4670, FAX 405/382–0104
229 N 2 Street, 74868
(PO Box 910, 74818)

 Shawnee (63)—Lincoln, Pottawatomie
405/275–7800
FAX 405/878–9742
2 John C. Bruton Blvd., 74804

 Stillwell (7)—Adair
918/696–6608
FAX 918/696–5983
219 W Oak, 74960

 Stillwater (60)—Payne
405/624–1450, FAX 405/372–0295
3006 E 6 Street, 74074
(PO Box 1987, 74076)

Tulsa—Eastgate (7207)—
Osage, Pawnee, Tulsa
918/796–1200, FAX 918/796–1313
14002 E 21 Street, Suite 1030, 74134

Tulsa Skyline (7209)—
Osage, Pawnee, Tulsa
918/384–2300, FAX 918/384–2310
6128 E 38 Street, Suite 405, 74135
Tahlequah (116)—
   Cherokee, Adair, Sequoyah
   918/456–8846, FAX 918/456–3256
   1755 S Muskogee, 74464
   (PO Box 689, 74465)

Woodward (77)—
   Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Woods, Woodward
   580/256–3308, FAX 580/254–3093
   1117 11 Street
   (PO Box 608, 73801)

Energy and Environment, Secretary of (27A O.S. § 1–2–101)
100 N Broadway, Suite 2350, Oklahoma City 73102

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; Craig Sundstrom, Deputy
   Secretary of Energy; Tyler Powell, Deputy Secretary of Environment; and Gayle Bartholomew,
   Environmental Grants Manager

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, 2017
   www.oerb.com
600 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 envi-
   ronmentally 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” 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 13,000 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)
   www.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 4 classified, 5 unclassified, merit

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

Agency Code 292 (IA) Administration Scott Thompson 405/702–7100
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 Tahmasse, 405/702–7100
Air Quality Division, Eddie Terrill, 405/702–4100
Environmental Complaints/Local Services, Gary Collins, 405/702–6100
External Affairs Division, Lloyd Kirk, 405/702–7100
General Counsel, Martha Penisten, 405/702–7184
State Environmental Laboratory Services, Chris Armstrong, 405/702–1000
Administrative Services, Catherine Sharp, 405/702–0100
Land Protection Division, Kelly Dixon, 405/702–5100
Water Quality Division, Shellie Chard-McClary, 405/702–8100

Mission Statement The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is to enhance the quality of life in Oklahoma and protect the health of its citizens by protecting, preserving, and restoring the water, land, and air of the state. Thus, fostering a clean, attractive, healthy, prosperous, and sustainable environment.

Personnel 462 classified, 35 unclassified, 48 temporary, merit

Environmental Quality Board (27A O.S. § 2–2–101) Administration Scott Thompson 405/702–7100

Oklahoma Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission (27A O.S. 4–2–102)
This commission is jointly administered by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Civil Emergency Management.

Air Quality Advisory Council (27A O.S. § 2–2–201(6)) Administration Eddie Terrill 405/702–4100

Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council (27A O.S. § 2–2–201(D)) Administration Kelly Dixon 405/702–5100

Radiation Management Advisory Council (27A O.S. § 2–2–201(F)) Administration Kelly Dixon 405/702–5100

Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (27A O.S. § 2–2–201(E)) Administration Kelly Dixon 405/702–5100

Water Quality Management Advisory Council (27A O.S. § 2–2–201(C)) Administration Shellie Chard-McClary 405/702–8100

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

State Auditor and Inspector Agency Code 295 (IA)
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 100, Oklahoma City 73105 405/521–3495, FAX 405/522–4306
E-mail—ngrantham@sai.ok.gov

Administration Gary Jones CPA, State Auditor and Inspector, Secretary;
Nancy Grantham, Administrative Assistant
History and Function The board consists of six elected officials and the president of the State Board of Agriculture, now an appointive office. The governor serves as chairman, with the state auditor and inspector serving as secretary. The board’s functions are to adjust and equalize the valuation of real and personal property of the seventy-seven counties; assess all railroad, air carrier, and public service corporation properties; perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Oklahoma Legislature; and provide an estimate of revenue that will be available for appropriation by the legislature.

Ethics Commission (Constitution, Article 29 § 1)

Agency Code 296 (IA)  www.ethics.ok.gov
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room B-5, Oklahoma City 73105–4812  405/521–3451, FAX 405/521–4905

Mission Statement To promulgate rules of ethical conduct for campaigns for state office and for campaigns for initiative and referenda; to promulgate rules of ethical conduct for state officers and employees; to investigate, settle or prosecute in the district court violations of its rules and to make binding interpretations of its rules.

Administration Lee Slater, Executive Director; Ashley Kemp, Deputy Director

Personnel 6 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function Created in 1990, by a vote of the people under Article 29 of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Ethics Commission promulgates rules of ethical conduct for campaigns for elective state office and for campaigns for initiative and referenda, including civil penalties for violation of these rules; promulgates rules of ethical conduct for state officers and employees, including civil penalties for violation of these rules; investigates and, when deemed appropriate, settles investigations or prosecutes in the district court of the county where the violation occurred and responds to questions of specific individuals seeking interpretation of the commission’s rules governing ethics conduct for campaigns, state officers, or state employees.

Film and Music Office, Oklahoma

900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73104–3234  www.ok.gov/oklahomafilm

Mission Statement Created in 1979, the Oklahoma Film and Music Office attracts film, television, video, and music industries to Oklahoma for the promotion and growth of these industries within the state. The office strives to share all that Oklahoma has to offer by welcoming filmmakers to the state. The office can save filmmakers time and money when arranging a production. Within Oklahoma exists a very strong and enthusiastic network of contacts capable and ready to meet daily production needs.

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 Schafnett, Interim Assistant Fire Marshal

Personnel 19 classified, 4 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 unit of the code enforcement division of the agency was formed. Today, the agency has three divisions: Administration and Public Education, Fire Investigations, and Code Enforcement. It has approximately thirty employees with an annual appropriated budget of approximately $2.2 million. All agents are sworn peace officers. Field agents are located throughout the state and office from their homes.

**Firefighter Training, Oklahoma Council on** (74 O.S. § 325.1)

2716 NE 50 Street, Oklahoma City 73111
405/601–8862, FAX 405/601–7996

E-mail—info@coft-oklahoma.org

Administration—Jon Hansen, Executive Director

**Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, Oklahoma**

(11 O.S. § 49–100.2)  **Board** (11 O.S. § 49–100.3)

Agency Code 315 (IA)  4545 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 265, Oklahoma City 73105–3414

**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  Robert E. Jones Jr., Director

Personnel  11 unclassified, 1 temporary, non-merit

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 requirements 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
918/256–7841, fax 918/256–4491

Administration  Kevan Finley, MBA, MS, LPC, Executive Director; Satwant Tandon, MD, Clinical Director; Samina Christopher, PhD, Director of Forensic Psychology; Vacant, Director of Patient Services; Randy Boston, RN, Director of Nursing; Darrell Praytor, Director of Information Technology; Julie Jacobs, Human Resources Manager; Miriam Harris, 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  Verna Foust, Chair; Rand Baker, Member; Edward C. Cunningham, Member; Joy Sloan, Member; Cliff Thomas, PhD, Member; Mike Segler, JD, 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.”

Foresters, State Board of Registration for Registered

Agency Code 040 (IA)
2800 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105–4298
405/522–6147, FAX 405/522–4583

Mission Statement  To protect the public from irresponsible disregard for the conservation of the state’s forests by licensing individuals qualified to be foresters by reason of education or experience in the practice of forestry.

Administration  Kurtis L. Atkinson, Secretary; Ed Miller, Chair

History and Function  Appointed by the State Board of Agriculture, board members must have ten years experience in forestry or related industries. Their principal duty is to register and license foresters for the benefit and protection of the public.

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

Agency Code 285 (IA)
3700 N Classen, Suite 175, Oklahoma City 73118
E-mail—info@funeral.gov
405/522–1790

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; Jenna Barry, Deputy 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)

Oklahoma Conservation Commission (IA)
4545 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 11A, Oklahoma City 73105 405/521–2384, FAX 405/521–6686

Administration  Mike Sharp, State Geographic Information Coordinator, mike.sharp@conservation.ok.gov

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 169, 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 405/325–3031, FAX 405/325–7069
Sarkeys Energy Center, 100 E Boyd Street, Room N–131, Norman 73019–0628

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 www.ogs.ou.edu
Sarkeys Energy Center, 100 E Boyd, Room N–131, Norman 73019–0628 405/325–3031, FAX 405/325–7069
Administration Jeremy Boak, Director; E-mail—jboal@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 web site, 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 geophysical observatory near Tulsa, and 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 www.grda.com
PO Box 409, Vinita 74301–0409 918/256–5545, FAX 918/256–5289

Administration Dan Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer/Director of Investments; Tim Brown, Chief Operating Officer; Ellen Edwards, General Counsel; Charles Barney, Assistant General Manager/Thermal & Hydro Generation; Carolyn Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Mike Herron, Assistant General Manger/Engineering, System Operations, and Reliability; Dale Willis, Assistant General Manager/Transmission; Dr. Darrell Townsend, Assistant General Manager/Ecosystems & Lake Management; Allison Carter, Superintendent of Human Resources; Brian Edwards, Assistant General Manager/Chief of Law Enforcement and Lake Operations; Justin Alberty, Corporate Communications Director

Personnel 390 classified, 60 unclassified, 11 temporary

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.

Dams 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. GRDA 2 is jointly owned by the authority (62%) and KAMO Power, Inc., an electric cooperative (38%). The unit is rated at 520,000 kW. Construction began on GRDA 2 in 1981 and was completed in March 1986. The two facilities comprise the Coal-Fired Generating Complex (CFC).

In 2008 GRDA purchased 36 percent interest in the Redbud Gas Plant near Luther, Oklahoma. This 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.

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**Hazard Mitigation Team, State** *(63 O.S. § 683.6)*

Tunnel, Will Rogers-Sequoyah Buildings
Duty officer on 24–hour call

**Health, State Department of** *(Constitution, Article 5 § 39, 63 O.S. § 1–103)*

Agency Code 340 (IA)
1000 NE 10 Street, Oklahoma City 73117–1299
105/271–5600, 800/522–0203, FAX 405/271–3431
AIDS/HIV Hot line 800/535–AIDS
Home Health Care Hot line 800/234–7258
Nurse Aide Registry 800/695–2157

Mission Statement  To protect and promote health, to prevent disease and injury, and to cultivate conditions by which Oklahomans can be healthy.

Administration  Terry L. Cline, PhD, Commissioner; Julie Cox-Kain, Senior Deputy Commissioner; Janice Hiner, Senior Advisor; Mark Newman, Director of State & Federal Policy; Steve Ronck, Deputy Commissioner Community & Family Health Services; Henry Hartsell, Deputy Commissioner Protective Health Services; Toni Frioux, Deputy Commissioner, Prevention & Preparedness Services; VaLauna Grissom, Secretary to the Board of Health; Vacant, Director, Office of Communications

Personnel  1522 classified, 522 unclassified, 138 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. Sixty-eight counties now operate health departments.

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 Committee (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 (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)
- 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)

Agency Code 807 (IA)  
4345 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City 73105  
405/522–7300, FAX 405/522–7100

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  Joel Nico Gomez, 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  
405/522–7417, FAX 405/530–7162

Administration  Lindsey Bateman, 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  
405/744–2693

www.oktechcert.org

Historic Preservation Review Committee, Oklahoma (53 O.S. § 353)

Agency Code 350 (IA)  
800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City 73105–7917  
405/521–6249
Mission Statement To provide advice to the Historic Preservation Officer

Administration Bob L. Blackburn, State Historic Preservation Officer; Melvena Heisch, 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) www.okhistory.org
800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City 73105–7917 405/521–2491, FAX 405/521–2492

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
Tim Zwink, PhD, Deputy Executive Director, 405/522–8989
Kathy Dickson, Museum & Sites Director, 405/522–5231
Melvena Heisch, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, 405/521–6249
Terry Howard, Comptroller, 405/522–5299
Sherrie Lee, Human Resources Director, 405/522–5204
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
Joyce Ballet, Chief Purchasing Officer, 405/522–0687
Elizabeth Bass, Director of Publications, 405/522–4860

Personnel 129 classified, 13 unclassified, 48 seasonal

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. § 1.4A)

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

PO Box 11415, Oklahoma City 73136–0415 www.homelandsecurity.ok.gov
405/425–7296, FAX 405/425–7295

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)

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, Interim Executive Director; Mary Ann Roberts, Staff Attorney; Bonnie Morris, Assistant to the Administrator; Mike Dixon, Director of Law Enforcement; Robin Helt, Fiscal Administrative Officer; Lisa Hanson, Licensing Supervisor; Phyllis Dean, Oklahoma-Bred Claims; Tara Teel, 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 who meet statutory criteria to have authorized gaming within the enclosure of the racetrack.

Personnel 35 FTE unclassified, non-merit

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

State-Tribal Gaming Act (3A O.S. § 261-282)

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

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, Executive Director; John Johnson, Deputy Director; Tadra Jones, Secretary to Board and Trust

Personnel  11 unclassified, non-merit

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

(State-beneficiary public trust)

Agency Code 922  (IA)  www.ohfa.org

100 NW 63 Street, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73116  PO Box 26720, Oklahoma City 73126

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

Administration  Dennis Shockley, Executive Director; John Marshall, Housing Development Team Leader; Deborah Jenkins, Rental Assistance Team Leader; Eldon Overstreet, Finance Team Leader; and Holley Mangham, Communications Director

Mission Statement  “Creating Housing Solutions for Oklahomans.” Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) helps people own a home, rent a place to live, or rehabilitate an existing home. Some families become homeowners at below-market interest rates through the agency’s single-family loan program. Those in need of rental assistance can afford to live in safe neighborhoods with help from the rental assistance program. Private developers can receive federal housing tax credits that allow them to build apartment complexes or single-family homes at affordable rates, passing the savings on to residents. Cities, towns, and non-profit organizations can help their communities with the aid of HOME dollars to rehabilitate existing homes or construct new homes to meet the housing needs in rural Oklahoma. OHFA also administers a HOPWA Program, and Contract Administration. OHFA is governed by a five-member board of trustees appointed by the governor. Trustees serve five-year terms.

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

Agency Code 830  (IA)  www.okdhs.org

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

405/521–3646, FAX 405/521–6458

Mission Statement  To help individuals and families in need help themselves lead safer, healthier, more independent and productive lives.

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

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

Adult and Family Services, Jim Struby, Director, 405/521–3076

Aging Services, Lance A. Robertson, Director, 405/521–2281

Business Quality, Office of; Mark A. Robison, Director, 405/522–5704

Child Care Services, Lesli Blazer, Director, 405/521–3561

Child Support Services, Gary Dart, Director, 405/522–2273

Child Welfare Services, Jami Ledoux, Interim Director, 405/521–3777

Citizens Advisory Panels, Connie Holland, Executive Assistant, 405/521–3646

Civil Rights, Office for; Bill Drapala, Administrator, 405/521–3529

Client Advocacy, office of, Kathryn Brewer, Advocate General, 405/525–4850

Communications, Office of; Sheree Powell, Director, 405/521–3027
Community Living & Support Services, Mark L. Jones, Chief Coordinating Officer, 405/521–6395
Developmental Disabilities Council, Ann Trudgeon, 405/521–4984
Developmental Disabilities Services, JoAnne Goin, Director, 405/521–6267
Finance and Administration, David Ligon, Director, 405/521–3577
Human Resource Management, Diane Haser-Bennett, Director, 405/521–3613
Information & Referral, Office of; Cynthia Kinkade, Coordinator, 405/521–3646
Inspector General, Office of;, Tony Bryan, Inspector General, 405/522–5880
Intergovernmental Relations & Policy, Office of; Samantha Galloway, Coordinator, 405/521–6392
Legal Services, Ron Blaze, General Counsel, 405/522–3535
Office of Community and Faith Engagement, Karen Jacobs, Coordinator, 405/521–3095
Planning, Research & Statistics, Office of, Connie Schlittler, Director, 405/521–3552
Support Services, Kelly Kappelman, Director, 405/521–3095

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.

Administration, Citizens Advisory Panel for (56 O.S. § 162.1b) Created until July 1, 2016.
Aging Issues, Citizens Advisory Panel for
(56 O.S. § 162.1b) Created until July 1, 2016; Effective Date November 7, 2012, by SQ 765 passage.
Children and Family Issues, Citizens Advisory Panel for (56 O.S. § 162.1b) Created until July 1, 2016
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 Issues, Citizens Advisory Panel for (56 O.S. § 162.1b) Created until July 1, 2016.
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)
Oklahoma Department of Commerce (IA)
Quality Jobs Program, 900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73104–3234
405/815–5552, 800/879–6552, FAX 405/605–2869
Administration  Richard Schwalbach 405/815–5269

Independent Living Council, Oklahoma Statewide (29 U.S.C. 796d)
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 480, Oklahoma City 73112
405/951–3581, FAX 405/951–3504
Administration  Sidna Madden, Executive Director
Mission Statement  To provide leadership in guiding the state’s planning process for independent living services so that needed services are available statewide.

Indigent Defense System, Oklahoma (22 O.S. § 1355)  Board (22 O.S. § 1355.1)
Agency Code 047
PO Box 926, Norman 73070
405/801–2601, FAX 405/801–2649

Incentive Approval Committee (68 O.S. § 3603)
Oklahoma Department of Commerce (IA)
Quality Jobs Program, 900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73104–3234
405/815–5552, 800/879–6552, FAX 405/605–2869
Administration  Richard Schwalbach 405/815–5269
Mission Statement  To provide indigents with legal representation comparable to that obtainable by those who can afford counsel and to do so in the most cost-effective manner possible. The Oklahoma Indigent Defense System is responsible for implementing the Indigent Defense Act by providing trial, appellate, and post-conviction criminal defense services to persons judicially determined to be entitled to legal counsel at state expense.

Administration  Joe P. Robertson, Executive Director; W. Craig Sutter, Deputy Executive Director; Angie Cole, Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel  135 unclassified, 10 temporary, non-merit

Industry Advisory Committee  (2 O.S. § 5–60)

Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center
Oklahoma State University, Room 148, Food and Agricultural Products Center, Stillwater 74078–6055

History and Function  Created to assist and advise the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center in prioritizing projects, setting fees, creating and designing joint ventures for the development and advancement of the production, processing, handling, and marketing of agricultural commodities, so that the center may meet the needs of the state’s value-added processing entities. Composed of sixteen members, the committee receives staff assistance from the center.

Insurance Department  (Constitution, Article 6 § 22; 36 O.S. § 301)

Agency Code 125 (IA)  www.oid.ok.gov
3625 NW 56 Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73112  405/521–2828, 800/522–0071, FAX 405/521–6652
Tulsa Office—7645 E 63 Street, Suite 102, Tulsa 74133  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, Director of Public Policy and Assistant General Counsel; Kelly Dexter, Director 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)  www.osbi.ok.gov
6600 N Harvey, Oklahoma City 73116  405/848–6724 (24 Hours), 800/522–8017, FAX 405/843–3804
Mission Statement  The mission of every OSBI member is to ensure the safety and security of the citizens of Oklahoma.

Administration  Stan Florence, Director; Charles Curtis, Deputy Director; Bob Harshaw, Division Director, Investigative Services; Andrea Swiech, Division Director, Criminalistics Services; Bryan Rizzi, Division Director, Information Services; Darrel Wilkins, Division Director, Administrative Services; Jimmy Bunn, Chief Legal Counsel

Personnel  267 classified, 37 unclassified, 23 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 Statute 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  www.okjazz.org
E-mail—info@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—eric.mitts@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 Eric Mitts, Director; Terry West, General Counsel; Members: Glen Huff, Chair; Jerry Franklin, Vice Chair; Cathy Christensen, Member

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)

Agency Code 400 (IA) www.ok.gov/oja
3812 N Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73118 PO Box 268812, Oklahoma City 73126–8812
405/530–2800, fax 405/530–2893

Administration T. Keith Wilson, Executive Director; Tammy Kelly, Secretary, Board of Juvenile Affairs 405/530–2806

Personnel 662 classified, 74 unclassified, 10 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 third Friday. Meetings are usually held at the Office of Juvenile Affairs office in Oklahoma City.

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
405/530–2853, fax 405/530–2913

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 Anna Kelly, Federal Grant Administrator, 405/530–2804, 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)*

Agency Code 405 (IA)  
www.labor.ok.gov  
OKC Office: 3017 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73105  
405/621–6100, FAX 405/621–6018  
Toll-free 888/269–5333  
E-mail—laborinfo@labor.ok.gov

**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**  
vacant, Commissioner of Labor; Jim Marshall, Chief of Staff; Don Schoeller, General Counsel; Stacy Bonner, Deputy Commissioner/Finance Director; Liz McNeill, Communications; Danielle Wade, Special Assistant to the Commissioner; Diana Jones, Director of OSHA Consultation Program/PEOSH/Asbestos; James Buck II, Director of Licensing Division; Angela Cobble, Director of Safety Standards Division

**Personnel** 47 classified, 19 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.

**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)*

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

Agency Code 410 (IA)  
www.clo.ok.gov  
204 N Robinson, Suite 900, Oklahoma City 73102  
405/521–4000, 888/355–2637, FAX 405/521–4444

**Administration**  
Harry W. Birdwell, Secretary; Keith Kuhlman, Assistant Secretary; Jessica Willis, Director of Communications; Diana Nichols, Internal Auditor; Karen Johnson, Chief Financial Officer; Ed Reyes, Director of Information Systems; Lisa Blodgett, General Counsel; Dave Shipman, Director, Minerals Management Division; James Spurgeon, Director, Real Estate Management Division; Steve Diffee, Director, Royalty Compliance Division; and Debra Sprehe, 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

**History and Function** The Commissioners of the Land Office, a constitutional agency, was created to manage and control lands and funds granted to the state under the provisions of the Enabling Act. The act, passed by the U.S. Congress in June 1906, gave to the state certain lands and funds for the support of schools and charged the commission with the sale, rental, disposal, and management of the lands as well as the trust funds and proceeds derived.

**Personnel** 39 classified, 18 unclassified, 4 temporary

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**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)  www.cleet.state.ok.us
2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma, 74820–0669 405/239–5100, FAX 405/239–5180

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 provisions of law.

Administration  Steve Emmons, Director 405/239–5152; Chuck Gerhart, Assistant Director, 405/239–5153

Personnel  42 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 576 hours of basic academy instruction. In 1987 CLEET assumed the responsibility to license security guards and private investigators, pursuant to the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigators Act.

Advisory Council (70 O.S. § 3311 B1)

Bomb Dog Advisory Council (70 O.S. § 3311 M2)
Curriculum Review Board (70 O.S. § 3311 B16)
Drug Dog Advisory Council (70 O.S. § 3311 L2)
Polygraph Board (59 O.S. § 1455)
Private Security Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 1750.3)

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

Agency Code 416 (IA)  www.olers.state.ok.us
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, 73103 405/522–4931, 877/213–0856, FAX 405/522–5004

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 Poplin, 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)
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 122, Oklahoma City 73105 (IA) 405/521–2141, FAX 405/521–3902

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

State Capitol, Oklahoma City 73105  
405/521–5662

**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**  
Dale Wythe, Director

**Personnel**  
9 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.odl.state.ok.us

Allen Wright Memorial Library Building, 200 NE 18 Street, Oklahoma City 73105  
405/521–2502, 800/522–8116, FAX 405/525–7804  
E-mail—webteam@oltn.odl.state.ok.us

**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 Hawkins, 405/521–2508  
Federal Operations, Judy Tirey, 405/522–3317  
Legal and Legislative Reference, Christine Chen, 405/522–3389  
Library Development, Vicki Mohr, 405/522–3217  
Library Resources, Kitty Pittman, 405/522–3192  
Oklahoma Almanac, Connie G. Armstrong, 405/522–3383  
Public Information, William R. Young, 405/522–3562  
State Government Information, Judith Matthews, 405/522–3189  
U.S. Government Information, Steve Beleu, 405/522–3327

**Personnel**  
46 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  
www.odl.state.ok.us/oar

**Mission Statement**  
To assist state agencies in establishing and administering records man-
agement 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

www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/administration/ohrab.htm

**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

405/522–2502, 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

**Contact** Jan Davis

Hours: Monday, 8 AM to 5 PM (closed 12 noon to 1 PM); Wednesday, 8 AM to 11 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

405/272–9221, FAX 405/236–3121

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
(Small Business Board) (62 O.S. § 88.3)
Office of the State Treasurer (IA)
State Capitol, Room 217, Oklahoma City 73105
www.treasurer.ok.gov
Administration  Ken Miller, State Treasurer, Chair
History and Function  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)
3815 Santa Fe, Suite 117, Oklahoma City 73118
405/521–2458, fax 405/521–6037
E-mail—lpgasinfo@lpgas.state.ok.us
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  W. A. Glass, 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.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Research, Marketing and Safety Commission (52 O.S. § 420.22; 52 O.S. § 420.31)
The commission will be terminated effective 11/01/2015 and will be privatized.
Agency Code 444 (IA)
6412 N Santa Fe Avenue, Suite C, Oklahoma City 73116
E-mail—lpgascomm@rhess.com
Administration  Richard Hess, 405/879–9828, fax 405/879–0304
History and Function  The LP Gas Research, Marketing and Safety Commission was created in 1994 to enhance safety training and education for both propane marketers and the state’s propane consumers. The LP Gas Commission created the nation’s first Regulator Rebate Program, and has now replaced more than 35,000 faulty or out-of-date propane regulators in the state. The commission has also distributed more than 400,000 safety pamphlets to Oklahoma consumers, and offers a Propane Consumer Guide to new propane customers at no charge. Each year, the commission assists with approximately thirty safety programs for propane marketers, and offers specific training for persons planning to take the Class I owners exam or the Class X managers exam. The LP Gas Research, Marketing and Safety Commission has primary responsibility for propane marketing activities in Oklahoma, and works with the national Propane Education and Research Council on research programs and the development of new propane technology. Effective November 1, 2015, the commission’s name will change to Oklahoma Propane Education and Safety Council, and will be a nonprofit organization.

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)
www.ok.gov/osbeltca
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, 2018.


3817 N Santa Fe, Oklahoma City, 73118
405/522–7700 E-mail—info@lottery.ok.gov

Administration Rollo Redburn, Director

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) www.omes.ok.gov
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 122, Oklahoma City 73105 405/521–2141, fax 405/521–3902

Administration Preston Doerflinger, Director of OMES, Secretary of Finance, Administration, and Information Technology; Susan Perry, Executive Assistant

Budget and Policy, 405/521–2141
Capital Assets Management, 405/522–3620
Central Accounting and Reporting, 405/521–2141
Central Purchasing, 405/522–0955
Human Capital Management, 405/521–2177
Information Services, 405/521–2444
Legal, 405/717–8911
Performance and Efficiency, 405/521–2141
Public Affairs, 405/521–3097

Total Personnel 225 classified, 1,078 unclassified, 27 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, Executive Director; 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.
Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Profiles

Medical Authority, Oklahoma State University (63 O.S. § 3275)
www.osumc.net 918/599–1000

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, 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, C.A.E., Executive Director; Reji T. Varghese, Executive Deputy Director; Billy H. Stout, M.D., Secretary; Eric E. Frische, MD, Medical Director

Personnel 13 classified, 6 unclassified, 2 temporary

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)
Allied Peer Assistance Committee (59 O.S. § 518.11)
Anesthesiologist Assistants Committee (59 O.S. § 3201–3208)
Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 888.12)
Advisory Committee on Orthotics and Prosthetics (59 O.S. § 3005)
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 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 PO Box 18256, Oklahoma City 73154–0256
405/962–1400, 800/381–4519, FAX 405/962–1499

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.

Advisory Committees
Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 529)
Advisory Committee on Registered Electrologists (59 O.S. § 536.5)
Allied Peer Assistance Committee (59 O.S. § 518.11)
Anesthesiologist Assistants Committee (59 O.S. § 3201–3208)
Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 888.12)
Advisory Committee on Orthotics and Prosthetics (59 O.S. § 3005)
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 918/587–2561

Medicolegal Investigations, Board of (63 O.S. § 931)
www.ok.gov/ocme

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
Timothy Dwyer, Chief Investigator
Tulsa Office: Joshua Lanter, MD, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner; Vacant, Office Manager

Personnel  88 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)

Agency Code 452 (IA)  www.odmhsas.org
1200 NE 13 Street, Oklahoma City 73117  PO Box 53277, Oklahoma City 73152–3277
405/522–3908, FAX 405/522–3650

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, 405/522–3928; Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Deputy Commissioner/Treatment and Recovery Services, 405/522–3908; Steven Buck, Deputy Commissioner/Communications and Prevention Services, 405/522–3908
Consumer Advocate General, 405/521–4256
General Counsel, 405/522–3871
Human Resources, 405/522–3902
Inspector General, 405/522–3871
Provider Certification, 405/522–3800
Public Information/Public Affairs, 405/522–3907
General Information, 405/522–3908

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)

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

Merit Protection Commission  (74 O.S. § 840–1)
Agency Code 298 (IA)  www.mpc.ok.gov
3545 NW 58 Street, Suite 360, Oklahoma City 73112  405/525–9144, FAX 405/528–6245
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  5 positions, 2 unclassified, 1 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)

Agency Code 025 (IA)  www.ok.ngb.army.mil
3501 Military Circle, Oklahoma City 73111–4305  405/228–5000, FAX 405/228–5524

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 Robbie Asher, Adjutant General
405/228–5201, FAX 405/228–5524

Personnel  76 classified, 242 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 6,721 personnel in 95 units statewide. Its main components are the Forty-fifth Infantry Brigade, Combat Team, Ninetieth Troop Command, and the Forty-fifth Fires Brigade. The Air National Guard has an authorized strength of 2,339 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)

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

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

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

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
www.ompa.com
405/340–5047, FAX 405/359–1071

Mission Statement  To provide competitively priced electric service at the lowest cost possible, offering additional services that allow members to enjoy the full benefits of municipal ownership and giving consideration to the needs of member cities served.

Administration  David Osburn, General Manager; Drake N. Rice, Director 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-one 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)
www.ok.gov/obn/dd
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, human-trafficking, and a money laundering free state.

Administration  R. Darrell Weaver, Director

Personnel  62 classified, 79 unclassified, 4 OMES positions, 2 grant positions

History and Function  The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBNDCC) 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; OBNDCC is also tasked with investigating and reducing human trafficking and money laundering in Oklahoma. Additionally, OBNDCC coordinates the Oklahoma Drug Endangered Children program to respond to children living in a drug environment. The strength of OBNDCC 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 OBNDCC headquarters in Oklahoma City; five (5) district offices located in Ardmore, Lawton, McAlester, Tulsa, and Woodward; and fifteen (14) regional offices in Ada, Altus, Chickasha, Clinton, Duncan, Durant, Enid, Guymon, Idabel, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Poteau, Stillwater, and Vinita.

OBNDCC partners with various local, state, and federal agencies on major long-term projects. OBNDCC 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, OBNDCC 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. OBNDCC 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)  
900 N Broadway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73102–5843  
www.theamericanindiancenter.org  
405/239–5500, FAX 405/602–5013  
Administration  
J. Blake Wade, Executive Director, Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, 405/239–5500  

History and Function  
The Native American Cultural and Education 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  
www.sammoblemuseum.ou.edu  
405/325–4712, FAX 405/325–7699  
E-mail—snomnh@ou.edu  
Administration  
Michael A. Mares PhD, 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  
www.ok.gov/nursing  
405/962–1800, FAX 405/962–1821  
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  
28 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 2015. 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 2015 (as of June 30, 2015), there were 52,962 Registered Nurses, 18,866 Licensed Practical Nurses, and 2,891 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses holding licenses in the state. In addition, there were 646 Advanced Unlicensed Assistants in the state. There are thirty-five approved schools preparing Registered Nurses at fifty-eight different sites; thirty-three approved schools preparing Licensed Practical Nurses at fifty different sites; and ten approved schools for Advanced Unlicensed Assistants. The Board is self-sustaining through collection of licensing and renewal fees.
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).

Oilseed Commission, Oklahoma (2 O.S. § 18–272) Re-created until June 1, 2017.
www.okoilseed.org

Optometry, Board of Examiners In (59 O.S. § 582)
Agency Code 520
2008 S Post Road, Suite 200, Midwest City 73130
www.optometry.ok.gov
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. Re-created until July 1, 2016.

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
4848 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73105
www.osboe.ok.gov
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)
PO Box 53448, Oklahoma City 73152
www.ok.gov/ppb
405/521–6600
Mission Statement To provide the Parole Board with the best possible information, through a case-by-case investigative process, for their use in making decisions whether or not to recommend the supervised release of adult felons.
Administration Delynn Fudge, Executive Director
Personnel 31 classified, 2 unclassified, 5 temporary
Mission Statement To serve the citizens of Oklahoma by making careful and informed decisions which focus on ensuring public safety, protecting victims’ rights, and providing offenders with opportunities for positive change through careful and informed decisions on the parole for non-violent
offenders and making careful and informed recommendations to the governor regarding the parole for violent offenders as well as for pardons and clemency requests.

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 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, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3495, FAX 405/521–3426  www.ok-pension.state.ok.us
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 a member of the Oklahoma Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority; and, (5) one member who shall be a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority; (6) one person to be appointed by the governor who shall have at least ten years of demonstrated experience in the banking industry; and (7) one person to be appointed by the governor who shall have at least ten years of experience in professional pension planning, including demonstrated experience with defined benefit 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, under-funded 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)
101 NE 51 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/962–1400, FAX 405/962–1499  www.okperfusionists.org
PO Box 18256, Oklahoma City 73154–0256  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, CAE, 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  Dr. John A. Foust, Pharm. D., DPh, Executive Director

Personnel  2 classified, 8 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 under served areas of Oklahoma by administering residency, internship, and scholarship incentive programs that encourage medical and nursing personnel to practice in rural and under served 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 under served areas of Oklahoma.

Administration  James R. Bishop, Executive Director; Charlotte Jiles, Deputy Executive Director; Terrie Hardin, Executive Secretary; Michelle Cecil, Nursing Scholarship Coordinator

Personnel  4 classified, 3 unclassified

History and Function  Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1975 to increase the number of practicing physicians in rural and under served areas of Oklahoma, the commission is charged to administer the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program, Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Program, Physician Placement Program, Physician/Community Match Program, Internship and Residency Programs, Nursing Student Assistance Program, and the Physician Assistant Program.

Podiatric Medical Examiners, Oklahoma State Board of  (59 O.S. § 137, 74 O.S. § 3906)
Agency Code 140 (IA)  www.okpodiatrists.org
101 NE 51 Street, Oklahoma City, 73105 PO Box 18256, Oklahoma City 73154–0256
405/962–1400, FAX 405/962–1499  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, 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**

(11O.S. § 50–102.1) **Board** (11O.S. § 50–103.1)

Agency Code 557 (IA) [www.opprs.ok.gov](http://www.opprs.ok.gov)

1001 NW 63 Street, Suite 305, Oklahoma City 73116 405/840-3555, 800/347-6552, FAX 405/840-8465

E-mail—opprs@opprs.ok.gov

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

Administration  Steven K. Snyder, Executive Director

Personnel  12 unclassified, non-merit

**Polygraph Examiners Board**

(59 O.S. § 1455, 74 O.S. § 3906) Re-created until July 1, 2019

Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET)

2401 Egypt Road, Ada 74820 405/239-5164, FAX 405/239-5182

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** (70 O.S. § 3213.1)

[www.ucponcacity.com](http://www.ucponcacity.com)

**Port Authorities** (82 O.S. § 1102)

*Muskogee City-County Port Authority*, PO Box 2819, Muskogee 74402, 918/682-7886, FAX 918/683-4811, [www.muskogeeport.com](http://www.muskogeeport.com)

*City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority*, 5350 Cimarron Road, Catoosa 74015; 918/266-2291, 888/572-7678, FAX 918/266-7678, [www.tulsaport.com](http://www.tulsaport.com)

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 was 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)  www.osbep.ok.gov
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**

3 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 Relations Board**

*(11 O.S. § 51–104; 74 O.S. § 3903) Re-created until July 1, 2016*

Agency Code 580 (IA)  www.ok.gov/DCS/PERB
2401 N Lincoln Blvd., Room 206, Oklahoma City 73105  405/522–6723, FAX 405/521–6403

E-mail—perb@omes.ok.gov

**Administration**

Debbie Tiehen, Administrator

**History and Function**

Established in 1972, the Public Employees Relation Board (PERB) administers the provisions of the Fire and Police Arbitration Act (FPAA), 11 O.S. § 51–101 et seq., which governs collective bargaining for police officers and firefighters. PERB prohibits certain practices by municipal employers and employee organizations, provides procedures for filing, investigation, and adjudication of election petitions and unfair labor practice charges.

**Public Employees Retirement System, Oklahoma**

*(74 O.S. § 903) Board of Trustees (74 O.S. § 905)*

Agency Code 515 (IA)  www.opers.ok.gov
5801 N Broadway Extension, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73118–7484  405/858–6737, 800/733–9008
PO Box 53007, Oklahoma City 73152–3007  FAX/SoonerSave 405/848–5946
FAX/Administration 405/848–5967  FAX/Member Services 405/858–6714

**Mission Statement**

To provide and promote comprehensive, accountable, and financially sound retirement services to Oklahoma’s public servants in a professional, efficient, and courteous manner.

**Administration**

Joseph A. Fox, JD, Executive Director

Chief Investment Officer, Brad Tilberg, CFA
Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance, Susan Reed, CPA
Defined Benefits Administrator, Rebecca Catlett
Defined Contributions Administrator, Ray Pool, CPA
Human Resources Manager, Diana Byrd, CEBS, SPHR
General Counsel, Dessa Baker-Inman, JD
Investment Accounting/Financial Reporting, Brian Wolf, CPA, Asst. CFO
Legislative & Policy Director, Kristi Ice, JD
Member Services Director, Patrick Lane

**Personnel**

12 classified, 44 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, the Deferred Compensation Plan, and the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Savings Incentive Plan.

Audit Committee

Budget and Policy Committee

Investment Committee

Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park, Board of Trustees for (70 O.S. § 4451)

www.quartzmountainresort.com

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 (59 O.S. § 858–705)

Insurance Department (IA)
3625 NW 56 Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73112
E-mail—christine.mcintire@oid.ok.gov

Administration  Christine McEntire, Director

History and Function  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 (59 O.S. § 858–201; 74 O.S. § 3904) Re-created until July 1, 2017

Agency Code 588 (IA)
1915 N Stiles, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3387, 866/521–3389

Mission Statement  To safeguard the public interest by requiring high standards of knowledge and ethical practices of licensees; to discipline licensees who engage in dishonest, fraudulent, or criminal activities in the conduct of real estate transactions; and to facilitate the prosecution of any person who is found in violation of the Oklahoma Real Estate License Code.

Administration  Charla J. Slabotsky, Executive Director

Personnel  10 classified, 4 unclassified, merit

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 (59 O.S. § 858–208)

Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma State (Constitution, Article 13A § 2; 70 O.S. § 3202)

Agency Code 605 (IA)
655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73104–6266
405/225–9100, FAX 405/225–9230
PO Box 108850, Oklahoma City 73101–8850  Student Information Hot line 800/858–1840

Administration  Dr. Glen D. Johnson, Chancellor, 405/225–9100; Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, Information Technology, Telecommunications and
Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Profiles

OneNet, 405/225–9130; Blake Sonobe, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 405/225–9170; Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, 405/225–9173; Bob Anthony, General Counsel, 405/225–9129; Mary Heid, Executive Director of the Oklahoma College Assistance Program, 405/234–4300; Kylie Smith, Vice Chancellor for Administration, 405/225–9122; Tony Hutchison, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning and Analysis and Workforce and Economic Development, 405/225–9175; Vonley Royal, Executive Director of OneNet and Higher Education Chief Information Officer.

Personnel 225 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function 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 Accountability, Robert Buswell, Administrator

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) www.okdrs.gov
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73112–4824

Mission Statement To provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to achieve productivity, independence, and an enriched quality of life.

Administration Joe Cordova, Executive Director, 405/951–3400; Public Information Administrator, Jody Harlan, 405/951–3473; Chief Fiscal Officer, Kevin Stattham, 405/951–3422; Chief of Staff, Cheryl Gray, 405/951–3418; Disability Determination Division, Noel Tyler, Administrator, 405/419–2200; Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Mark Kinnison, Administrator, 405/951–3491; Visual Services Administrator, Doug Boone, 405/951–3485 Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Kevin Treese, Programs Manager, 800/523–0288, 405/521–3514, www.olbph.org
Oklahoma School for the Blind (Parkview School) Vacant, 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 monthly (except in July), at the DRS State Office, Disability Determination Division, Oklahoma School for the Blind, or Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

Personnel 798 classified, 194 unclassified, 19 temporary

Statewide Independent Living Council
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 480, Oklahoma City 73112–4824 www.oksilc.org
405/951–3581, TTY/TDD 405/325–4927 FAX 405/951–3504
Administration Sidna Madden, Director

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (29 U.S.C. 725) www.ok.gov/orc
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73112–4824
Administration Theresa Hamrick 405/951–3579, Voice/TTY/TDD 800/569–7974
Rural Development, Center for (70 O.S. § 4803)
124 W Shawnee, Suite C, Tahlequah, OK 74464 918/458–9687
E-mail—murphyrf@nsuok.edu

Mission Statement  Housed at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, the Center provides economic development services for the State of Oklahoma. The office provides geographic, demographic, economic, and growth information about Oklahoma communities and the state itself.

Safety, Department of Public (47 O.S. § 2–101)
Agency Code 585 (IA)  www.dps.state.ok.us
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  Michael C. Thompson, Commissioner of Public Safety, 405/425–2001;
Gerald Davidson, Assistant Commissioner, 405/425–2002
Administrative Rules Liaison, Chris Sherman, 405/425–7394
Driver Compliance, Doug Young, 405/425–2156
Driver License Examining, Jeff Hankins, 405/425–7732
General Counsel, Stephen Krise, 405/425–2148
Highway Patrol Chief, Ricky Adams, 405/425–2004
Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems Division, Gene Thaxton, 405/425–2224
Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, Garry Thomas, 405/523–1570
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  1,404 classified, 39 unclassified, 48 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. § 2–310.1)

Motorcycle Safety and Education, Advisory Committee for (47 O.S. § 40–122) www.ok.gov/okiemoto

Scenic Rivers Commission, Oklahoma (82 O.S. § 1461 & 74 O.S. § 3904) Re-created until July 1, 2017
Agency Code 630  www.oklahomascenicrivers.net
www.twitter.com/OKScenicRivers  www.facebook.com/OKSRC
15971 HWY 10, Tahlequah, PO Box 292, Tahlequah 74465–0292 918/456–3251, FAX 918/456–8466

Administration  Ed Fite, Administrator, ed.fite@osrc.ok.gov; Cheryl Allen, Administrative Manager, admin.manager@osrc.ok.gov; Nancy Sanchez, Administrative Assistant, nancy.sanchez@osrc.ok.gov; and Bill James, Captain, Ranger Department, river.ranger@osrc.ok.gov

Board of Commissioners  Gerald Hilsher, Chair, Tulsa; Dr. Riley B. Needham, Vice-Chair, Bartlesville; David Pickle, Secretary/Treasurer; Jeff Bashaw, Member, Jay; Monte Bradford, Member, Westville; Randy Corp, Member, Edmond; Michael Fuhr, Member, Tulsa; Archie “Trey” Peyton III, Member, Tahlequah; David Pickle, Member, Tahlequah; Steve Randall,
History and Function  The Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Act (OSRA) was enacted in 1970. The purpose of the OSRA 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 six (6) 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. In 1977 the present commission was created to oversee and implement provisions of the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Act for the Illinois and Flint Creek located in Adair, Cherokee, and Delaware counties, and that portion of the Barren Fork Creek located within Cherokee County.

School and County Funds Management, Oklahoma Commission on
(60 O.S. § 177.2)
State Department of Education 405/521–3460, FAX 405/522–3559
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) www.ossm.edu
1141 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73104–2847 405/521–6436, FAX 405/521–6442
Mission Statement To foster the educational development of Oklahoma high school students who are academically talented in science and mathematics and who show promise of exceptional development through participation in a residential educational setting emphasizing instruction in the field of science and mathematics; and to assist in the improvement of science and mathematics education for the state by developing, evaluating, and disseminating instructional programs and resources to all schools and students of the state.
Administration Frank Y.H. Wang, PhD, President, Email: 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, 2017
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) www.ocast.ok.gov
755 Research Parkway, Suite 110, Oklahoma City 73104–3612
405/319–8400, FAX 405/319–8426, Toll Free 866/265–2215
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; Chad Mullen, Director of Government Relations & Special Projects; Vacant, 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, Vacant
- Oklahoma Health Research Committee, Mary Beth Humphrey, MD, PhD, Chair
- Oklahoma Nanotechnology Applications Project Committee, Dale Teeters, Chair
- Oklahoma Plant Sciences Research Advisory Committee, Rodd Moesel, Chair
- Seed Capital Investment Committee, Sherri Wise, Chair
- Small Business Research Assistance Committee, Rafal Fanjo, Chair

Nanotechnology Initiative, Oklahoma (SCR 23, 2003)  www.omhof.com

Science and Technology Research and Development Board, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 5060.2)

Secretary of State, Office of

Agency Code 625 (IA)
State Capitol, Room 101, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City 73105-4897
405/521–3912, FAX 405/521–3771

Office of Administrative Rules and Public Services—220 Will Rogers Building, 2401 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–4911, FAX 405/522–3555

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  Chris Benge, Secretary of State; Chris Morriss, Assistant Secretary of State and Chief International Protocol Officer; Tookie Hayes, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State; Peggy Coe, Director/Managing Editor of the Oklahoma Administrative Code/Register; Tod Wall, Director of Information Systems

Accounting, 405/522–4568, FAX 405/521–2031
Administrative Rules, 405/521–4911, FAX 405/522–3555
Agriculture Liens, 405/521–2474, FAX 405/522–3555
Apostilles, 405/521–4211, FAX 405/521–3771
Business Filings, 405/522–2520, FAX 405/521–3771
Business Records, 405/521–4211
Certification Department, 405/521–4211, FAX 405/521–3771
Charitable Organizations, 405/522–2520, FAX 405/521–3771
Executive/Legislative, 405/522–4564, FAX 405/521–3771
Information Systems, 405/522–2495, FAX 405/521–3771
Notary, 405/521–2516, FAX 405/522–3555
Public Meeting Notices, 405/521–4911, FAX 405/522–3555
Trademarks, 405/522–2520, FAX 405/521–3771
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  29 classified, 4 unclassified, 4 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 it 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, Assistant Secretary of State, International Protocol Officer, 405/522–2076, fax 405/521–2031

Securities Commission, Oklahoma  (71 O.S. § 1–101–1–701)

Agency Code 630 (IA)  www.securities.ok.gov
Oklahoma Department of Securities  405/280–7700, FAX 405/280–7742
204 N Robinson, Suite 400, First National Center, Oklahoma City 73102


Administration  Irving L. Faught, Administrator; Melanie Hall, Deputy Administrator; Kenneth Mailard, Chief of Registrations and Exemptions; Carol Gruis, Chief of Securities Professional Registrations; W. Charles Kaiser, Chief Information Officer; Faye Morton, General Counsel

Personnel  28 unclassified

History and Function  The commission as well as the department were created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1959. Their 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  405/755–1558

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). Re-created until July 1, 2013.

**Shorthand Reporters, State Board of Examiners of Certified**

(20 O.S. §1501; 74 O.S. §3903)

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

**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**

(59 O.S. § 1253) Recreated until July 1, 2020

Agency Code 622 (IA)  www.ok.gov/socialworkers

3700 Classen Boulevard, Suite 162, Oklahoma City 73118 405/521–3712, FAX 405/521–3713

**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

**Sorghum Commission, Oklahoma**

(2 O.S. § 18–242) Re-created until July 1, 2018

4201 N Interstate 27, Lubbock, TX 79403 806/749–3478, FAX 806/749–9002

**Mission Statement**  To increase Oklahoma grain sorghum profitability through research, education, and promotion. Oklahoma’s commission has contracted for administrative services through the national office in Lubbock, Texas. Created until July 1, 2018.

**Space Industry Development Authority, Oklahoma**

(74 O.S. § 5203) **Board** (74 O.S. § 5207)

Agency Code 346 www.airspaceport.ok.com

121 First Street, Burns Flat, Oklahoma, 73624 PO Box 689, 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**  4 unclassified, non-merit
Special Advocate, Court Appointed

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Board of Examiners for (59 O.S. § 1607) Recreated until July 1, 2019.
Agency Code 632 (IA) www.obespa.ok.gov
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 2 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) www.tax.ok.gov
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; Dawn Cash, 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—Jerry Statton, 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—Andrew Messer, 405/521–3213
Management Services—Melissa Reames, 405/522–4809, FAX 405/522–0196; Carol McCullar, Chief Financial Officer; 405/521–6168, FAX 405/522–0196
Economist—Reece Womack, 405/521–4309, FAX 405/522–5162
General Counsel—Vacant, 405/319–8550, FAX 405/601–7144
Taxpayer Assistance Division—Joanne Kurjan, 405/522–1626, FAX 405/522–1942

Personnel 502 classified, 219 unclassified
History and Function The first Tax Commission was composed of three members appointed by the governor with the consent of the Oklahoma Senate. The gubernatorial appointment contingent on Senate confirmation has remained in effect since 1931, but the terms, numbers, and removal of commissioners have undergone a few changes.
The commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of state tax laws, the 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.

The Oklahoma Legislature, in 1947, fixed the terms of the commissioners at six years each, staggered so that one new appointment would come up every two years. The first appointments under this reorganization were to expire on the second Monday of the years 1949, 1951, and 1953. Thereafter, each term would run six years. The 1947 statute also removed the power of the governor to dismiss a commissioner except for cause and in the manner provided by law.

**Tobacco Tax Advisory Committee, Cigarette and (68 O.S. § 302–6)**

**Teachers’ Retirement System of Oklahoma (70 O.S. § 17–102)**

**Trustees (70 O.S. § 17–106)**

Agency Code 715 (IA)  
5th Floor, Oliver Hodge Building, 2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105  
PO Box 53524, Oklahoma City 73152–3524  
405/521–2387, FAX 405/522–2521, Toll Free 877/738–6365

**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.

**Administration** Tom Spencer, Executive Director, 405/521–4745; Julie Ezell, General Counsel; Dixie Moody, Director of Client Services; Sam Moore, Director of Finance/CFO; Kim D. Bold, Director of Human Resources; Melissa Kempkes, Investment Analyst

**Personnel** 37 unclassified

**History and Function** 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. Employer contributions are a combination of 5.0 percent of the state’s sales and income taxes and contributions from local school districts. The board of trustees has responsibility for the general operations of the Teachers’ Retirement System. The board is composed of fourteen members: six appointed by the governor, and four appointed by the legislature, three ex-officio members, and one non-voting member appointed by a statewide retiree organization. Eight of the fourteen members are plan participants and five members are from the business community.

**Textbook Committee, Oklahoma State** (Constitution, Article 8 § 6; 70 O.S. § 16–101)

State Department of Education, Instructional Materials Section (IA)  
Oliver Hodge Building, 2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105–4599  
405/521–3456, FAX 405/521–2971  
E-mail—timmie.spangler@ade.ok.gov

**Administration** Timmie Spangler, Director, Instructional Materials

**History and Function** 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  
866/530–8736, 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  Tracey Strader, 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.

Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund, Board of Investors of the (Constitution, Article 10 § 40)

Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma  (74 O.S. § 2201)

Commission (74 O.S. § 2201)
900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73104–3234; PO Box 52002, Oklahoma City, 73152–2002

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, 405/230–8414
   Administrative Services, Zettie Farrow, 405/230–8331
   Discover Oklahoma, Barbara Merckx, 405/230–8431
   Human Resources, Denise Edwards, 405/230–8354
   Oklahoma Film & Music, Tava Sofsky, 405/230–8441
   Oklahoma Today magazine, Colleen McIntyre, 405/230–8454
   State Parks Division, Kris Marek, 405/230–8476
   Tourism Promotion Division, Jennifer Mullins, 405/230–8301

Personnel  204 classified, 238 unclassified, 271 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)  405/230–8402
Oklahoma Today Magazine (74 O.S. § 2237)  405/230–8454

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; Tim Gatz, Deputy Director; Casey Shell, Chief Engineer; Tim Tegeler, Director of Engineering; Paul Green, Director of Operations; John Bowman, Director of Capital Programs

Personnel  2,238 classified, 81 unclassified, 32 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 $2 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)

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73104
405/225–9456, 800/858–1840, FAX 405/225–9392
E-mail—studentinfo@osrhe.edu
Administration Irala K. Magee, Director of Scholarship and Grant Administration

Turnpike Authority, Oklahoma (69 O.S. § 1703)

3500 Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City 73111
PO Box 11357, Oklahoma City 73136–0357
405/425–3600, FAX 405/427–8246

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 Stewart, Director; Alan Freeman, Assistant Executive Director, Finance, and Administration; David Murdock, Assistant Executive Director, Maintenance, Engineering, and Construction; David Machamer, Assistant Executive Director, Toll and PIKEPASS Operations

Personnel 491 classified, 52 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)

Agency Code 755
2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 57, Oklahoma City 73107
405/521–3600, FAX 405/521–3604

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
Veterans Affairs, Oklahoma Department of

Agency Code 650 (IA)
War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma, 2311 N Central, Box 53067, Oklahoma City 73152
405/521–3684, FAX 405/521–6533

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  Major General Myles Deering, Executive Director; Doug Elliott, Deputy Executive Director
Claims and Benefits Programs Administrator, Jackie Whitten, 405/521–3684
Muskogee: John Wilson, Manager of Muskogee Claims and Benefits Office, 918/781–7766
Tulsa: Cody Wyatt, NE Regional Claims Programs Administrator, 918/348–4901
Ardmore Veterans Center: Regeana McCreacken, Administrator, 580/223–2266
Claremore Veterans Center: Tim Putteiger, Administrator, 918/342–5432
Clinton Veterans Center: Katherine Kreizenbeck, Administrator, 580/331–2200
Lawton Veterans Center: Tonya Hendricks, Administrator, 580/351–6511
Norman Veterans Center: Jay Horne, Administrator, 405/360–5600
Sulphur Veterans Center: Stacie Paige, Administrator, 580/622–2144
Talihina Veterans Center: Eva Dukes, Interim 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: 405/521–3684
Tulsa: 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
2311 N Central, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3684

Veterinary Medical Examiners, Board of

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.
Visual and Performing Arts, Oklahoma School for the (70 O.S. § 1210.451)

www.okarts.us

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 Annie Pearson, 405/422–1486; E-mail—pearsona@redlandscc.edu

Water Resources Board, Oklahoma (82 O.S. § 1085.1)

Agency Code 835 (IA) www.owrb.ok.gov

3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118–2855

Tulsa—440 S Houston, Room 2, 74127, 918/581–2924
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, protecting, and improving the state's water resources to ensure clean, safe, and reliable water supplies, a strong economy, and a safe and healthy environment.

Administration JD Strong, Executive Director; Robert Singletary, General Counsel; Joe Freeman, Chief, Financial Assistance; Derek Smithee, Chief, Water Quality Programs; Julie Cunningham, Chief, Planning And Management; Amanda Storck, Chief Administrative Services

Personnel 65 classified, 35 unclassified, 5 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, irrigational, 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) Oklahoma Department of Transportation

ODOT Waterways Branch E-mail—waterways@odot.org

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 commer-
cially-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 handling bulk commodities and one handling liquids; one economist with not less than five continuous years of experience in inland navigation feasibility studies, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation issues who possesses demonstrated knowledge of the maritime and towing industry; 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 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 designed he M-40 marine highway 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 2014 estimated waterborne commerce totaled over 5.7 million tons worth over $2.56 billion. The tonnage is equivalent to the carrying capacity of 57,693 railcars, or 221,896 semi-trucks respectively. An estimated total of 11.7 millions tons valued around $4.25 billion were shipped on the entire MKARNS in 2014. Commodity with the most tonnage were chemical fertilizer, iron and steel, soybeans, wheat, and other grains, sand, gravel and rock, and coal and coke. 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;29:3–101)

**Commission** (Constitution, Article 26 §1;29:3–101)

**Agency Code 320 (1A)**

www.wildlifedepartment.com

2145 NE 36 Street, Oklahoma City
PO Box 53465, Oklahoma City 73152–3465

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

**Will Rogers Memorial Commission** (53 O.S. § 47.1)

**Agency Code 880**

1720 W Will Rogers Boulevard, Claremore
918/341–0719, 800/324–9455, FAX 918/343–8119

www.willrogers.com

PO Box 157, Claremore 74018–0157
Mission Statement To collect, preserve, and share the life, wisdom, and humor of Will Rogers for all generations.

Administration Tad Jones, Director

Personnel 4 classified, 5 unclassified, 14 temporary, merit

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1937, the Will Rogers Memorial Commission honors the famed Oklahoma cowboy humorist. The main museum building at Claremore was constructed in 1938 on land given to the state by Mrs. Rogers, who also contributed many museum exhibits depicting her husband’s career. Will Rogers’s birthplace on Lake Oologah is also under the direction of the commission and the Memorial administration offices. The memorial in Claremore is open from 10 AM to 5 PM seven days a week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The ranch in Oologah, is open from 8 AM to 5 PM daily.

Worker’s Compensation Commission, Oklahoma (SB 1062)

1915 N Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

www.ok.gov/wcc

Administration Robert Gilliland, Chair; Dr. LeRoy Young, Vice-Chair; Mark Liotta, Commissioner; Kim Bailey, 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, 73717–3005 • Telephone 580/327–8000, FAX 580/327–8018 • West Institutions, • Janice Melton, Warden; Becky Guffy, Deputy Warden

Clara Waters Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 9901 N I–35 Service Road, Oklahoma City, 73131 • Telephone 405/254–3200, FAX 405/254–3290 • Oklahoma County Community Corrections/Residential Services • Brian Thornburgh, District Supervisor; Aboutanaa Elhabti, Assistant District Supervisor

Eddie Warrior Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 400 North Oak, Post Office Box 315, Taft, 74463–0315 • Telephone 918/683–8365, FAX 918/683–7842 • East Institutions, • Sharon L. McCoy, Warden; Gregory Breslin, Deputy Warden

Enid Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 2020 E Main Avenue, Enid, 73702–6445 • Telephone 580/977–3800, FAX 580/977–3834 • Community Corrections, Northwest • Mike Carr, District Supervisor; Chris Frech, Assistant District Supervisor; Kristie Phillips, Assistant District Supervisor; John Lipsey, Assistant District Supervisor

Howard McLeod Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 1970 E Whippoorwill Lane, Atoka, 74525 • Telephone 580/889–6651, FAX 580/889–2264 • East Institutions, • Tommy Sharp, Warden; Vacant, Deputy Warden

Jackie Brannon Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 900 N West Street, Post Office Box 1999, McAlester, 74502–1999 • Telephone 918/421–3339, FAX 918/426–0004 • East Institutions, • Jerry Chrisman, Warden; Vacant, Deputy Warden

James Crabtree Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 216 N Murray Street, Helena, 73741–9606 • Telephone 580/852–3221, FAX 580/852–3104 • West Institutions, • Jason Bryant, Warden; /Casey Hamilton, Deputy Warden

Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 53468 Mineral Springs Road, Hodgen, 74939–3064 • Telephone 918/653–7831, FAX 918/653–7813 • East Institutions, • Michael Wade, Warden; Mike Murry, Deputy Warden

John Lilley Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) § Route 1 Box 407971, 105150 N 3670 Road, Boley, 74829–0308 • Telephone 918/667–3381, FAX 918/667–3959 • West Institutions, • Ken Klingler, Warden; Rita Cooksey, Deputy Warden

Joseph Harp Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 16161 Moffat Road, Post Office Box 548, Lexington, 73051–0548 • Telephone 405/527–5593, FAX 405/527–4841 • East Institutions, • Carl Bear, Warden; Vacant, Deputy Warden; Michael Shelite, Deputy Warden

Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 3300 Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, 73111 • Telephone 405/425–2900, FAX 405/425–2911 • Female Offender Community Corrections/Residential Services • Sharon Harrison, District Supervisor; Lydia McBride, Assistant District Supervisor

Lexington Assessment and Reception Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 15151 Highway 39, Post Office Box 260, Lexington, 73051–0260 • Telephone 405/527–5676, FAX 405/527–9892 • West Institutions, • Jim Farris, Warden; Jenny Dillon, Deputy Warden; Jimmy Shipley, Deputy Warden

Lawton Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) § 605 SW Cooms Road, Lawton, 73501–8294 • Telephone 580/248–6703, FAX 580/355–1081 • Community Corrections, Southwest District. Jeff Woody, District Supervisor; Angela Hearrell, Assistant District Supervisor;
Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 29501 Kickapoo Road, McLeod, 74851–8339 ■ Telephone 405/964–3020, FAX 405/964–3014 ■ East Institutions, ■ Debbie Aldridge, Warden; Debbie Morton, Deputy Warden

Mack H. Alford Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 1151 N Highway 69, Post Office Box 220, Stringtown, 74569–0220 ■ Telephone 580/346–7301, FAX 580/346–7214 ■ East Institutions, ■ Cameron Harvanek, Warden; Tommy Sharp, Deputy Warden; vacant, Deputy Warden

Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 442586 E 250 Road, Vinita, 74301–4126 ■ Telephone 918/256–3392, FAX 918/256–2108 ■ East Institutions, ■ Rodney R. Redman, Warden; John Somers, Deputy Warden

Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 315 West I–44 Service Road, Oklahoma City, 73118–7634 ■ Telephone 405/463–7800, FAX 405/463–7848 ■ Oklahoma County Community Corrections/Residential Services ■ Brian Thornburgh, District Supervisor; vacant, Assistant District Supervisor

Oklahoma State Penitentiary (57 O.S. § 509) ■ Corner of West and Stonewall streets, Post Office Box 97, McAlester, 74502–0097 ■ Telephone 918/423–4700, FAX 918/423–3862 ■ East Institutions, ■ Anita Trammell, Warden; vacant, Deputy Warden; Maurice Warrior, Deputy Warden

Oklahoma State Reformatory (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 1700 East First Street, Post Office Box 514, Granite, 73547–0514 ■ Telephone 580/480–3700, FAX 580/480–3997 ■ West Institutions, ■ Tracy McCollum, Warden; Ted Durley, Deputy Warden; Bruce Bornheim, Deputy Warden

R.B. Dick Conner Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 129 Conner Road, Post Office Box 220, Hominy, 74055–0220 ■ Telephone 918/594–1300, FAX 918/594–1324 ■ East Institutions, ■ Janet Monday, Warden; Randy Harding, Deputy Warden; vacant, Deputy Warden

Union City Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ Post Office Box 129, Union City, 73090–0129 ■ Telephone 405/483–5900, FAX 405/483–5431 ■ Community Corrections, Northwest District ■ Mike Carr, District Supervisor; Chris Frech, Assistant District Supervisor; Kristen Phillips, Assistant District Supervisor; John Lipsey, Assistant District Supervisor

William S. Key Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ One William Key Boulevard, Post Office Box 61, Fort Supply, 73841–0061 ■ Telephone 580/766–2224, FAX 580/766–2908 ■ West Institutions, William Monday, Warden; Lonnie Lawson, Deputy Warden

Probation and Parole Offices

Jeffrey M. McCoy Central District Probation and Parole Services (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 1131 W Sheridan Avenue, Oklahoma City, 73106 ■ Telephone 405/778–7100, FAX 405/778–7245 ■ James Reed, District Supervisor; Courtney Jones, Assistant District Supervisor; Camille Porter, Assistant District Supervisor

Jeffrey M. McCoy Central District Oklahoma County Intake Office (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 217 N Harvey, Suite 301, Oklahoma City, 73102–3802 ■ Telephone 405/39–3560, FAX 405/39–3570, James Reed, District Supervisor; Camille Porter, Assistant District Supervisor; Courtney Jones, Assistant District Supervisor

Northeast District Community Corrections (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 3031 N 32 Street, Muskogee, 74401 ■ Telephone 918/680–6600, FAX 918/680–3041 ■ Teresa McCoin, District Supervisor; Marvin Holmes, Assistant District Supervisor; Shelley Parrish, Assistant District Supervisor

Northwest District Community Corrections (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 2613 N Van Buren, Enid, 73703–1713 ■ Telephone 580/977–3400, FAX 580/977–3420 ■ Mike Carr, District Supervisor; Chris Frech, Assistant District Supervisor; John Lipsey, Assistant District Supervisor; Kristen Phillips, Assistant District Supervisor

Oklahoma County Community Corrections (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 3031 N 32 Street, Muskogee, 74401 ■ Telephone 918/680–6600, FAX 918/680–3041 ■ Brian Thornburgh, District Supervisor; Kristin Tims, Assistant District Supervisor; Carmen Jackson, Assistant District Supervisor; Peggy Carter, Assistant District Supervisor

Southeast District Community Corrections/Residential Services (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 9901 North I–35 Service Road, Oklahoma City, 73131–5228 ■ Anthony Rowell, District Supervisor; Joe Hankins, Assistant Supervisor; Dwayne Howell, Assistant Supervisor
Southwest District Community Corrections ■ 602 SW Highland Avenue, Lawton, 73501–8252
Telephone 580/248–9146, FAX 580/248–7617 ■ Jeff Woody, District Supervisor; Joshua Young, Assistant District Supervisor; Dwayne Janis, Assistant District Supervisor; Angela Hearrell, Assistant District Supervisor

Tulsa County District Community Corrections ■ 440 S Houston, Suite 701, Tulsa 74127–8911 ■ Telephone 918/581–2931, FAX 918/581–2694 ■ Kathryn King, District Supervisor; Tom Nelson, Assistant District Supervisor; Cameron Rose, Assistant District Supervisor

Work Centers

Altus Community Work Center ■ 308 W Broadway, Altus, 73521–3806 ■ Telephone 580/482–0790, FAX 580/477–4073

Ardmore Community Work Center ■ Ardmore Industrial Park, 316 Grumman, Ardmore, 73401 ■ PO Box 100, Gene Autry, 73436–0100 ■ Telephone 580/380–5469, FAX 580/389–5472

Beaver Community Work Center ■ 215 1/2 Avenue E, PO Box 1210, Beaver 73932–1210 ■ Telephone 580/625–3840, FAX 580/625–3862

Carter County Community Work Center ■ 5268 Santa Fe Road, Wilson 73463 ■ Telephone 580/668–3700, FAX 580/668–3706

Earl A. Davis Work Center ■ 3297 N 369 Road, Holdenville, 74848–9435 ■ Telephone 405/379–7295, FAX 405/379–7298

Elk City Community Work Center ■ 1309 Airport Industrial Road, Elk City, 73648–1924 ■ Telephone 580/243–4316, FAX 580/243–2721

Frederick Community Work Center ■ 18205 County Road, NS 215 Street, Frederick, 73542–9614 ■ Telephone 580/335–2142, FAX 580/335–3090

Hobart Community Work Center ■ 311 S Washington Street, Hobart, 73651–4023 ■ Telephone 580/726–3341, FAX 580/726–3342

Hollis Community Work Center ■ 105 W Jones Street, PO Box 171, Hollis, 73550–3003 ■ Telephone 580/688–3331, FAX 580/688–3699


Madill Community Work Center ■ 210 S 11 Street, Madill, 73446 ■ Telephone 580/795–7348, FAX 580/795–3002

Mangum Community Work Center ■ 215 E Lincoln, Mangum, 73554–4265 ■ Telephone 580/782–3315, FAX 580/782–3316

Sayre Community Work Center ■ 1107 N Broadway, Sayre, 73662–1813 ■ Telephone 580/928–5211, FAX 580/928–9516

Walters Community Work Center ■ RR 3, Box 9, Walters, 73572–9312 ■ Telephone 580/875–2885, FAX 580/875–2029


Department of Human Services

Robert M. Greer Center (10 O.S. § 1414.1) ■ 2501 NE Delaware, Enid, 73701–9410 ■ Telephone 580/213–2700 Extension 2599, 800/457–1893, FAX 580/213–2799 ■ Hugh M. Sage PhD, Director

Office of Juvenile Affairs

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (HB 1978, 1995) ■ 700 S 9 Street, Tecumseh, 74783 ■ 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, Acting Superintendent

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School ■ 3812 N Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73126 ■ Telephone 405/530–2878, FAX 405/530–2893 ■ Jann Pugh, Acting Education Director

Southwestern Oklahoma Juvenile Center ■ 300 S Broadway, Manitous, 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 405/360–5100, 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 405/522–3195

Oklahoma Forensic Center • PO Box 69, Vinita 73962 • 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. § 1731) • 1100 E Oklahoma, Sulphur, 73086 • Telephone 580/622–4900, 888/685–3323 • www.osd.k12.ok.us • KaAnn Varner, 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 • Regeana McCracken, 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 • Tim Potteiger, 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 • Katherine Kreizenbeck, 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 • Terry Wilkerson, Admin.

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 • Kim Praytor, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Sulphur Division (72 O.S. § 221) • 304 E Fairlane, Sulphur, 73086 • Telephone 580/622–2144, FAX 580/622–5881 • Stacie Paige, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina Division (72 O.S. § 229) • 10014 Southeast 1138 Avenue, PO Box 116, Talihina, 74571 • Telephone 918/567–2251, FAX 918/567–2950 • R. Roy Griffith, Administrator
Interstate Compacts, Regional Entities, and State-beneficiary Public Trusts

Adult Offender Supervision, Interstate Compact for (22 O.S. § 1091–1095)

Department of Corrections
3700 Classen Drive, Suite 110, Oklahoma City 73118 405/525–4510, FAX 405/525–4524

Administration Milton Gilliam, 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 405/530–8800, FAX 405/530–8900

Administration R. Tyler Powell, Scott Thompson, and JD Strong, Oklahoma Commissioners; Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Member, Budget Committee, Engineering Committee; Derek Smithee, Oklahoma Member, Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Rob Singletary, 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 405/530–8800, FAX 405/530–8900

Administration Les Kamas, Oklahoma Commissioner; JD Strong, Assistant to Oklahoma Commissioner; Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Member, Engineering Committee; Rob Singletary, Oklahoma Member, Legal Committee.

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.
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  918/289–0330

Children, Interstate Compact on the Placement of  
(10 O.S. § 577)

Department of Human Services  
2400 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105–4601  405/522–0672, FAX 405/522–4488  
Administration  Ed Lake, Director of Human Services, Compact Administrator; Misty Pollard, Programs Field Representative

Children, Interstate Commission for the Placement of  
(SB 906, 2008; 10 O.S. § 577)

Corrections Compact, Interstate Institutions  
(57 O.S. § 601–602)

Lexington Assessment and Reception Center  
Department of Corrections, PO Box 260, Lexington 73051  405/527–5676, FAX 405/527–3699  
Mission Statement  To protect the public, the employees, and the offender.  
Administration  Staci Bliss, Compact Coordinator

Parole and Interstate Services  
3700 Classen Blvd., Suite 110, Oklahoma City, 73118  405/523–3075, FAX 405/525–4524  
Administration  Milt Gillam, Administrator

History and Function  Interstate transfer to enhance safety for offenders, employees, and the public. To enhance offender/family relationships.

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)

Office of the Governor  
State Capitol Building, Room 212, Oklahoma City 73105  405/522–8861, FAX 405/521–3353  
Administration  Audrey Rockwell, Detainer Administrator

Driver’s License Compact  
(47 O.S. § 781)

Department of Public Safety  
3600 N Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City 73111  405/425–7034, FAX 405/425–2061  
Administration  Michael C. Thompson, Commissioner and Oklahoma Compact Administrator; Gerald Davidson, Assistant Commissioner; Doug Young, Director, Administrator, Driver Compliance Division

History and Function  Oklahoma enacted legislation in 1967 whereby the state became a member of the Driver’s License Compact; an agreement whereby the various states recognize the laws of other member states relative to the operation of motor vehicles. In effect, the compact provides that Oklahoma,
for the purpose of suspension, revocation or limitation of the license to operate a motor vehicle, shall take appropriate action against a driver if he/she is convicted of violating certain laws of other states.

**East Central Oklahoma Building Authority** (60 O.S. § 176)
(State-beneficiary public trust)  
300 W Main Street, Ada 74820

**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—Janet.Barresi@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)
(State Department of Education)
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

**Emergency Management Compact** (63 O.S. § 684.1)
PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City 73152

**Administration**  Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management  
Albert Ashwood, 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, Norcross, Georgia 30092  
770/242–7712, FAX 770/242–9956  
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)
5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 985, Dallas, TX 75240
972/243–7788, FAX 972/243–7722
E-mail—energy@theenergycouncil.org

Administration  Lori Cameron, Executive Director

Finance Authority, Oklahoma Development (ODFA)
(74 O.S. § 5062.2, 5062.6)
(Non-appropriated public trust) Agency Code 900 (IA)
9220 N Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City 73131
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; Sarah Hardy, Vice President, Operations; 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) Agency Code 370 (IA)
9220 N Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City 73131
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; Sarah Hardy, Vice President of Operations; 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 405/530–2894, FAX 405/530–2885
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 forty-nine states.

Juvenile Supervision, State Council for Interstate
Juveniles, Interstate Commission for (10 O.S. § 7309–1.10)

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 JD Strong, Oklahoma Commissioners; Julie Cunningham, Secretary, Oklahoma Member, Budget Committee; Lou Klaver, 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)
1200 NE 13 Street, PO Box 53277, Oklahoma City 73152 405/522–3908
Oklahoma Compact Administrator—Designee of Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ex officio).

**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

580/562–3111, FAX 580/562–3113

Mission Statement  To promote economic development in Beckham, Custer, Kiowa, and Washita counties.

Administration  Kathy Carlisle, Executive Director; Don Greteman, 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)*

**Mining Compact Commission, Interstate** *(45 O.S. § 851)*

Secretary of Energy

100 N Broadway, Suite 1880, Oklahoma City 73102

405/285–9211, FAX 405/285–9212

Administration  Secretary of Energy and Energy, Michael Teague; Jay Albert, Deputy Secretary

History and Function  When Oklahoma enacted the necessary legislation in 1970 and joined the compact as the fourth state, the compact was activated. The governor, or his designee, serve on the commission governing the compact operations whose functions are to advance the protection and restoration of the land and other resources affected by mining.

**Mutual Aid Compact, Oklahoma Intrastate** *(63 O.S. § 695.2)*

**Nonresident Violator Compact** *(47 O.S. § 790)*

Department of Public Safety, Driver Compliance Division

PO Box 1415, Oklahoma City 73136

405/425–2148, FAX 405/425–2061

Administration  Douglas R. Young, Director, Driver Compliance; Larry Williamson Sr., Driver Compliance Hearing Officer; Mike Bailey Sr., Driver Compliance Hearing Officer

**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

918/456–5621, FAX 918/458–0765

Administration  Jim Reagan, General Manager
**Pest Control Compact** (2 O.S. § 3–35)

www.pestcompact.org

**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
100 N Broadway, Suite 1880, Oklahoma City 73102
Administration Colonel Michael Teague, Secretary of Energy and Environment

**Ordnance Works Authority, Oklahoma** (60 O.S. § 164, 178)

(State-beneficiary public trust)
(dbta MidAmerica Industrial Park)

www.maip.com
PO Box 945, Pryor 74362
918/825–3500, 888/627–3500, FAX 918/825–4022
Administration David R. Stewart, CAO

History and Function Created as a state beneficiary public trust December 30, 1960, the trust owns and operates the MidAmerica Industrial Park to promote industrial development in the state. One trustee is appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate, one by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three by the governor.

**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 1677, Oklahoma City 73101–1677
405/702–5100, FAX 405/702–5101
Administration Jon Roberts, Commissioner

**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, JD Strong, Oklahoma Commissioners; Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Member, Budget Committee and Engineering Committee; Derek Smithee, Oklahoma Member, Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Rob Singletary, 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  
www.soda-ok.org  
580/920–1388, 800/211–2116, FAX 580/920–1391

**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**  
Tommy Shepard, Executive Director; Jon McCormick, Chief Financial Officer; Brenda McCarty, Accounting Administrator; Mark Ellis, Area Agency on Aging; Dottie DeMeulenaere, Planning and Development; Cecil Mackey, 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  
www.swoda.org  
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)  
www.osla.org  
525 Central Park Drive, Suite 600, Oklahoma City 73105  
Box 18145, Oklahoma City 73154–0145  
405/556–9200, 800/456–6752, FAX 405/556–9255, 800/261–7529

**Administration**  
James T. Farha, President; Mary Anne Evans, Director, Loan Management; W. A. Rogers, Vice President Operations and Controller; 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 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).

Uniform State Laws, National Conference of Commissioners on
111 N Wabash Ave., Suite 1010, Chicago, IL 60602
www.uniformlaws.org
312/450–6600, FAX 312/450–6601

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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