

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

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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 Constantin A. Rieger, Executive Director; Mary Ann Roberts, Staff Attorney; Bonnie Morris, Assistant to the Administrator; Vacant, Director of Law Enforcement; Robin Helt, Fiscal Administrative Officer; Gina Jones, 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 56 FTE unclassified, non-merit

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

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