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Executive Branch
Governor Kevin Stitt

Constitution, Article 6 § 1

J. Kevin Stitt is the 28th governor of Oklahoma. Stitt is leading the state with a vision to become Top Ten in critical categories, from government accountability to job growth, infrastructure, education, and more.

Stitt is an entrepreneur and businessman who founded Gateway in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 2000. Starting Gateway with only $1,000 and a computer, he grew his business into one of the top twenty mortgage lenders and servicers in the nation, operating in more than forty states and servicing more than $20 billion in residential mortgages. Stitt led Gateway through a merger with Farmers Exchange Bank in 2018, forming Gateway First Bank, headquartered in Jenks, Oklahoma. Gateway First Bank operates more than 160 mortgage centers across the country and employs more than 1,400 people.

In 2018, Oklahomans spoke in record numbers that they wanted Stitt to use his business acumen to transform the state. In his first bid for elected office of any kind, Stitt received more votes than any gubernatorial candidate in state history. Since taking office, he has worked together with the legislature to produce historic reform in five of the largest state agencies, allowing him to identify and recruit the best talent to serve in critical leadership positions. In addition, more than half of the governor’s cabinet is made up of experts who came from the private sector in Oklahoma, including the first chief operating officer in state history. Stitt also led the state to build its largest savings account in history, which proved to be prophetic in the face of a significant decline in the oil and gas market.

Stitt is a fourth-generation Oklahoman who graduated from Norman High School and is an alumnus of Oklahoma State University, where he received an accounting degree in 1996. Stitt and his wife, Sarah, have six children and have been married for twenty-three years.

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Salary—$147,000 annually
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Executive Branch

Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Constitution, Article 6 § 1

Matt Pinnell, Republican, was elected as the seventeenth Lieutenant Governor of the State of Oklahoma on November 6, 2018. In that role, he serves as president of the Oklahoma Senate, and is a member of multiple constitutional boards and commissions. Pinnell also serves as Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife, and Heritage on Governor Kevin Stitt’s cabinet.

In his role as Oklahoma Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife, and Heritage Pinnell oversees the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation and that state’s efforts to promote tourism, the third largest industry in Oklahoma. He led the successful effort to rebrand the State of Oklahoma, a component of the overall effort to retain and recruit more jobs to the state of Oklahoma.

Pinnell also currently serves on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce executive committee focusing on small business growth, entrepreneurship, and workforce development. He has a background in entrepreneurship and is a small business owner with his wife, Lisa, who is an inventor and entrepreneur.

Pinnell is a graduate of Oral Roberts University with a degree in advertising. He lives in Tulsa with Lisa and their four children, who attend Jenks Public Schools.

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Office of the Attorney General
Constitution, Article 6 § 1

John O’Connor was appointed as Oklahoma’s nineteenth attorney general on July 23, 2021, following the resignation of Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter.

Key Personnel—Dawn Cash, First Assistant Attorney General; Mary Ann Roberts, Chief Deputy Assistant Attorney General; Joy Tharp, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Tulsa; Abby Dillsaver, General Counsel; Jennifer Miller, Criminal Appeals; Dara Derryberry, Public Protection; Mithun Mansinghani, Solicitor General; Alex Gerszewski, Director of Communications; Stephany Lively, Executive Assistant

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Salary—$132,825 annually

Office of State Auditor and Inspector
Constitution, Article 6 § 1

Cindy Byrd, CPA, Republican, is Oklahoma’s thirteenth State Auditor and Inspector, the first woman elected to this statewide-elected office, and the first candidate to top the 800,000-vote milestone in an election for state office in Oklahoma history as of November 2018. Byrd and her husband, Steve Byrd, live in Coalgale, located in Coal County, Oklahoma. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from East Central University, became a Certified Public Accountant in 2003 and held an appraiser license from 2006 to 2011. Beginning in 2013, Byrd served as Deputy State Auditor and Inspector for Local Government Services until assuming her role as State Auditor on January 14, 2019.

The State Auditor and Inspector is to “independently serve the citizens of Oklahoma by promoting accountability
and fiscal integrity in state and local government.” Byrd has been at the forefront of this mission since joining the State Auditor’s Office in 1997. Serving at every level in the agency, she brings a new depth of understanding to the office which includes an extensive knowledge of government accounting and auditing standards and the statutes related to the financial activities of Oklahoma’s state and local governments. To improve the oversight of public funds for a variety of government entities, Byrd has designed training classes to eliminate potential waste, fraud, and abuse, and has integrated data analytics software into the auditing process to identify anomalies in financial reporting.

Various statutes govern the audit responsibilities of the State Auditor and Inspector. As the chief auditor for the State, the State Auditor and Inspector audits the State of Oklahoma Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which includes the financial operations of all state agencies, boards, and commissions, and the annual Single Audit, a compliance audit of expenditures of federal funds. The State Auditor also performs financial audits of various state agencies. Auditor Byrd continues to oversee the County Audit Division, a position she has held since 2011, which produces a majority of all audits published annually. The County Audit Division conducts financial, operational, and performance audits of all seventy-seven counties as well as sixty-five Emergency Medical Services districts, twenty-seven District Attorney districts, and may conduct investigative audits of these entities by request.

Performance audits are performed by request of the governor, the chief executive officer of a government entity, or by joint/concurrent resolution of the state legislature. Special investigative audits may be requested by the governor, House and Senate leadership, the attorney general, district attorneys, an entity’s governing board, and/or upon petition by citizens. The Specialized Audit Division audits federal oil and gas royalties, horse racing and gaming, and public employee insurance eligibility. The Information Services Division conducts IT audits of some state and county governments.

The State Auditor or her designee serves on numerous boards and commissions; these include: The Oklahoma State Pension Commission; State Board of Equalization and Board of Equalization Subcommittee Chair; Commissioners of the Land Office; Commissioners of the Land Office Investment Committee; Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund Board of Directors; Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund Board of Investors; Archives and Records Commission; and the Board of Directors for the College Savings Plan. State Auditor Byrd is also a member of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants; American Board of Forensic Accountants; and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers. She actively participates with the following organizations: County Officers and Deputies Association; Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma; County Treasurer Association of Oklahoma; County Clerks and Deputies Association of Oklahoma; County Assessor Association of Oklahoma; Oklahoma Sheriffs’ Association; Commission on County Government Personnel Education and Training; Center for Local Government Technology Assessor Training Accreditation Program; and the Oklahoma Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts.

State Auditor Byrd actively participates with the following organizations: County Officers and Deputies Association; Association of County Commissioners; County Treasurer’s Association of Oklahoma; County Clerk’s Association; County Assessor’s Association; Oklahoma Sheriffs’ Association; Commission on County Government Personnel Education and Training; Center for Local Government Technology Assessor Training Accreditation Programs; and the Oklahoma Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts.

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Qualifications For Office—The individual must be a U.S. citizen, at least thirty-one years of age and qualified elector of the state for ten years prior to election and at least three years experience as an expert accountant. State Constitution, Article 6, Sections 3 and 19.
Salary—$114,713 annually
Personnel—115 non-merit, unclassified

Office of the State Treasurer

Constitution, Article 6 § 1

Randy McDaniel, Republican, is the nineteenth State Treasurer of Oklahoma. He was elected to a four-year term in 2018.

As the state’s top elected financial officer, McDaniel protects and manages the billions of taxpayer dollars deposited each year, safeguards the financial health of the state, promotes responsible fiscal policy, and operates the state’s unclaimed property program.

McDaniel chairs the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Board of Trustees and the Board of Investors for the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. He is a member of the State Board of Equalization, which certifies funds available for the state budget, and the State Pension Commission.

After earning a bachelor’s degree with honors in economics from the University of Oklahoma, McDaniel earned
a master’s degree from Cambridge University before starting his career in banking. He was a successful financial advisor for more than twenty years working with individual and institutional investors. He holds a Certificate in Public Treasury Management from the National Institute of Public Finance.

McDaniel was a Distinguished Military Graduate and served for eleven years in the Oklahoma Army National Guard, where he rose to the rank of Captain.

McDaniel served six terms in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He served as chair of the House Banking, Financial Services and Pensions Committee, where he spearheaded the passage of legislation that helped strengthen the state’s retirement systems, protecting the retirement security of teachers, public safety personnel and public employees.

He and his wife, Julie, have two children, Grace and John. They live in Oklahoma City and attend Crossings Community Church.

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Office Hours—8 am–5 pm (Administration), 10 am–3:30 pm (Cashier window)

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Insurance Commissioner
Constitution, Article 6 § 1

Glen Mulready, Republican, became the thirteenth Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner after receiving 62 percent of the vote statewide. He was sworn into office on January 14, 2019.

Mulready is a long-time insurance professional and private sector businessman who is a recognized leader and champion in the insurance industry. Starting as a broker in 1984, he rose to serve at the executive level of the two largest health insurance companies in Oklahoma. In 2007, he joined Benefit Plan Strategies, a company helping businesses provide employee benefits and health insurance to their employees.

Mulready has served as president of both the Tulsa and Oklahoma State Health Underwriters Associations and has been named State Health Underwriter of the Year.

In 2010, Mulready successfully ran for state representative and quickly became the point person for the House of Representatives on insurance issues and was appointed chairman of the Insurance Committee after the 2014 elections. In 2011, Governing Magazine named him as one of seventeen “GOP Legislators to Watch.”

As an influential state representative, Mulready passed legislation which expanded insurance options and resulted in more insurance companies offering service in the state. His consumer awareness was most evident when he reformed a state employee insurance program to save Oklahoma millions of dollars a year while also saving thousands of dollars for those families. Seeking to improve the Oklahoma business climate, he sponsored the Insurance Business Transfer (IBT) Act that is now law, and is recognized as one of the most innovative pieces of insurance legislation nationally. Mulready’s many successes led to him being tapped for the leadership position of Majority Floor Leader in 2017.

Mulready and Sally, his wife of thirty-two years, are the proud parents of three teenage sons, Sam, Jake and Will. In 2008, he and Sally were the recipients of Leadership Tulsa’s Paragon Award for their work with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Mulready is very active in the community having served on numerous boards and committees including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, March of Dimes, Shepherds Fold Ranch Christian Summer Camp, Crime Commission and Tulsa Tough.

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Personnel—120 non-merit, unclassified
Salary—$126,713 annually

Commissioner of Labor
Constitution, Article 6 § 1

Leslie Osborn, Republican, was elected Oklahoma Commissioner of Labor in November 2018. Prior to her election as labor commissioner, she served ten years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for District 47. During her time in the legislature, she was the first female to chair the Judiciary Committee of the House, and in December 2016, she was named the first Republican female chair person of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee. During her tenure, she authored landmark workers compensation reform and passed into law the first Pay for Success contract in Oklahoma, which was a public-private partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the Kaiser Foundation to move women from incarceration to the Women in Recovery Program.

The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women recognized Osborn with the 2019 Kate Barnard Award for her efforts in advocating for women. The award was established in 1998 to honor elected or appointed public officials who have made a difference in Oklahoma.

Osborn earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University. She owned and operated her own business for twenty-two years, selling heavy duty truck parts, Osborn Pick-Up Accessories. She currently resides in Mustang, Oklahoma, and is the mother of two children.

Osborn serves on the Small Business Development Centers advisory board; the Oklahoma Academy advisory board; the board of directors of THRIVE—Teen Pregnancy Prevention of Oklahoma; and the Canadian Valley Technology Center Foundation Board. She was in Leadership OK Class 27, and served as the state director of the national group of Women in Government.

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Qualifications For Office—There are no constitutional or statutory requirements.
Salary—$105,053 annually
Personnel—47 classified, 29 unclassified

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Constitution, Article 6 § 1

Joy Hofmeister was originally elected to serve as State Superintendent of Public Instruction in November 2014, and began her second term as Oklahoma’s State Superintendent in January 2019. Since taking office, the state has repealed ineffective state exams; released a more meaningful and user-friendly accountability system; and bolstered student safety. With an emphasis on collaboration and a focus on ensuring Oklahoma’s children have access to opportunities to achieve academic success, Hofmeister has strengthened academic standards and testing, revamped teacher evaluation and brought statewide attention to the need for trauma-informed instructional practices that meet children where they are.

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Hiett quickly ascended into leadership and was selected by his colleagues to serve as House minority leader. In 2002, 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 for the first time in more than twenty 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. Hiett pushed through the largest tax cut in state history, the most significant right-to-life legislation in thirty years, and significant education reforms, collectively known as the ACE Initiative, which raised the bar for curriculum standards and graduation requirements in Oklahoma.

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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; and daughter Hillary is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University.
The Hietts attend First Baptist Church of Kellyville.

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

On November 4, 2008, Murphy was first elected to the statewide office of Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner for a partial two-year term. She was re-elected to a full six-year terms on July 7, 2010, and July 13, 2016. Murphy served as chair of the commission, following election by her fellow commissioners, effective February 1, 2017. She previously served as chair of the Corporation Commission from January 3, 2011 through July 31, 2012, and February 1, 2017, through March 31, 2019.

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.

Murphy is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where she serves on the Electricity Committee. She is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Council. Moreover, she is the Oklahoma member of the Regional State Committee of Southwest Power Pool, Inc., and serves on the Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute Advisory Board, and the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board. Murphy is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Oklahoma City Geological Society, and Oklahoma Women’s Coalition. In March 2007, she was recognized for dedicated service by the National Association of Royalty Owners, and in 2001, received the Friends of Agriculture Cooperatives Award. Murphy is also a recipient of the University of Central Oklahoma Distinguished Alumni Award for 2012. She serves as a trustee and previously served as a care chaplain for the Church of the Servant United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. She also serves as a member of the Salvation Army’s Central Oklahoma Area Command Advisory Board.

Prior to joining the Corporation Commission, she was a member of the board of directors of Farmers Royalty Company, and a member of the Edmond Chamber of Commerce. She is also a part-time personal fitness trainer. Murphy lives in Edmond, but continues to be actively involved with her family’s farm and ranch in Ellis County, Oklahoma.
Governor Stitt’s Cabinet
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On January 14, 2019, Arthur was sworn in by Governor Kevin Stitt as the Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, the state’s first female to hold the position. She acts as Governor Stitt’s chief advisor on policy development and implementation related to agriculture, food, and forestry, and holds the titles of Oklahoma Commissioner of Agriculture and the President of the Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture.

Arthur grew up in Chickasha, Oklahoma, where her family raised horses, shorthorn cattle, wheat, alfalfa, and soybeans. She and her two sisters, Dr. Rosslyn Biggs and Chelsea Evans, were active in 4-H and FFA, focusing primarily on showing horses and shorthorn cattle, both statewide and nationally. Arthur’s mother, Dr. Peggy Clark, worked for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a veterinary medical officer. Her father, David Spencer, owns and operates Spencer Livestock, LLC, a family-oriented operation focusing on show horses and cattle, based out of Chickasha. Upon graduating from Oklahoma State University in 2004, with a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics, Arthur took a role in small-business financing for Rural Enterprises, Inc. In 2009, the then Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach, hired her as the department’s social media coordinator. When Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese was elected in 2011, he offered her the position as the Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, where she stayed from 2011 to 2016. In 2016, she served as the executive director for the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation until her appointment by Governor Stitt. She is the 2016 Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association Distinguished Service Award Recipient and remains active in Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Diamond Hats, American Quarter Horse Association, Oklahoma Beef Council, and Ponies of the Americas. She has been selected for multiple honors including Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program Class XV, a Journal Record 2011 Achievers Under 40 honoree, and the 2014 Oklahoma Agricultural Woman of the Year. Arthur married Jerrod Arthur in 2006 and they have two children, Kelton and Kennedy, who both enjoy showing cattle and horses. The Arthur family lives east of Stillwater and raise show cattle for 4-H and FFA members.

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, Sheep and Wool
- Conservation Commission, Oklahoma
- Horse Racing Commission, Oklahoma
- South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact and Advisory Committee
- Southern Dairy Compact
- Standards, Bureau of
- Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Board of

Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Secretary of Digital Transformation and Administration
Steven Harpe

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Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Steven Harpe as Oklahoma Deputy Secretary of Digital Transformation and Administration in February 2021. Harpe is the executive director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, a $1.5 billion dollar agency that provides central services including budget and finance, technology, health insurance, central purchasing, human capital management, real estate/facilities and fleet management to other state agencies. He has devoted thirty-one years of service and leadership to solving issues and, during his short time with the State of Oklahoma, has led the OMES team towards a turnaround in performance and reputation in the midst of a historic pandemic, energy crisis, unemployment crisis and social unrest.

Harpe has had the good fortune to work and train under some of the best and brightest at global companies such as American Airlines, Capital One and Gateway First Bank. The “Get Stuff Done” culture he is driving has OMES operating at a speed and pace that enables the 189 agencies, affiliates, and municipalities served to accomplish their missions on behalf of Oklahoma citizens.

Harpe’s recent accomplishments highlight his ability to create innovation and transparency. In just over a year, he oversaw the complete overhaul of twenty-six state agency websites and led the state’s disaster recovery project to upgrade technology and invest in a secondary data center in Texas. This project ensures protection of state data and valuable digital information in the face of cyber or natural disasters. At OMES, Harpe established “Resiliency” as the state cybersecurity strategy—not just in terms of weathering attacks, but learning from them and coming back stronger. Finally, one of his largest victories was in the relationships he built with other agencies. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Harpe worked with the Oklahoma State Department of Health to secure PPE and other desperately needed supplies. He also offered various resources to the Oklahoma Employment and Security Commission as they provided services during the 2020 unemployment crisis. Harpe’s vision is one of hope and perseverance. He looks forward to
serving his state and cultivating meaningful change in the years ahead.

The secretary of digital transformation and administration is responsible for the following executive entities:

- Bipartisan Commission on Legislative Apportionment
- Board of Judicial Compensation
- Board on Legislative Compensation
- Capitol-Medical Center Improvement and Zoning Commission
- Cash Management and Investment Oversight Commission
- Contingency Review Board
- Council on Judicial Complaints
- Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council
- Ethics Commission
- Grievance Panel of the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and Benefits Board
- Health Information Technology Advisory Board
- Incentive Approval Committee
- Incentive Evaluation Commission
- Long-Range Capital Planning Commission
- Merit Protection Commission
- Native American Cultural and Educational Authority
- Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES)
- Oklahoma Employees Insurance and Benefits Board
- Oversight Committee for State Employee Charitable Contributions
- Partnership Committee
- Rural Broadband Expansion Council
- State Board of Equalization
- State Capitol Preservation Commission

Secretary of Commerce and Workforce Development
Scott Mueller

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Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Scott Mueller as Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Workforce Development in February 2021. In this position, Mueller oversees thirty agencies, including the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development.

Prior to serving as Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Workforce Development, Mueller worked as the managing member of 313 Holdings, LLC since its inception in August 2016. He previously served as the chief financial officer of Arcadia Capital from its inception in March 2013 until February 2019 and served as chief financial officer of AELP from its formation in April 2013 until the business dissolved in May 2016.

From October 2011 until Mueller began working for AELP, he served as chief financial officer for Aubrey K. McClendon’s private companies and family office. Before working for McClendon, Mueller was a partner at the private equity firm Hall Capital Partners from July 2009 until October 2011. He also served as the chief investment officer of Oklahoma City-based TLW Investments and TLW Trading in 2008 and 2009.

From 1999 to 2008, Mueller worked for Goldman Sachs in New York and Dallas, leaving as a vice president in the private wealth management group. He is the co-founder and now chairman of the Watermark Bank. Mueller also serves as a director of Ascent Resources, Heritage Minerals Holdings, Heritage NonOp Holdings, Traverse Midstream Holdings, Silica Services Holdings, The Oklahoma Proton Center, NextStream Growth I, and Karavan Trailers. Mueller earned a bachelor’s in general business administration/pre-law from the Honors College at Michigan State University, and a MBA from the University of Texas. He is a chartered financial analyst.

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

- Advisory Council on Workers’ Compensation
- Capital Investment Board
- Center for Rural Development
- Citizen’s Advisory Committee
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development (Workforce Investment Board)
- Health Care Workforce Resources Board
- Historical Preservation and Landmark Board of Review
- Kiamichi Economic Development District of Oklahoma (KEDD)
- Mid-South Industrial Authority
- Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority
- Multiple Injury Trust Fund
- Oklahoma Census 2020 Complete Count Committee
- Oklahoma Commission on Interstate Cooperation
- Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- Oklahoma Development Finance Authority
- Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency
- Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency Board of Trustees
- Oklahoma Industrial Finance Authority
- Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority
- Oklahoma Real Estate Contract Form Committee
- Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority
- Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority Board
- Oklahoma Workers’ Compensation Commission
- Physician Advisory Committee
- Rural Action Partnership Program
- Rural Action Partnership Program Advisory Team
- Rural Area Development Task Force
- South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA)
- Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA)
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Secretary of Economic Administration
Jennifer Grigsby

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Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Jennifer Grigsby Secretary of Economic Administration in February 2021. In this position, Grigsby oversees twenty-one state agencies, including the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Oklahoma Lottery Commission and various state retirement systems. Grigsby serves on the board of directors of CrossFirst Bankshares (CFB), a bank holding company headquartered in Leawood, Kansas.

Grigsby has served as chair of both the board of trustees of the Oklahoma State University Foundation, where she remains an honorary lifetime trustee, and the board of directors of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association. She currently serves as chair of the board of directors of the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City and also serves on the boards of directors of the United Way of Central Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Grigsby is the recipient of numerous awards related to her service to Oklahoma State University and the central Oklahoma community.

Grigsby served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Ascent Resources, LLC from 2015 until her retirement in 2020. Prior to her role at Ascent Resources, Grigsby spent almost nineteen years with Chesapeake Energy Corporation and served in various executive roles including senior vice president, treasurer and corporate secretary.

Grigsby received a bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1991 from Oklahoma State University and her MBA from Oklahoma City University in 1999. She is a certified public accountant and chartered global management accountant. Grisby is a member of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is also National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Directorship CertifiedTM. NACD Directorship certified directors are committed to continuing education on emerging issues and to help elevate the profession of directorship. She and her husband, Steve, and sons, Reid and Jack, are avid Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma City Thunder fans.

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

- Board of Trustees College Savings Plan
- Building Bonds Commission
- Council of Bond Oversight
- Employment Security Commission
- Employment Security Commission Board of Review and State Advisory Council
- Lottery Commission
- Lottery Commission Board of Trustees
- Office of the State Treasurer
- Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority
- Oklahoma Firefighters Pension & Retirement System Board of Trustees
- Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System
- Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System
- Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System Board
- Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System
- Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System Board of Trustees
- Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System
- Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees
- Oklahoma State Pension Commission
- Oklahoma Tax Commission
- State Auditor and Inspector
- State Commission on Revenue Apportionment Evaluation
- Teachers’ Retirement System of Oklahoma
- Teachers’ Retirement System of Oklahoma Trustees

Secretary of Education
Ryan Walters

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Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Ryan Walters as Secretary of Education in September 2020. In this position, Walters is responsible for various agencies, boards and commissions, including the State Board of Education, College and University Boards of Regents or Trustees, Office of Educational Quality and Accountability and the State Board of Career and Technology Education.

Ryan Walters taught eight years as a high school history teacher in his hometown at McAlester High School. During his time at MHS, Walters taught advanced placement courses in World History, U.S. History and U.S. Government. He also taught on-level history classes, special education classes and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) classes. The Oklahoma State Department of Education named Walters as an Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Finalist in 2016.

Walters currently serves as CEO of Every Kid Counts Oklahoma and simultaneously teaches advance placement U.S. History at Millwood High School and McAlester High School in a pilot course through the Oklahoma Supplemental Online Course Program. He previously served as the executive director of Oklahoma Achieves, an education initiative of the State Chamber of Oklahoma that sought to get the business community more actively engaged in education. As CEO of Every Kid Counts Oklahoma, he is empowering teachers, parents and community leaders to improve Oklahoma’s education system for all students.
The secretary of agriculture is responsible for the following executive entities and programs:

- Advisory Committee to the Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
- Division of the Oklahoma Career and Technology Education
- Archeological Survey Advisory Board
- Commission on County Government Personnel Education and Training
- Dyslexia Teacher Training Pilot Program Advisory Committee
- Educational Quality and Accountability Commission
- Industry Advisory Committee (Agriculture)
- Office of Educational Quality and Accountability
- Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education
- Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station
- Oklahoma Archeological Survey
- Oklahoma Archives and Records Commission
- Oklahoma Biological Survey
- Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools
- Oklahoma Board on Geographic Names
- Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (CareerTech)
- Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- Oklahoma Educational Television Authority
- Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board
- Oklahoma School for the Visual and Performing Arts
- Oklahoma School for the Visual and Performing Arts Board of Trustees
- Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics
- Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Boards of Trustees
- Oklahoma State Council for Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Oklahoma Student Loan Authority
- OSU Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service
- School and County Funds Management Commission
- School Finance Review Commission
- School Health Coordinators Pilot Program Steering Committee
- Southern Regional Education Board
- State Board of Career Technology and Education
- State Board of Education
- State Department of Education
- State Library Board
- State Textbook Committee
- Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
- The Education Commission of the States

Secretary of Energy and Environment
Kenneth Wagner

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Kenneth Wagner serves as Oklahoma’s Secretary of Energy and Environment. Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Wagner to the position in 2019. In this role, he is responsible for over thirty agencies, boards, compacts, and commissions as well as advancing policies that encourage economic growth and sensible regulation that fosters responsible energy production, protects natural resources, and ensures clean air, land, and water for all Oklahomans.

Previously, Wagner served as the senior advisor to the administrator for regional and state affairs within USEPA’s Office of the Administrator, where he also served as director of the Office of Regional Operations. In his duties at EPA, he served as the administrator’s designee to all ten regions before regional administrators were appointed, and he continued to coordinate all ten U.S. EPA regional administrators, and served as an advocate for the regions at headquarters with all the assistant administrators for each national program and the administrator’s office.

In addition to his regional duties, Wagner served as the main point of contact in the administrator’s office with all fifty states’ top environmental regulators and tribal governments. He lead the efforts to reform and redefine the federal-state relationship and its efforts around cooperative federalism. Wagner has helped lead numerous policy initiatives for the administrator.

Wagner was appointed and previously served as the administrator’s designee on the Gulf Coast Eco System Restoration Council, also known as the RESTORE Council. During his time at RESTORE, he served as the chair governing all business and executive meetings of the five gulf states and six federal agencies making up the council.

Wagner was also closely involved with the Office of Research and Development’s initiative to better partner with states to solve every day environmental challenges and make their vast inventory of research more readily accessible for states, tribes, and the public. He also coordinated the intra-agency working group to tackle the waste discharges entering the U.S. from border neighbors in Mexico, and assists the administrator in his goal of bringing certainty to the American people by returning the agency to its core mission: improving water quality, accelerating land clean-ups, modernizing aging water infrastructure and bringing the country back into air attainment by improving air quality.

Before joining the agency, Wagner came from the private sector, where he practiced law and held private business interests for nearly twenty-five years. He was a founding member and managing partner of a successful-mid-sized law firm in Tulsa, where he practiced and managed a diverse practice that included commercial, energy and environmental matters. In addition to running a successful law firm, he was involved in numerous successful business and commercial ventures, including being a minority partner in Oklahoma’s Triple-A baseball team based in Oklahoma City, from 2003 to 2010.

Wagner earned degrees from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Tulsa College of Law.

The secretary of energy and environment is responsible for the following executive entities:
The secretary of health and mental health is responsible for the following executive entities or their successors:

- Advancement of Wellness Advisory Council
- Alzheimer’s Research Advisory Council
- Anatomical Board of the State of Oklahoma
- Board of Directors of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund
- Board of the Investors of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund
- Community Hospitals Authority
- Consumer Protection Licensing Advisory Council
- Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Board
- Forensic Review Board
- Health Care Information Advisory Committee
- Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board
- Home Care, Hospice, and Palliative Care Advisory Council
- Infant and Children’s Health Advisory Council
- Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission
- Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board
- Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board
- Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)
- Oklahoma Catastrophic Health Emergency Planning Task Force
- Oklahoma Food Service Advisory Council
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board
- Oklahoma Health Information Exchange trust (OHIEt)
- Oklahoma Hospital Advisory Committee
- Oklahoma Hospital Advisory Council
- Oklahoma Long-Term Care Services and Supports Advisory Committee
- Oklahoma Nursing Facility Funding Advisory Committee
- Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board
- Oklahoma State Board of Health
Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Justin Brown as Oklahoma Secretary of Human Services in June 2020. Brown has served as the director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) since June 2019. He was previously the chief executive officer of Choice Capital Partners, an owner and operator of senior living communities in multiple states. With a background in organizational leadership, finance and strategic planning and execution, Brown was well suited to build a vision based on a customer first mentality, and motivate the team to execute on a vision of serving the State of Oklahoma’s most vulnerable citizens in a different way.

As a strong relationship builder, Brown was uniquely qualified to position the Department of Human Services as a collaborative agency that engages with partners across the state to serve together. In addition to having built a passion for serving seniors with Alzheimer’s Disease through his prior profession and board of directors engagement with the Alzheimer’s Association, Brown has built a life of service to children through non-profit service including the OU Children’s Hospital Foundation, the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City, the OKC ZOO, Big Brothers Big Sisters, among others. He and his wife, Kelly, have been married for twenty years and have two children, Hannah and Ford.

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

- Board of Child Abuse Examination
- Board of Juvenile Affairs
- Child Abuse Prevention Training and Coordination Council
- Child Death Review Board
- Children of Incarcerated Parents
- Committee of Blind Vendors
- Department of Human Services
- Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma
- Governor’s Advisory Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
- Governor’s Advisory Committee to the Office of Disability Concerns
- Governor’s Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Group Homes for Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Advisory Board
- Interagency Coordinating Council for Coordination of Efforts for Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Interagency Coordination Council for Early Childhood Intervention
- Interstate Commission for Juveniles
- Interstate Commission for the Placement of Children
- J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities
- Multidisciplinary Teams Coordination
- Office of Disability Concerns
- Office of Juvenile Affairs
- Oklahoma Cerebral Palsy Commission
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
- Oklahoma Community Service Commission
- Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Commission
- Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board
- Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council
- Oklahoma School for the Blind
- Oklahoma School for the Deaf
- Oklahoma State Council on Aging
- Oklahoma Statewide Independent Living Council
- Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board
- Resident and Family State Council
- Santa Claus Commission
- State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision
- Vulnerable Adult Intervention Task Force

Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Susan Winchester as Secretary of Licensing and Regulation in February 2021. In this position, Winchester will oversee more than eighty state agencies as an integral part of Governor Stitt’s goal to deliver taxpayers more for their money.

From 1998 until 2008, Winchester was a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, serving as Oklahoma’s first female Speaker Pro Tempore. In 2005 she was selected as one of forty emerging state leaders from
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across the nation to participate in the Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Council of State Governments. Other legislative awards and honors include The Defender of Free Enterprise Award from the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and the Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy as well as induction into the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Hall of Fame.

From 2017–2019, she served as chief of staff for Lt. Governor Todd Lamb. Prior to joining Lamb’s office, she served eight years as president of the Research Institute for Economic Development, a pro-economic development growth company that worked to ensure Oklahoma’s legislative leaders worked toward progressive business ventures and policy initiatives.

Winchester is a member of numerous local and state organizations promoting leadership development. She currently sits on the board and has served as board chair for the Oklahoma City National Memorial and the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals. She is also a board member for the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the Economic Club of Oklahoma and is currently serving her third term as president of the Regents of the Regional Universities System of Oklahoma. She is a member and former board member of Leadership Oklahoma. In 2016, she was recognized as a National Mother of Achievement by the Washington D.C. based Association of American Mothers. She has also been recognized as the Oklahoma Woman of the Year by the Journal Record.

Before her career in politics, Winchester was a businesswoman in the agricultural industry. For more than ten years, she co-owned and operated American Dusting Company and Chickasha Flying Service. She is married to Supreme Court Justice James Winchester. Together, they have a son, Davis.

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

- Advisory Board on Massage Therapy
- Advisory Committee on Dietetic Registration
- Advisory Committee on Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Advisory Committee on Pedorthics
- Advisory Committee on Registered Electrologists
- Alarm, Locksmith and Fire Sprinkler Industry Committee
- Alternative Fuels Advisory Committee (i.e., Alternative Fuels Technician Examiners and Board)
- Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee
- Board of Behavioral Health Licensure
- Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Individual Health Insurance Market Stabilization Program
- Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- Board of Examiners in Optometry
- Board of Governors of the Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Registered Interior Designers of Oklahoma
- Board of Pharmacy
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) Formulary Advisory Council
- Commission on Consumer Credit
- Committee of Electrical Examiners
- Committee of Home Inspector Examiners
- Committee of Mechanical Examiners
- Committee of Plumbing Examiners
- Committee of Roofing Examiners
- Compressed Natural Gas
- Construction Industries Board
- Consumer Credit Advisory Committee
- Department of Consumer Credit
- Department of Labor
- Department of Securities
- Electrical Hearing Board
- Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board
- Elevator Inspection Bureau
- Formulary Advisory Council
- Health Care for the Uninsured Board
- Individual Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund Board
- Inspector Examiners Committee
- Insurance Advisory Board
- Interstate Compact Commission for Medical Licensure
- Manufactured Home Advisory Committee
- Mechanical Hearing Board
- Mechanical Installation Code Variance & Appeals Board
- Music Therapy Advisory Committee
- Occupational Licensing Advisory Commission
- Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee
- Oklahoma Abstractors Board
- Oklahoma Accountancy Board
- Oklahoma Board of Dentistry
- Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors
- Oklahoma Board of Nursing
- Oklahoma Funeral Board
- Oklahoma Insurance Department
- Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission
- Oklahoma Real Estate Commission
- Oklahoma Securities Commission
- Oklahoma Small Employer Health Reinsurance Program Board
- Oklahoma State Athletic Commission
- Oklahoma State Banking Department
- Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators
- Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers
- Oklahoma State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners
- Oklahoma State Credit Union Board
- Oklahoma State Roofing Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board
- Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission
- Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission
- Patient’s Right to Pharmacy Choice Advisory Committee
- Physical Therapy Committee
- Physical Therapy Compact Commission
- Physician Assistant Committee
- Plumbing Hearing Board
- Plumbing Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board
- Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee
- Real Estate Appraisers Board
- Respiratory Care Advisory Committee
- Roofing Hearing Board
- State Banking Board
- State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering
- State Board of Examiners of Perfusionists
Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Tricia Everest Secretary of Public Safety in March 2021. In this position, Everest oversees over fifty-five agencies including the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Pardon and Parole Board, and the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Everest is an Oklahoma City native and fourth generation Oklahoman. She received her Bachelor of Science from Vanderbilt University, her Juris Doctor from University of Oklahoma School of Law, and an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Oklahoma City University.

Her professional law career led her to the attorney general’s office where she represented the State of Oklahoma as assistant attorney general from 2004 to 2010. Everest currently serves as chair of the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority, a trustee of E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation and chair of Inasmuch Foundation’s advisory committee.

Everest also plays an integral role as the founding chair of Palomar, Oklahoma City’s Family Justice Center, which removes barriers for abuse victims to access the services they need. Additionally, Everest was the founding chair of ReMerge, which diverts mothers from prison and empowers the women to build healthy foundations for themselves and their children.

Other philanthropic endeavors include chair of Allied Arts, past-chair of YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City, where she was the first female chair in the organization’s 128-year history, and service on numerous nonprofit boards.

In 2019, Everest was inducted into the Oklahoma City University Meinders Hall of Honor for Business and Commerce and received the state’s highest honor in 2019 with her induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. In 2021, the Department of Justice awarded Everest with the Volunteer of the Year Award for work with crime victims.

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

- Advisory Committee for Motorcycle Safety and Education
- Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission
- Board of Directors for Canteen Services
- Board of Medicolegal Investigations
- Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence
- Bomb Dog Advisory Council
- Child Abuse Response Team
- CLEET Advisory Council
- CLEET Council
- Commission on the Prevention of Abuse of Elderly and Vulnerable Adults
- Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET)
- Crime Victims Compensation Board
- Criminal Justice Resource Center Reclassification Coordination Council
- Curriculum Review Board
- Department of Public Safety
- District Attorneys Council
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advisory Council
- Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board
- Driver’s License Medical Advisory Committee
- Drug Dog Advisory Council
- Governor’s Impaired Driving Prevention Advisory Council
- Injury Review Board
- Inmate Reentry Policy Council
- Lethality Assessment Protocol Task Force
- National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council
- Nonresident Viator Compact Board
- Office of Homeland Security
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- Office of the State Fire Marshal
- Oklahoma 9–1–1 Management Authority
- Oklahoma Access to Justice Commission
- Oklahoma Attorney General
- Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control
- Oklahoma Commission on Opioid Abuse
- Oklahoma Correctional Industries
- Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management
- Oklahoma Incident Management Team Advisory Committee
- Oklahoma Indigent Defense System
- Oklahoma Indigent Defense System Board
- Oklahoma Information Fusion Center
- Oklahoma Information Fusion Center Governance Board
- Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority
- Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority Food Safety Standards Board
- Oklahoma School Security Institute
- Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
- Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Commission
- Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control Commission
- Oklahoma State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision
- Opioid Overdose Fatality Review Board
- Pardon and Parole Board
- Polygraph Examiners Board
- Private Security Advisory Committee
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Regional Planning and Coordination Advisory Councils for Homeland Security
Sex Offender Level Assignment Committee
Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Task Force
State Department of Corrections
State Department of Corrections Board
State Fire Marshal Commission
State Hazard Mitigation Team

Secretary of Science and Innovation
Elizabeth Pollard

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Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Elizabeth Pollard as Secretary of Science and Innovation in June 2020. In this position, Pollard places a strategic emphasis on enabling science and innovation to impact health, commerce and STEM education for Oklahoma.

In addition to her cabinet role, Pollard is executive chair of Applied Silver, a materials science health-tech company located in Silicon Valley addressing infection control and antibiotic stewardship. She is a C-Suite veteran and has extensive global experience scaling businesses, building commercial and academic partnerships, and bringing to market highly specialized technology and solutions, including software and microfluidics, for healthcare, pharma, diagnostics, and life science research. Because of her expertise in genomic tools and test development, Pollard served as an advisor to the Oklahoma State Department of Health’s COVID-19 testing response. In addition, Pollard advises several early stage healthcare companies and has held board director roles in public, private, and non-profit organizations. Pollard also is a Director on the Global Board of YPO and serves on the finance committee. YPO’s 30,000+ executive leaders represent businesses that together account for the world’s third largest GDP. Pollard is a past member of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), Women Corporate Directors (WCD), and the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Pollard moved to Oklahoma in 2018 from California because of her appreciation for the state’s infrastructure, culture and values. She and her husband, Dennis, reside in Edmond. She is a native Michigander and received her bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Michigan State University, and master’s in administration from Central Michigan University.

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

- Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Advisory Committee (EPSCOR)
- Governor’s Aerospace and Autonomous Systems
- Governor’s Council on Science and Innovation
- Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology
- Oklahoma Health Research Committee
- Oklahoma Science and Technology Research and Development Board (OSTRAD)

Secretary of State and Native American Affairs
Brian Bingman

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Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Brian Bingman as Oklahoma Secretary of State and Native American Affairs in October 2020. In this position, Bingman serves as Governor Stitt’s chief policy advisor and negotiator as well as manages the operations of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Prior to his appointment, Bingman was employed as vice president of land and operations for Tulsa-based Uplands Resources. He served twelve years in the Oklahoma Legislature, representing House District 30 from 2004 to 2006 before representing Senate District 12 from 2006 to 2016. He also served as President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate from 2011 to 2016. Before being elected to the legislature, he served as mayor of Sapulpa from 1992 to 2004.

Bingman was the first Republican in state history to serve three terms as Pro Tempore of the Senate. Under his leadership, landmark workers’ compensation and lawsuit reform became law, and he authored and pushed for a reduction in Oklahoma’s income tax rate. Prior to being Pro Tem, he served as an assistant majority floor leader, chairman of the Energy and Environment Committee and vice chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.

Bingman was born in Tulsa and is a longtime Sapulpa resident. He has a bachelor’s degree in petroleum land management from the University of Oklahoma and has been involved in many local, state and national civic and political organizations. He is an active member and current elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Sapulpa and has been married for forty years to his wife, Paula. They have three children and six grandchildren.

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

- Commissioners to National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
- Judicial Nominating Commission
- Office of the Secretary of State
- Oklahoma Chief International Protocol Office
- Oklahoma Native American Liaison
State Election Board

Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife, and Heritage

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Pinnell was elected as the 17th Lieutenant Governor of the State of Oklahoma on November 6, 2018. In that role, he serves as president of the Oklahoma State Senate, and is a member of multiple constitutional boards and commissions. Pinnell also serves as Oklahoma Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife, and Heritage on Governor Kevin Stitt’s cabinet. In his role as secretary, Pinnell oversees the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation and the state’s efforts to promote tourism, the third largest industry in Oklahoma. Pinnell led the successful effort to rebrand the State of Oklahoma, a component of the overall effort to retain and recruit more jobs to the state of Oklahoma.

Pinnell also currently serves on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce executive committee focusing on small business growth, entrepreneurship, and workforce development. Pinnell has a background in entrepreneurship and is a small business owner with his wife, Lisa, who is an inventor and entrepreneur.

Pinnell is a graduate of Oral Roberts University with a degree in advertising and lives in Tulsa, with his wife, and their four children who attend Jenks Public Schools.

The secretary of tourism, wildlife, and Heritage is responsible for the following executive entities:

- African American Centennial Plaza Design Committee
- Department of Tourism and Recreation
- Department of Wildlife Conservation
- Greenwood Area Redevelopment Authority
- Greenwood Area Redevelopment Authority Board of Trustees
- J.M. Davis Memorial Commission
- Oklahoma Arts Council
- Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee
- Oklahoma Historical Society
- Oklahoma Historical Society Board
- Oklahoma Humanities Council
- Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission
- Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission
- Oklahoma Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee
- Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park
- Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park Board of Trustees
- Wildlife Conservation Commission

Secretary of Transportation

Tim Gatz

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Gatz was appointed Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation by Governor Kevin Stitt in January 2019, and the Oklahoma Transportation Commission named him Oklahoma Department of Transportation executive director in February, effective April 1, 2019. Gatz was named the executive director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority in 2016 and prior to that he served more than two decades at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Gatz started his career at ODOT as a drafting technician in 1990. Then in 1992, he became the Enhancements Program coordinator and moved up to special projects manager in 1997. In 2000, he became division manager of the Project Management Division where he was instrumental in the development of ODOT’s Eight-year Construction Plan.

Gatz was promoted to the senior staff position of director of Capital Programs and Information Management in 2006 and led the department’s coordination with county governments to develop and deliver the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges Program, which provides dedicated funds for high-priority county transportation projects statewide. He served as deputy director from 2013 until his appointment to OTA in 2016.

Gatz earned a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University in 1989, and is a registered professional landscape architect. He has received several honors including the Oklahoma Good Roads and Transportation Association’s Bill Skeith Stewardship Award, the Governor’s Public Service Award and the Federal Highway Administration’s Partners in Quality Award. He is a member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association and the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Gatz and his wife, Sandy, live in El Reno, and have two sons.

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

- Aeronautics Commission, Oklahoma
- Highway Construction Materials Technician Certification Board
Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Ben T. Robinson as the Oklahoma Secretary of Veteran Affairs and Military in April 2019. In this position, he is responsible to the governor for the successful execution of the governor’s policy and guidance to state veteran agencies and support of Oklahoma’s military installations and the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Committee.

Prior to his current positions, Robinson was a Boeing executive and director of Boeing Aerospace Operations, Oklahoma City Boeing Site. He was responsible for supporting the programs and functions assigned to the Oklahoma City site. This support covers over 2,100 employees in seventy locations worldwide. He led the Boeing growth effort in Oklahoma City, which will eventually more than triple the number of local Boeing employees.

Robinson retired from active duty with the U.S. Air Force as a Brigadier General in 2002. His nearly thirty-four years of active duty service includes combat operations in both the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army. He commanded two flying wings, a flying group and a space center. He was a director on the Air Staff in Washington, D.C., and the vice commander of 8th Air Force. He held a command pilot rating with nearly 5,000 flying hours and over 150 combat missions.

In 2010, Robinson was presented with the first Lifetime Achievement Award by the Oklahoma Aerospace Alliance for his contributions to the sustainment and growth of the Oklahoma Aerospace Industry. In 2012, he was presented with the General Thomas P. Stafford Award for exceptional support and contributions to the Oklahoma Aerospace Industry.

Robinson earned his bachelor’s degree in industrial management from Eastern New Mexico University and a master’s degree in industrial management from Central Michigan University. In addition, he completed a one-year course of study with MIT as an International Relations Fellow.

Robinson is a member of the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority, the board of directors for NewView Oklahoma, the board of directors for Atec Inc., the board of directors of Force Fifty Foundation, the board of advisors for USO, a member of the traveling committee of the National Science Foundation and several Project Lead the Way advisory boards. He is also a docent at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

Robinson and his wife, Linda, reside in Oklahoma City. They are active members of the Crossings Christian Church. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

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

- Agent Orange Outreach Committee
- Architect Selection Board
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Gulf War Syndrome Outreach Committee
- Oklahoma National Guard Relief Program Review Board
- Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission
- Veterans Commission
Legislative Branch
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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.

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Justices of the Supreme Court

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

Vice Chief Justice John Kane IV, District 1. Kane is a fourth generation Oklahoma lawyer, and was appointed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court by Governor Kevin Stitt on September 17, 2019. He was appointed as the vice chief justice in 2020. Kane commenced his legal career by practicing law in the firm of Kane, Kane & Kane with his father and grandfather. In 2005 Kane was appointed by Governor Brad Henry as the district judge of the 10th Judicial District (Osage County). While serving on the trial bench, Kane served as the presiding judge for the eight-county Northeast Judicial Administrative District. Kane also served as the president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference, which is the judiciary’s official association. At the time Kane was appointed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court, he had been serving as the presiding judge on the Oklahoma Court on the Judiciary, the body that actually judges other judges. Kane has been married to his wife, Cyndy, for thirty-five years. The couple has four children: Matthew (and wife Mallorie), Meg (and husband Stephen), Patrick and Phillip. Cyndy is a former public school educator, a founder and former director of a home school co-op, a retail merchant, author, and entrepreneur. Kane is the great-grandson of former Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Matthew John Kane, I. The original Justice Kane participated in the Oklahoma Land Run in 1889, and was a member of Oklahoma’s Constitutional Convention in addition to being on the original Oklahoma Supreme Court. His great-grandmother is the late Mabelle Kennedy, former assistant secretary of the United States Treasurer. Kane can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9359.

Douglas L. Combs, District 8. Combs 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, and he served as the court’s chief justice from December 2016 to January 1, 2019. 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 and the University of Oklahoma to earn a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1973. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1976, and was admitted to the bar the same year. Combs has served as chief judge of the twenty-third judicial district and as the presiding judge of the North Central Administrative Judicial District. He served as a board member of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference from 2006 to 2010, and held the office of president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference in 2009. Combs is married to Janet Lea Combs, and they have two children: Christopher T. Combs and Eric L. Combs, both members of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is a resident of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Combs can be reached at Suite 1, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9361.

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, was born on September 26, 1952, in South Bend, Indiana, and 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 Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1978. She was an editor of the American Indian Law Review, and received the Professional Responsibility Award. Gurich has lived in Oklahoma City for more than forty years. Before she began her judicial career, Gurich was engaged in private law practice in Oklahoma City for ten years. In 1988 she was appointed by Governor Henry Bellmon to serve as a judge on the Oklahoma Workers’ Compensation Court. She served as presiding judge of that court for four years. She was reappointed for a second term by Governor David Walters in 1994. After being appointed by Governor Frank Keating to the district court bench in July 1998, she won a countywide election for district judge that same year. She was re-elected without opposition in 2002, 2006, and 2010. Gurich served as the presiding administrative judge for the Seventh Judicial District, Oklahoma County, from January 2003 to December 31, 2004. She presided over more than 190 jury trials.
Yvonne Kauger, District 4. A fourth generation Oklahoman, Kauger was born in Cordell, Oklahoma, on August 3, 1937, and raised in Colony, Oklahoma. 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 14, 1984. She served as the court’s chief justice from January 1997 to December 1998, and she is the first 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 1986, 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 2005 Kauger received the Governor’s Art Award, and in 2012, she again received the Governor’s Art Award for her work in creating an extensive public art collection in the Oklahoma Judicial Center.

Justice Dana Kuehn, District 6, Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Kuehn to the Oklahoma Supreme Court on July 26, 2021. She was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on October 2, 2017, by Governor Mary Fallin to fill the unexpired term of Judge Clancy Smith. She was elected presiding judge in 2020. A native of Tulsa, she attended Oklahoma State University, receiving a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1993. Kuehn was a top-ten graduate of the OSU College of Arts and Sciences and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority of which she served as president. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1996. After graduating law school, Kuehn served as a felony prosecutor for almost ten years with the Tulsa County District Attorney’s Office. As lead counsel, she tried more than seventy-five cases. She headed the Crimes Against Children Unit and also served as chief of the Juvenile Division. She was an associate with the firm of Steidley & Neal from 1999–2000. In 2006, Judge Kuehn was elected Associate District Judge of Tulsa County. She presided over a felony docket and conducted more than seventy-five jury trials. In that capacity, she also worked closely with Women In Recovery for alternative sentencing options for women. Judge Kuehn then presided over a civil docket from 2008 to 2017 conducting more than 100 jury trials. Judge Kuehn served as chief of the Civil Division at Tulsa County from 2010 through 2012. She teaches Evidence Workshop at the University of Tulsa College of Law. She is past president of the Alumni Board and was selected Outstanding Junior Alumnae. In May 2017, she was inducted into the Tulsa College of Law Hall of Fame and received the Thomas Coffman Community Service Award. Judge Kuehn is an active member of the Tulsa County Bar Association and Oklahoma Bar Association. She is a recipient of the 2016 Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award. In 2017, the American Board of Trial Advocates recognized her as Judge of the Year for the State of Oklahoma. Kuehn can be reached at Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.
Justice Dustin P. Rowe, District 2. Rowe is a lifelong resident of Tishomingo, and a graduate of Tishomingo High School. At the age of eighteen, while still a senior in high school, he won election to the Tishomingo City Council, where he served two terms as the youngest mayor in the state. Rowe earned a bachelor of arts degree with honors from East Central University, and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he was named a Lee R. Thompson scholar. Upon graduation, his class awarded him the Professional Responsibility Award and the faculty awarded him the Joseph Barick Award. Rowe practiced law in Tishomingo from 2001 to 2019, where he served as Tishomingo City Attorney for eighteen years. He served as special judge of the Chickasaw Nation District Court from 2005–2011, and as district judge of the Chickasaw Nation District Court from 2011–2019. Rowe was appointed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court by Governor J. Kevin Stitt on November 20, 2019. He assumed office on December 20, 2019. Rowe is an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation. He and his wife are the proud parents of two children. Rowe can be reached at Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or dustin.rowe@oscn.net.

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 Doctor degree from Oklahoma City University. After graduating from law school, Winchester practiced law in western Oklahoma before being named associate district judge for Caddo County in January 1983. In December 1983, at age 30, he became one of the youngest district judges in the state when he was appointed by Governor George Nigh as district judge for the Sixth Judicial District of Oklahoma. He was named an Outstanding State Trial Court Judge and is a past president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference. During his fifteen years on the bench, he presided over both civil and criminal cases, including death-penalty trials and multi-million dollar oil and gas disputes. He oversaw hundreds of jury trials ranging from dog bites to first degree murder. For two years, Winchester served as a U.S. administrative law judge in Oklahoma City and New Orleans. Winchester is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma and a 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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Presiding Judge Scott Rowland, District 4, was appointed to the Court of Criminal Appeals in November 2017 by Governor Mary Fallin. He grew up in Wynnewood graduating from high school there in 1983, and then earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism/political science from the University of Oklahoma in 1987. After earning his Juris Doctor cum laude from the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1994, Rowland served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Oklahoma, general counsel to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, and for eleven years as first assistant district attorney in the Oklahoma County District Attorney’s Office. He has lectured throughout the United States on various areas of criminal constitutional procedure, authored numerous articles on Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment law, and is an adjunct instructor of legal ethics at Oklahoma City University School of Law and of criminal and constitutional law at Oklahoma State University at Oklahoma City. Rowland was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame in 2016, named outstanding Adjunct Faculty at OSU-OKC in 2017, Outstanding Oklahoma Prosecutor for 2013 by the Oklahoma District Attorneys’ Association, and State Prosecutor of the Year for 2001 and 2004 by the Association of Oklahoma Narcotic Enforcers. He and his wife, Shannon, live in Oklahoma City with their daughters Caroline and Emma.

Vice Presiding 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 for four consecutive terms. In 2011 Hudson accepted the position of first assistant attorney general in the Attorney General’s Office. In November 2012, he became special judge in the 9th Judicial District, where he served the citizens of Logan and Payne counties for over two years before being appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals by Governor Mary Fallin in April 2015. Among Hudson’s achievements, honors, and awards, in 1980 he was named Oklahoma State University College of Agriculture’s Most Outstanding Graduate and one of OSU’s Top Five Graduating Senior Men. While in law school, he was a member of the 1983 Regional Winning National Mock Trial Team. In 2000 and 2011, he was named the state’s Outstanding District Attorney by the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association, and served two terms as president of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association (2000 and 2008). Hudson is a member of Leadership Oklahoma Class XVII. He served as a commissioner for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for nearly ten years. Hudson and his wife, Mary Hughes Hudson, married in 1981. She is a school teacher. They have five adult children and numerous grandchildren. Hudson also owns and operates a wheat and cow-calf operation in the Guthrie area. He has led a Bible study class for over thirty years at the First Southern Baptist Church in Guthrie. Hudson can be reached at Oklahoma Judicial Center, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or 405/524-9649.

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 and 2019–2020. Lewis earned a bachelor’s degree with high honors from the University of Oklahoma in 1980, and 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. Lewis formerly served as president of the Comanche County Bar Association. He has served as president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference and is a fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is also a “Fellow” of the American Bar Foundation. Lewis was selected as a member of the Class of 2008 Henry Toll Fellowship Program of the Council of State Governments. He was inducted into the Order of the Owl at the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2017. Lewis serves on the Board of Visitors of the University of Oklahoma College of Law, and is co-chair of the Bench and Bar Committee of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Lewis also formerly served on the board of directors for Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma, and served as chairman of Reach Out and Read Oklahoma. Lewis can be reached at Suite 2, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/524-9611.

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 Reserve. 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 Marshal County from 1982 to 1985, and as district judge, Twentieth Judicial District, Division II from 1985 to 1989. Governor Henry Bellmon appointed him to the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, and he began his service on the court in January 1989. Lumpkin was named Outstanding Young Man of America by the U.S. Jaycees in 1979, and Outstanding Assistant District Attorney of the Third Congressional District by the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association in 1981. He also received the 1999 William J. Holloway Jr. Professionalism Award from the William J. Holloway Jr. American Inn of Court. Southwestern Oklahoma State University selected him as their 2007 Distinguished Alumnus and inducted him into the University Hall of Fame. Lumpkin is a member of the
Marine Corps Reserve Association; Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, and Marshal County bar associations; Benefactor Fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation; Oklahoma Judicial Conference; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4611/4869; and the William J. Holloway Jr. American Inns of Court CV. In addition, he is a member of the Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29, and a Paul Harris Fellow. From 2001 to 2007, he was a member of the National Center for State Courts Board of Directors in Williamsburg, Virginia, and is currently a member of The Conferences of Chief Justices. He is a current member of the advisory board for the Trinity Legal Clinic. Lumpkin and his wife, Barbara, are from Madill and have one child. They are members of Waterloo Road Baptist Church. Lumpkin can be reached at Room N 308, Oklahoma Judicial Center, 2100 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or 405/556–9642.
Court of Civil Appeals

20 O.S. § 30.1

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. The chief judge and vice-chief judge are selected and rotate each year between Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

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

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

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

Swinton has served on the board of directors of Justice Alma Wilson Seeworthy Academy, board of elders for Crown Heights Christian Church, and is past district president of the National Exchange Club. She is active in the Greater Oklahoma City Panhellenic Alumnae Association and the Zeta Tau Alpha OKC alumnae group, and is a life member of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association. She is a graduate of class eighteen of Leadership Oklahoma City and class twenty-two of Leadership Oklahoma. Swinton and her husband, Charles, have three adult children, and two grandchildren.

Judge Robert D. Bell, District 5, Office 2. Born on May 11, 1967, in Norman, Oklahoma, Bell graduated from the Norman Public School system. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law, and an LLM from the Duke University School of Law. Following law school, Bell worked in private law practice in Norman for thirteen years. During the same time, he served as municipal judge for the cities of Blanchard, Broken Arrow, Noble, Moore, and Purcell. He has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law since 1998. In June 2005 he was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. He was retained in a statewide vote in 2006, 2012, and 2018. He was elected chief judge for 2011. The Journal Record named Bell as one of Oklahoma’s Achievers Under 40 (Class III) in 2006. Bell has been given commendations for judicial service by both Governor Brad Henry and Governor Mary Fallin. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Oklahoma bar associations. In 2015, Bell was appointed to serve on the United States Supreme Court Historical Society. Bell and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Bradleigh, a law student at Southern Methodist University, and Addy, a law student at the University of Oklahoma.

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 is 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 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, 2012, and 2018. He served as chief judge of the Court of Civil Appeals in 2009. Mitchell is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Oklahoma County Bar Association. He served two three-year terms on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and also served as chairman of the C.L.E. Committee, and the Bench and Bar Committee. He is also a member of the OBA Appellate Practice Section, a Sustaining Fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation, and a member of the Oklahoma Supreme Court Committee for Uniform Jury Instructions. He is a master emeritus of the Ginsburg Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is a former member of the OBA Administration of Justice Committee, Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, and a volunteer at Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma. He has been admitted to practice in all Oklahoma state courts, the
Tulsa

Vice Chief Judge John F. Fischer, District 3, Office 2. Born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Fischer received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in English Literature from the University of Oklahoma. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1975, and was admitted to practice law in Oklahoma in 1976. He has been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court since 1979. From 1976 to 1980 Fischer served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Oklahoma. He was in private law practice from 1980 to 2006, during which time he was selected by his peers as one of the “Best Lawyers in America” in commercial litigation. While in law school, Fischer received the Liberty National Bank Research Scholarship. He is a Master of the Bench and past president of the William J. Holloway American Inn of Court CV, and author of various articles on antitrust law and health care issues. He has been involved in various arts and community activities, and served as a member and chair of several state and county bar committees.

He is a member of the American and Oklahoma bar associations, the Oklahoma Judicial Conference, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and is an Oklahoma Bar Foundation Fellow, and a former Oklahoma representative to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Advisory Committee. In 2011 he received the Appellate Judge of the Year Award. In 2019 Fischer was elected to membership in the American Law Institute, the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law. He was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in May 2006. Fischer and his wife, Pam, have two daughters, and four grandsons.

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

Judge Gregory Blackwell, District 3, Office 1. Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Blackwell to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals on July 21, 2021, to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Thomas Thornburgh. Blackwell attended the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Letters and a Juris Doctor degree. He has practiced law for seventeen years. Upon graduation, he served as a federal judicial clerk to the Honorable Michael Mihm on the Central District of Illinois. In 2005, he began working for the United States Department of Justice in the Environment and Natural Resources Division, where he defended the U.S. and numerous federal agencies in complex environmental litigation. Blackwell returned to Oklahoma City in 2008 and worked in the land department of Chesapeake Energy Corporation and then served as head of all appellate litigation at Ball Morse Lowe, PLLC. Prior to his appointment by Governor Stitt, he served as a staff attorney for Judge Bay Mitchell on the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals.

Judge Stacie L. Hixon, District 1, Office 1. Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Stacie L. Hixon to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in March 2020 to replace retired Judge Jerry Goodman. Hixon attended Oklahoma State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in German and a Master of Arts degree in political science. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa School of Law. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner at Steidley & Neil law firm, which has offices in Tulsa and McAlester. As a private practice attorney, she focused on insurance, product liability, employment law, and general civil litigation. Hixon is a member of the Tulsa County Bar Association and the Oklahoma Bar Association. She was named to the Oklahoma Super Lawyers list for 2015–2018, and was named on the Top 25 Women Oklahoma Super Lawyers list for 2017–2018.

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 authored an Oklahoma Supreme Court opinion, while serving as special justice on the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Rapp received the Southwest Missouri University Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016, and the Oklahoma Supreme Court Judicial Excellence Award in 2018. He was appointed as judge to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in 1984.
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. She has twice served as chief judge of the court and is currently presiding judge of Division II. Wiseman has served as president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference and currently serves on its education and legislative committees. She has taught trial court case management as a member of the National Judicial College faculty in Reno, Nevada. She has also served on the Oklahoma Bar Association’s Professionalism Committee, Evidence Committee, and the OBA Special Task Force on Tort Reform. Wiseman is active with the Tulsa County Bar Association, serving on its awards and nominations and bench and bar committees, and is a frequent continuing legal education presenter. She is married to Jim Hodges and has two sons, Jamie and John, and three grandchildren.
10th Circuit Court of Appeals
Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming

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

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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 one judge appointed by the governor and approved by the Oklahoma Senate.

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Profiles of Agencies, Boards, and Commissions

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2–1–1 Collaborative, Oklahoma (56 O.S. § 3021)
Formerly named the 2–1–1 Advisory Collaborative, Oklahoma and the 2–1–1 Oklahoma Coordinating Council
www.211oklahoma.org

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

Abstractors Board, Oklahoma (1 O.S. § 22) Re-created until July 1, 2023

Agency Code 022 (IA) www.abstract.ok.gov
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 180, Oklahoma City 73103 405/522–5019, fax 405/522–5503
Mission Statement The Oklahoma Abstractors Board regulates the abstracting industry and issues abstractor licenses, certificates of authority, and permits to construct abstract plants.
Administration Katherine Smith, State Administrator of Abstracting
Personnel 2 unclassified
History and Function The board consists of nine members, six of whom are in the abstracting industry, one real estate representative, one banking representative, and one attorney. All members are appointed by the governor and serve staggered four year terms. The board is responsible for promulgating rules, setting forth guidelines for agency operations, and governing the professional practices of the licensees. The entity is self-supporting through fees.

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

Agency Code 020 (IA) www.ok.gov/oab
201 NW 63 Street, Suite 210, Oklahoma City 73116 405/521–2397, FAX 405/521–3118
Mission Statement To safeguard the public welfare by prescribing and assessing the qualifications of and regulating the professional conduct of individuals and firms authorized to engage in the practice of public accounting in Oklahoma.
Administration Randall A. Ross, Executive Director
Personnel 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 2023.

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

Agency Code 060 (IA) www.oac.ok.gov
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Administration Grayson Ardies, State Director of Aeronautics
Chris Wadsworth, Chief of Staff, 405/604–6901
Sandra Shelton, Communication and Government Affairs Coordinator, 405/604–6915
History and Function The commission was created in 1963 by the Oklahoma Legislature to advance, foster, and assist in the development of aeronautics in Oklahoma, including current and future aircraft, and to encourage the establishment and maintenance of public airports. Since FY 2002 the commission has invested $212.8 million in federal funds and $75 million of the $89.3 million it has received in state funds into airport infrastructure across the state. The commission is funded by users of the Oklahoma Airport System and the Oklahoma Legislature through aircraft excise and aviation fuel taxes, aircraft registration fees, and appropriated funds. On average, 83 percent of funds received go directly back into airports.
Oklahoma has more than the 5,716 general aviation aircraft that are actively flying in the state and nearly 9,600 pilots. In Oklahoma, 95 percent of our state’s population is within 30–minutes-drive time of a jet-capable airport. Out of the 108 publicly owned airports, 104 are general aviation airports, including forty-nine that are regional business airports. Forty-five of those forty-nine have jet-capable runways of at least 5,000 feet in length. The commission ensures the needs of businesses and communities in the state are met by the state’s airports.

Oklahoma’s 104 general aviation airports and four commercial airports account for $10.6 billion in economic activity. The commission fosters the growth of the aerospace and defense industry, a top employer in Oklahoma, which is responsible for $27 billion in sales. Oklahoma’s aviation and aerospace industry is the state’s second-largest economic engine, providing more than 206,000 jobs and generating an economic impact of $43.7 billion annually.

Mission OAC’s mission is to promote aviation, which includes ensuring that the needs of commerce and communities across Oklahoma are met by the state’s 108 public airports that comprise the Oklahoma Airport System and ensuring the viability of the state’s aerospace industry.

Vision The commission is considered the lead government agency for providing support, funding, planning, programming, and engineering, advocacy, and promotion of Oklahoma’s airports and is a critical partner in providing support, advocacy, and promotion of the aviation and aerospace industry.

About the Commission Comprised of seven members, each commissioner is appointed by the governor, serving six-year terms. Five members are from among Oklahoma’s five congressional districts with the remaining two appointed at-large. The commission is responsible for appointing the state director of aeronautics to serve at its pleasure. The current director is Grayson Ardies, having served in that position since November 2020.

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
2800 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City 73105 405/521–3864, FAX 405/521–4912
Mission Statement To protect and promote Oklahoma with regard to agricultural production, food safety, and forestry services and fire management.

History and Function The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry began at statehood. The agency provides services through regulatory and marketing initiatives. It is headquartered in Oklahoma City, and has ten divisions: administration, environmental management services, animal industry, consumer protection services, food safety, forestry, laboratory services, market development, office of general counsel, and wildlife. The agency works hard to advocate for the state’s agricultural industry and provide the necessary regulatory functions to benefit consumers, the agricultural industry, and our natural resources.

State Board of Agriculture Ed Hurliman, Broken Bow; Jay Franklin, Vinita; Joe Farris, Taloga; and Karen Krehbiel Dodson, Hydro

Administration Blayne Arthur, Secretary of Agriculture
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Public Information Officer, Morgan Vance, 405/522–5479
Agriculture Environmental Management Services, Jeremy Seiger, Director, 405/522–4659
Animal Industry Services, Dr. Rod Hall, DVM, State Veterinarian, 405/522–0270
Consumer Protection Services, Kenny Naylor, Director, 405/522–5879
Food Safety Services, Scott Yates, Director, 405/522–6114
Forestry Services, Mark Goeller, Director, 405/522–2295
Laboratory Services, Tanna Hartington, Director, 405/522–5432
Office of General Counsel, Teena Gunter, General Counsel, 405/522–4576
Market Development Services, Meriruth Cohenour, Director, 405/522–5652
Statistics Services, Troy Marshall, 405/524–0021
Wildlife Services, Scott Alls, 405/522–5470

Personnel 279 classified, 66 unclassified, 19 temporary

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

www.ok.gov/mediation
2800 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, 73105
Email: mediation@ag.ok.gov

Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Oklahoma Board of Licensed (59 O.S. § 1873) Re-created until July 1, 2023

Agency Code 448 (IA) www.okdrugcounselors.org
405/521–0779
Alcohol and Drug Influence, Board of Tests for (47 O.S. § 759)

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

www.ok.gov/bot
PO Box 36307, Oklahoma City 73136–2307

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

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

Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission (ABLE Commission) (37A O.S. § 1–104)

Agency Code 030 (IA)
50 NE 23 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3484, Toll Free 866/894–3517, FAX 405/521–6578

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

Administration  A. Keith Burt, Director; Steven Barker, Deputy Director and General Counsel; Brent Fairchild, Assistant Director.

Personnel  30 classified, 6 unclassified

History and Function  Created by Title 37A of the Oklahoma Statutes, the commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor and subject to the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate, who in turn appoint the director. The origins of the commission date to 1959 after the repeal of prohibition in Oklahoma, and the agency marked its sixtieth anniversary in July 2019. The purpose of the commission is viewed as an exercise of the police power of the State of Oklahoma for the protection, welfare, health, peace, temperance, and safety of the people of the state through the enforcement of the laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages, charity games, and youth access to tobacco. The agency enforces the Oklahoma Beverage Control Act, Charity Games Act, and Youth Access to Tobacco Act. Over 136,000 businesses and individuals involved in alcoholic beverage and charity games industries hold active licenses with the commission.

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

Agency Code 044 (IA)
PO Box 26901, AAT 4000, Oklahoma City 73126
405/271–2265, EXT 4855, FAX 405/271–3032
E-mail—jon-brightbill@ouhsc.edu

Mission Statement  To ensure, for the State of Oklahoma, the respectful and consensual disposition and use of human bodies and parts donated for education, research, and the advancement of medical, dental, forensics or mortuary science. The Anatomical Board oversees all entities that provide or use donated bodies and body parts for education and research.

Administration  Lawrence Rothblum PhD., Chairman; Jon Brightbill, Executive Director.

History and Function  Created by the 1935 Oklahoma Legislature, the board is composed of deans, or their designees, of each accredited medical school and osteopathic medical school within the state; heads of the Department of Anatomy, or their designees, two persons appointed jointly by the presidents of institutions of higher education with programs other than medical which require, on a regular basis, human and anatomical material, provided they have been approved by the State Regents for Higher Education, and one at-large member appointed by the governor to represent the interests of the citizens of this state. Board functions are to provide for the collection, preservation, storage, distribution, delivery, recovery from users, cremation, and final disposition of all dead human bodies used for health science education and research in the state. Re-created until July 1, 2023.

Approving Agency, State (Title 38, United States Code)

2132 NE 36 Street, Oklahoma City 73111 (IA)
405/522–8076, FAX 405/523–4008

odva.ok.gov

Administration  Brint Montgomery PhD, Administrator

History and Function  The agency was established in 1963 and is responsible for the approval and the monitoring of education and training programs for veterans, their dependents, active duty military, and reservists in Oklahoma.
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
E-mail—aregnier@ou.edu
www.ou.edu/archsurvey
Administration Amanda L. Regnier, 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; assists in the enforcement of laws protecting archeological sites; maintains archeology programs; does anthropological and archeological research under the direction of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma.

Architects, Landscape Architects, and Registered Commercial 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
Oklahoma Engineering and Design Professionals Building, 220 NE 28 Street, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 405/949–2383
Mission Statement To protect the citizens of the State of Oklahoma by establishing standards for professional qualifications, ensuring competence through education, experience, and examinations, setting practice standards, and enforcing the Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act.
Administration Leslie Hanska, Executive Director
Personnel 4 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 commercial 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, 2023.

Arts Council, Oklahoma (53 O.S. § 163)
Agency Code 055 (IA) www.arts.ok.gov
PO Box 52001–2001, Oklahoma City 73152–2001
405/521–2931, FAX 405/521–6418, TDD 405/521–2931
Mission Statement The Oklahoma Arts Council leads, cultivates, and amplifies the transformative power of the arts for all Oklahomans and their communities.
Administration Amber Sharples, Executive Director; Chandra Boyd, Deputy Director; Joel Gavin, Director of Marketing and Communications
Personnel 13 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 organizations, public libraries and schools statewide.

Athletic Commission, Oklahoma State (HB 3070, 2008; 3A O.S. § 604.1; 74 O.S. § 3906) Recreated until July 1, 2024
405/271–9444
www.ok.gov/osac

Attorney General (Constitution, Article 6 § 1)
Agency Code 049 (IA) www.ok.gov/oag
313 NE 21 Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105
Tulsa Office: 15 W 6 Street, Suite 1000, Tulsa, 74119
405/521–3921, FAX 405/521–6246
918/581–2885, FAX 918/581–2917
Administration John O’Connor, Attorney General; Dawn Cash, First Assistant Attorney General; Mary Ann Roberts, Chief Deputy Assistant Attorney General; Alex Gerszewski, Director of Communications; Mithun Mansingham, Solicitor General
**Banking Department, Oklahoma State** (Constitution, Article 14 §1; 6 O.S. § 201)

**Agency Code** 065 (IA)

2900 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City 73105

Tulsa Office: 9618 South Memorial Drive, Suite 100, Tulsa 74133

**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; Wayne Arbuthnot, Assistant Deputy Commissioner; Jeff Bagby, Assistant Deputy Commissioner; Paul Qualls, Director of Examinations; Rick Nelson, Supervisory Examiner; Steven Hawkins, Budget Director; Matt Mowdy, Legal Counsel; Regina Rainey, Chief of Staff; Angela Morris, Administrative Assistant

**Personnel**  37 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.

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

State Banking Department (IA)

2900 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105

Tulsa Office: 9816 South Memorial Drive, Suite 100, Tulsa 74113

**Administration**  Mick Thompson, Commissioner; O. Dudley Gilbert, Deputy Commissioner; Regina Rainey, Chief of Staff; Matt Mowdy, Legal Counsel; 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.

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**Bar Association, Oklahoma**

(InTEGRATED bar under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. 5 O.S. § 1, Appendix 1–3A.)

1901 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105

PO Box 53036, Oklahoma City 73152–3036

**Administration**  John Morris Williams, Executive Director; Craig D. Combs, Director of Administration; Gina Hendryx, General Counsel; Carol A. Manning, Director of Public Information; Janet K. Johnson, Director of Educational Programs; Jim Calloway, Management Assistance Program Director; Robbin Watson, Information Technology Director; Beverly Petry, Administrator of MCLE Commission; Richard Stevens, Ethics Counsel; and Dawn Shelton, Director of Strategic Communications and Marketing

**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).

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**Behavioral Health Licensure, State Board of** (59 O.S. § 5011) Recreated until July 1, 2023.

www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth
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
405/325–4034, FAX 405/325–7702
biosurvey.ou.edu
E-mail—lara.souza@ou.edu
Administration Lara Souza, Director

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

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

Agency Code 039
Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
704 S Veterans Drive, Altus 73521
580/477–4287, fax 580/477–4238
obweo.org
Administration Brenda Osborne, Executive Director

Mission Statement To eradicate the boll weevil from Oklahoma.
Personnel 4 unclassified, non-merit

Bond Commissioner (62 O.S. § 11)
The Attorney General is ex officio Bond Commissioner of the State.
Office of the Attorney General, 313 NE 21 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3921, fax 405/521–6246
Administration John O’Connor, Attorney General, ex officio Bond Commissioner

Bond Oversight, Council of (62 O.S. § 695.11A)
The five-member Council of Bond Oversight is responsible for the review and approval of all financing requests by state agencies, authorities, departments, and trusts. The council meets monthly to review financing requests and may set specific conditions that must be satisfied prior to issuance. The council consists of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services director, two members appointed by the governor, one member appointed by the Speaker of Oklahoma House of Representatives, and one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate.

Boxing Commission, Oklahoma Professional (3A O.S. § 604.1)
State Department of Health
405/271–2694, FAX 405/271–1695
www.ok.gov/osac
E-mail—boxing@health.ok.gov

Building Bonds Commission, Oklahoma (62 O.S. § 57.302)
Secretary of State (IA)
State Capitol, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd., Suite 122, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–6434
Administration Michelle Waddell, Secretary of State staff; Mark Tygret, Chair

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)
Business Development Division, 900 N Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma City 73104–3234
900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73104–3234
Administration Rana Steeds, 405/815–5143

History and Function Provides information to existing businesses and individuals starting a business about compliance with state licensing and registration requirements. Information is also available at www.okcommerce.gov.
Capitol Improvement Authority, Oklahoma (73 O.S. § 152)
Oklahoma State Treasurer, Debt Management Division
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard, State Capitol, Room 217, Oklahoma City, 73105 405/521–4504
www.ociabonds.com
Mission Statement To provide a financing mechanism for buildings for state government offices.
Administration Andrew Messer, Deputy Treasurer for Debt Management
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 state treasurer, 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 206 (IA)
PO Box 53448, Oklahoma City 73152–3218 405/522–0440, fax 405/522–3861
www.omes.ok.gov/services/capitol-medical-zoning
Administration Casey Jones, AICP/Planner
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 53448, Oklahoma City 73152–3218
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.

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

Career and Technology Education, Oklahoma Department of (70 O.S. § 14–104) Board (70 O.S. § 14–101)
Agency Code 800 (IA)
1500 W Seventh Avenue, Stillwater 74074 405/377–2000, FAX 405/743–6809
www.okcareertech.org
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, thirteen skills centers located in correctional facilities, and thirty adult basic education sites. Each technology center works closely with advisers from local industry to ensure that students learn the skills needed to be valued members of the workforce. The department partners with many other state and private agencies and organizations to develop services to advance Oklahoma’s workforce and economic development. Annually enrollments in CareerTech offerings are about 455,000. CareerTech provides nationally recognized competency-based curriculum, education, and training for a myriad of specialized and customized courses and training opportunities. This curriculum is developed with the input of industry professionals, using skills standards to identify the knowledge and abilities needed to master an occupation. Competency-based education enables CareerTech to provide students with the skills employers are seeking in the workplace.
Vision The department is working to secure Oklahoma’s future by developing a world-class workforce.
Mission Statement To prepare Oklahomans to succeed in the workplace, in education, and in life.
Values  The department’s values and beliefs are serving our customers and stakeholders; data-driven decisions; quality educational experiences; innovation and flexibility; accountability and high performance; diversity and inclusion; ethical behavior; and commitment to excellence.

Administration  Dr. Marcie Mack, State Director
Personnel  217 unclassified

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

Cash Management and Investment Oversight Commission  (62 O.S. §71.1)
Office of Management and Enterprise Services
5505 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City 73105 405/522–5577

Cerebral Palsy Commission  (63 O.S. § 485.3, 485.9)
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, multidisciplinary 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 Kuesterstefen, Director; Erik Paulson, Business Manager; Becky Melsek, Director of Nursing; Tina Martinez, Human Resources Director; Sharla Bardin, Director of Marketing
Personnel  235

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

Chief Medical Examiner  (63 O.S. § 934)
921 NE 23 Street, Oklahoma City 73105 (IA) 405/239–7141, FAX 405/239–2430

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)
2915 N Classen Blvd., Suite 300, Oklahoma City 73106 405/606–4900, FAX 405/524–0417

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

Administration  Annette Wisk Jacobi, J.D., Director; Mark James, Assistant Director
Personnel  14 classified, 7 unclassified, merit, 2 temporary

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 Death Review Board (10 O.S. § 1150.2) Re-created until July 1, 2023
405/606–4933, FAX 405/524–0417
Administration Lisa Rhoades, Administrator

Juvenile System Oversight, Office of (10 O.S. § 601.6)
405/606–4900; FAX 405/528–0455
Administration Mark James, Assistant Director

Multidisciplinary Teams Coordination
405/606–4900; FAX 405/524–0417
Administration Jimmy Widdifield Jr., Administrator

Planning and Coordination
405/606–4918; FAX 405/524–0417
Administration Mark James, Assistant Director

Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board (10 O.S. § 1116.6)
405/606–4922; FAX 405/524–0417
Administration Keith Pirtle, Administrator

Chiropractic Examiners, Board of (59 O.S. § 161.1; 59 O.S.161.4) Recreated until July 1, 2023.
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, 2020.
Administration Beth Kidd, Executive Director; Lauren Arnold, Administrative Assistant
Personnel 2 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, 2023.
(Under direction and supervision of Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma.)
University of Oklahoma, 120 David L. Boren Boulevard, Suite 2900, Norman 73072–7305 www.climate.ok.gov
405/325–2541, FAX 405/325–7282
Mission Statement To acquire, archive, process, and disseminate, in the most cost-effective way possible, all climate and weather information of value to policy and decision makers in the state.
Administration Kevin Kloesel, Ph.D., Director; Gary McManus, Ph.D., State Climatologist
History and Function The Oklahoma Climatological Survey (OCS) is a state agency mandated to acquire, archive, process, and disseminate, in the most cost-effective way possible, all climate and weather information of value to policy and decision makers in the state. OCS was first established by the University of Oklahoma in 1980 to serve as a supporting structure for the state climatologist. The state legislature in 1982 formalized the OCS’s existence with enabling legislation.
Since 1991 the OCS has been the operational home of the Oklahoma Mesonet (www.mesonet.org), the state’s weather network, designed and implemented by the University of Oklahoma (OU) and Oklahoma State University (OSU). The addition of the Mesonet expanded OCS’s role from retrospective climate studies to supporting real-time weather-impacted decisions. OCS initiated outreach programs for Oklahoma’s K-12 teachers and public safety agencies in 1992 and 1996, respectively, and provides additional decision-support tools in support of rural electric cooperatives and agriculture.
OCS provides tailored information to address particular needs for Oklahoma’s citizens and state and local decision makers. OCS scientists utilize all available weather and climate information, both historical and real-time, to assist citizens and state decision makers with understanding current weather conditions and historical circumstances of weather events and climate variability. By integrating weather and climate information from multiple data sources, OCS relieves other state agencies of the necessity to have expertise on staff to assemble and evaluate the multiple information sources. OCS climatologists provide similar expert assessments for citizens of Oklahoma.
OCS is located at OU in Norman, and is under the governance of the OU Board of Regents. OCS is home to the state climatologist. The director of OCS is appointed by the OU Board of Regents, based upon recommendations by a search committee conducted within the OU College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and School of Meteorology. The director also serves as co-chair of the Mesonet Steering Committee.
Climate Services climate.mesonet.org Mark Shafer, Director of Climate Services, 405/325–3044
K–12 Educational Outreach
earthstorm.mesonet.org
Andrea Melvin, Program Manager, 405/325–2652

Mesonet, The Oklahoma (Partnership with OSU, Division of Agricultural & Natural Resources)
www.mesonet.org
Chris Fiebrich, Associate Director for Mesonet; 405/325–6877

OK-First Public Safety Outreach
okfirst.mesonet.org
James Hocker, Program Manager, 405/325–3230

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

Commerce, Oklahoma Department of (74 O.S. § 5003.1)
www.okcommerce.gov

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 an environment where economic growth will occur.

Administration Brent Kisling, Executive Director, 405/815–5306; Josh McGoldrick, Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel, 405/815–5153; Marshal Vogts, Director, Community Development, 405/815–5370; Jennifer Springer, Director, Business Development, 405/815–5158

Personnel 94 unclassified

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

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

Community Service Commission, Oklahoma (Executive Order 2015–10)
www.okamericorps.com

Conservation Commission, Oklahoma (27A O.S. § 3–2–101)
www.ok.gov/conservation

Agency Code 645 (IA)
2800 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73105–4201
405/521–2384, FAX 405/521–6686

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;
Abandoned Mine Land Division, Robert Toole, Director
Conservation Programs Division, Tammy Swatsky, Director
District Services Division, Lisa Knauf Owen, Director
Office of Geographic Information and Technical Services, Mike Sharp, Director
Water Quality Division, Shanon Phillips, Director

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-four local conservation districts cooperatively carry out conservation 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.

Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program—The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is the state agency designated to administer the federally-funded Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program. The mission of the program is to reclaim abandoned mined land in Oklahoma. The AML Program, through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, contracts with private contractors to perform the reclamation work. All AML lands are prioritized based on potential threat to the public health and safety. Oklahoma’s abandoned mine land sites are reviewed by the State Reclamation Committee, which includes state and federal agencies and private nonprofit associations.
Blue Thumb Education Program—Blue Thumb is an education program of the Conservation Commission’s Water Quality Division. It works to educate the public about protecting streams through hands on educational experiences, presentations, and water quality monitoring.

Carbon Sequestration Certification Program—The Conservation Commission is designated to verify and certify carbon offsets and avoided emission of greenhouse gases. The program encourages Oklahomans to voluntarily protect water quality; prevent soil erosion and improve soil quality; and improve air quality by adopting conservation practices that sequester or avoid emissions of greenhouse gases.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wetlands—In 1990 the Oklahoma Legislature, through O.S. 27 A § 3-2-108, gave jurisdiction to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to prepare a Wetland Management Strategy for the State of Oklahoma. To guide the effort, the agency developed and chairs the Oklahoma Wetlands Work Group that is comprised of technical representatives from state and federal agencies involved with wetland management, tribal representatives, local governments, non-governmental institutions, and industry representatives. The first wetlands strategy was completed in 1996 and is entitled “Oklahoma’s Comprehensive Wetland Conservation Plan.” The updated version is call the “Wetland Program Plan.” The plan guides the state in providing assistance with wetland related issues for Oklahomans, including promoting private and public cooperation in managing wetlands through a voluntary system using education, technical assistance, and incentives to bring the private and public sectors into wetlands management.
Construction Industries Board (59 O.S. § 1000.2) Re-created until July 1, 2023
2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 2F, Oklahoma City 73107–2428 www.cib.ok.gov
405/521–6550, 877/484–4424, FAX 405/521–6525

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

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

Personnel 35 unclassified

History and Function Created in 2001 to consolidate and streamline the administration of the various construction licensing committees, formerly under the Department of Health, and increase transparency for the licensing and oversight of the construction industries trades, which include the Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, the Mechanical Licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and the Roofing Contractor Registration Act.

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

- Electrical Examiners, Committee of (59 O.S. § 1683)
- Electrical Hearing Board (59 O.S. § 1689)
- Electrical Installation Code Variance & Appeals Board (59 O.S. § 1697)
- Home Inspector Examiners, Committee of (59 O.S. § 858–624)
- 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, Department of (14A O.S. § 6–501)

Agency Code 635 (IA)
629 NE 28 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
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 32 classified, 6 unclassified

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

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

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

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

- Credit Service Organization (24 O.S. § 131–148)
- Consumer Litigation Funder (14A O.S. § 3–801–3–817)
- Health Spa (59 O.S. § 2000–2012)
- Mortgage Lender (59 O.S. § 2095–2095.26)
- Mortgage Broker (59 O.S. § 2095–2095.26)
- Mortgage Loan Originator (59 O.S. § 2095–2095.26)
- Notification Filing (14A O.S. § 6–201–6–203)
- Oklahoma Small Lender (59 O.S. § 3150–3150.27)
- Pawnbroker (59 O.S. § 1501–1515)
- Precious Metal and Gem Dealer (59 O.S. § 1521–1532)
- Rental Purchase Lessor (59 O.S. § 1950–1957)
- Supervised Lender (14A O.S. § 1–101–3–705)
Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University (19 O.S. § 130.2) www.oces.okstate.edu

Cooperative Sovereignty, Oklahoma Commission on (Executive Order 2020–24)

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

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


Administration Tim Rhodes, Appointing Authority, 405/521–2307;
Administrative Services, Holly George, CFO, 405/521–3526
Judicial and Legal Services, Stacy Bonner, COO, 405/521–3215
Information Technology Division, Dan Ingram, IT Specialist, 405/521–4520
Interim Chief Legal Counsel, Andrew Chilson
Oil & Gas Conservation Division, Robyn Strickland, Director, 405/522–0577
Petroleum Storage Tank Division, Robyn Strickland, Director, 405/521–4861
Public Utility/Consumer Services Division, Brandy Wreath, Director, 405/521–2322
Transportation Division, Mark Willingham, Director, 405/522–5285

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

Personnel 547 FTE

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

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

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

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

Agency Code 131 (IA)
3400 N Martin Luther King Avenue 73111–4298
PO Box 11400, Oklahoma City 73136–0400
doc.ok.gov

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

Administration Scott Crow, Director of Corrections, 405/425–2506; Tasha Parker, Executive Assistant to the Director, 405/425–2533; Tasha Parker, Division Support Coordinator, 405/425–2506; Whitney Brueggert, Administrative Assistant, 405/425–2506; Justin Farris, Chief of Operations, 405/425–2114; Mike Carpenter, Chief of Technical Services, 405/425–2588; Millicent Newton-Embry, Chief of Strategic Engagement, 405/425–7055; Gary Elliott, General Counsel, 405/425–2515; James Rudek, Chief Administrator of Community Corrections, 405/425–7100; Angela York, Administrator of Employee Rights and Relations, 405/425–2538; Ashlee Clemons, Chief Financial Officer, 405/425–2776; Brad Bailey, Chief Administrator of Agri-Services, 405/425–7554; Theodore Woodhead, Inspector General, Office of Fugitive Apprehension and Investigations, 405/425–2508; and Kevin Duckworth, Chief Administrator of Training, 405/425–2504; Dr. Ross Fisher, Chief Medical Officer, 405/425–2958; and Clint Castleberry, Administrator of Programs, 405/425–7374.

Personnel 3,464 classified, 482 unclassified, 6 temporary

History and Function In May 1967 the Oklahoma Corrections Act was signed into law by Governor Dewey F. Bartlett. The Board of Corrections are appointees: five members are appointed by the governor; two members are appointed by the President
Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate; and two members are appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives 57 Os § 503. The board is the governing body for the department. Powers and duties of the board are found in 57 Os § 217, § 504, § 505, § 508, § 510, § 541, § 543, § 549, § 561, § 561.1 and 61 Os § 130. The department protects the public, the employees, and the offenders, and is responsible for the operation of nineteen institutions ranging from maximum to minimum security, six probation and parole districts, and four community corrections centers.

**Board of Directors for Canteen Services (57 Os. § 537) (Parent Canteen Board Director)**

Administration Scott Crow, Director of Board Administration; Ashlee Clemmons, Director of Business Services, 405/425–2694, fax 405/425–7156

**Inmate Reentry Policy Council (57 Os. § 521.1)**

**Oklahoma Correctional Industries (57 Os. § 549.1)**

3402 N Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City 73114–4219405/425–7525, Fax 405/425–7502

Administration Janet Bolton, Acting Chief Administrator of Oklahoma Correctional Industries

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

**Sex Offender Level Assignment Committee (57 Os. § 582.5) Formerly Sex Offender Risk Assessment Review Committee.**

**Cosmetology and Barbering, State Board of (59 Os. § 199)**

Agency Code 190 (IA) 2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 84, Oklahoma City, 73107 405/521–2441, fax 405/5212440

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

Administration Sherry G. Lewelling, Executive Director; sherry.lewelling@cosmo.ok.gov

History and Function The State Board of Cosmetology was created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1935, primarily as a self-sustaining licensing agency. Recreated in 2014 as the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, the entity licenses and regulates the profession of cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, manicuring, instructors, and establishments where these services are performed. It also regulates health and safety issues in schools approved by the Board. Anyone who provides these types of services including but not limited to, haircutting, hairdressing, nail care, skin care and the application of make-up must be licensed by the Board. Recreated until July 1, 2024.

**County Government Personnel Education and Training, Commission on (19 Os. § 130.1) Re-created until July 1, 2023**

318 Agriculture Hall, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater 74078–6026 agecon.okstate.edu/ctp 405/744–6160

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

**Courtroom Interpreters, State Board of Examiners of Certified (20 Os. § 1701, Ch. 23; 63 Os. § 2408)**

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

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

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

State Banking Department 2900 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City 73105 Tulsa Office: 9816 South Memorial Drive, Suite 100, Tulsa 74133 405/521–2782, FAX 405/522–2993
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; Regina Rainey, Chief of Staff; Matt Mowdy, General Counsel; Angela Morris, Administrative Assistant.

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, 800/745–6098
www.okvictimscomp.com

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

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  3 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
www.ok.gov/dentistry

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

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

Personnel  5 classified, 5 unclassified

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

Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma (Executive Order 93–20, as retained by Executive Order 2019–07)

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

Administration  A.J. Griffin, Chair; Jennifer Randle, 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)

www.ouhealth.com/harold-hamm-diabetes-center

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)
11212 N May Ave Suite 103A, Oklahoma City 73130
405/521–3756, 800/522–8224

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

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

Personnel 3 classified, 3 unclassified, merit

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

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

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

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

Administration William Ginn, Director

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

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

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

Mission Statement To strengthen the criminal justice system in Oklahoma by providing a professional organization for the education, training, and coordination of technical efforts of all state prosecutors.

Administration Trent H. Baggett, Executive Coordinator; Kathryn Boyle Brewer, Assistant Executive Coordinator, 405/264–5000, FAX 405/264–5099; Vacant, Victims Services Division, 405/264–5006, FAX 405/264–5097; Stephanie Lowery, Director, Federal Programs/Grants Division, 405/264–5008, FAX 405/264–5099; Bud Webster, Director, Finance Division, 405/264–5004, FAX 405/264–5099; Jebsess Mosisa, Director, IT Division, 405/264–5002, FAX 405/264–5099; Jennifer Crilly, Director, Training & Outreach Division, 405/264–5000, FAX 405/264–5099

Personnel 50 unclassified, non-merit

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

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

Agency Code 265 (IA)
Oliver Hodge Memorial Building, 2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 118, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3308, FAX 405/521–6205

Email—Joy.Hofmeister@sde.ok.gov

Administration Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairperson of the State Board; Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary
Education, State Department of (70 O.S. §1–105, 1–115)

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

Administration
Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
   Phil Bacharach, Chief of Staff
   Brad Clark, General Counsel
   Dr. Shelly Ellis, Deputy Superintendent of Federal Programs & Finance
   Keith Hicks, Executive Director of Operational Support
   Todd Loftin, Deputy Superintendent of Special Education Services
   Dr. Brook Meiller, Deputy Superintendent of School Support & Improvement
   Dr. Robyn Miller, Chief Deputy Superintendent
   Tiffany Neill, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
   Mathangi Shankar, Chief Financial Officer
   Carolyn Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff & Chief of Governmental Affairs

Personnel
264 unclassified

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

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

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

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

Administration
Dr. Daniel Craig, Executive Director

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

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

Educational Television Authority, Oklahoma (70 O.S. § 23–105) Re-created until July 1, 2023

Agency Code 266 (IA)
7403 N Kelley Avenue
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  Polly Anderson, Executive Director; Curtis Calvin, VP of Education and Outreach; Susan Cadot, VP of Content Production; Janette Thornbrue, VP of Operations; Lawson Adams, VP of Engineering; Rich Lenz, News Director; Shawn Black, VP of Finance; Chad Haney, Director of External Relations; and Aaron Morvan, Marketing and Communications Manager

Personnel  51 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. 280523)
The state 911 program (63 O.S. § 63–2861), as overseen by the Oklahoma 911 Management Authority, was created by legislative action in 2016 and serves to advance 911 emergency systems and technology, including NexGen 911, manage collection and distribution of 911 wireline and wireless fees, and standardize 911 training and equipment across the state. The state 911 coordinator and other state 911 personnel are housed within ODEMHS.

The Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security (74 O.S. § 51.1) was founded in 2004 and placed under ODEMHS by Executive Order 2020–25 effective September 1, 2020. The office serves to develop and implement a comprehensive statewide homeland security strategy; plan and implement a statewide response system; administer the homeland security advisory system; coordinating and implementing national homeland security plans. The office also includes the Oklahoma School Security Institute, Regional Response System, training and exercise, statewide interoperability communications, law enforcement liaison, critical infrastructure protection, National Incident Management system (NIMS) compliance, public outreach and preparedness, Joint Terrorism Task Force liaisons and grants administration.

Information Fusion Center Governance Board, Oklahoma (Executive Order 2007–41; Executive Order 2011–39; Executive Order 2019–07)

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

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

911 Management Authority, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 63–2861)

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

Agency Code 290 (IA) www.ok.gov/oesc

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@oescc.state.ok.us

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

Administration Shelley Zumwalt, Executive Director

Personnel 420 classified, 9 unclassified, 9 temporary

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

Board of Review (40 O.S. § 4–202)

Employment Security Commission
2401 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73152

Employment Service, Local Offices City (Office Number)—Counties Served

Ada (62)—Garvin, Pontotoc 580/332–1533 1500 Hoppe Boulevard, Suite 2 (PO Box 850, 74820)
Altus (33)—Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa 580/482–3262 1115 N Spurgeon Street, 73521 (PO Box 551, 73522)
Ardmore (10) Carter, Love, Murray 580/223–3291 2421 Autumn Run, Suite B, 73401 (PO Box 1457, 73402)
Bartlesville (74)—Nowata, Osage, Washington 918/332–4800 210 NE Washington, 74006 (PO Box 4039, 74006–4039)
Chickasha (26) Grady, McClain, Caddo 405/224–3310 301 S 2 Street, 73018 (PO Box 398, 73023)
Duncan (69)—Jefferson, Stephens 580/255–8950 1927 W Elk Avenue, 73533 (PO Box 750070, 73575)
Energy and Environment, Secretary of (27A O.S. § 1–2–101)

204 N Robinson, Suite 1010, Oklahoma City 73102
405/522–7099
www.ee.ok.gov

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 Kenneth E. Wagner, Secretary of Energy and Environment; Carly Cordell, Deputy Secretary of Energy and Environment; Jodi McKee, Administrative Director; Victoria Tran, Policy Advisor; and Lynda Williamson, 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, 2024

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

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

Administration  Mindy Stitt, Executive Director

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

OERB provides hands-on energy-related curricula for grades K–12. The OERB created “Little Bits” and “Fossils to Fuel” and “Fossils to Fuel 2” for elementary students, “Petro Active and Rockin’ Ratios” for middle school students, and “Core Energy” for high school students. Other student education programs include “Petroleum Professionals in the Classroom” (Petro Pros), in which industry volunteers give energy presentations in classrooms across the state, and a petroleum scholar program for students pursuing careers in the oil and natural gas industry. The agency produces television and newspaper advertisements, and maintains a public relations campaign to help Oklahomans better understand the petroleum industry. The OERB has restored more than 18,000 abandoned and orphaned oil and natural gas exploration and production sites to productive use since 1994.

Engineers and Land Surveyors, State Board of Licensure for Professional (52 O.S. § 288.5A)

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

Mission Statement  Charged with the responsibility for safeguarding life, health, and property as affected by the practice of professional engineering and land surveying. To facilitate the prosecution of persons found in violation of established rules. Re-created until July 1, 2023.

Administration  Kathy Hart, Executive Director

Personnel  9 unclassified, merit

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

Board (27A O.S. § 2–2–101)

Agency Code 292 (IA)  www.deq.ok.gov
707 N Robinson, Oklahoma City PO Box 1677, Oklahoma City 73101–1677
405/702–7100, FAX 405/702–7102

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

Agency Chief Engineer, Saba Tahmassebi, 405/702–7100
Air Quality Division, Kendal Stegmann, 405/702–4100
Environmental Complaints/Local Services, Mark Hildebrand, 405/702–6100
External Affairs Division, Lloyd Kirk, 405/702–7100
General Counsel, Rob Singletary, 405/702–7184
State Environmental Laboratory Services, Jeff Franklin, 405/702–1000
Administrative Services, Catherine Sharp, 405/702–0100
Land Protection Division, Kelly Dixon, 405/702–5100
Water Quality Division, Shellie Chard, 405/702–8100

Mission Statement  The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is to protect people through the air we breath, the water we drink, and the land on which we thrive, helping to make Oklahoma an even better place to live.

Personnel  460 classified, 52 unclassified, 21 temporary, merit

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


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(G))  Administration  Kendal Stegmann 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 405/702–8100

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

State Auditor and Inspector  
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 100, Oklahoma City 73105  
E-mail—ngrantham@sai.ok.gov

**Administration**  
Cindy Byrd 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)  
2300 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room G–27, 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**  
Ashley Kemp, Executive 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.

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

Agency Code 310 (IA)  
2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 4, Oklahoma City 73107  
405/522–5005, FAX 405/522–5028

**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**  
G. Keith Bryant, State Fire Marshal

**Personnel**  
15 merit, 4 non-merit

**History and Function**  
The State Fire Marshal’s Office was originally established in 1910, but then abolished in 1957. Recognizing the need for a state fire marshal, the Oklahoma fire service voiced concerns and the office was re-established in 1965. Prior to this, fires were investigated by agents with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and code enforcement/plan review regulations were conducted only in cities having an established code enforcement office. In 1965 the Oklahoma Legislature established the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal and a five-member commission was appointed to oversee the agency’s operations, including the hiring of the state fire marshal. The agency began its operations with the state fire marshal and only three agents. They were given statewide jurisdiction and responsibility for conducting fire investigations and building inspections. In 1970 the plans review department of the agency was formed. In 2012, by request of the fireworks industry, the fireworks licensing program of the agency was formed, licensing manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and outdoor display operators. In 2013 the fire extinguisher licensing program of the agency was formed, licensing companies and individuals conducting business in the fire extinguisher industry. The agency has an annual appropriated budget of approximately $2.6 million. All field agents are sworn peace officers. Field agents are located throughout the state and office from their homes.
**Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, Oklahoma (11 O.S. § 49–100.2)**

**Board** (11 O.S. § 49–100.3)

Agency Code 315 (IA)

6601 Broadway Extension, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73116

405/522–4600, 800/525–7461, FAX 405/522–4643

**Mission Statement**

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

**Administration**

Chase Rankin, Director

**Personnel**

10 unclassified

**History and Function**

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

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

State Department of Health (IA)

Consumer Protection Division

405/426–8250

**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

**Forensic Center, Oklahoma**

Agency Code 452 (IA)

PO Box 69, Vinita 74301

918/256–7841, FAX 918/256–4491

**Administration**

Crystal Hernadex, Psy.D., MBA, Executive Director; Satwant Tandon, MD, Clinical Director; Scott Orth, PhD, Director of Forensic Psychology; Randy Boston, RN, Director of Nursing; Julie Jacobs, Human Resources Manager; Brad Basly, Facility Services Director; and Dana Rhodes, Finance & Budget Coordinator.

**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**

Jan Preece Gaddis, Member; Donald Easter, Member; Carrie Sanders, Member; V. Ray Cordry, DO, Member; Ellie Nayfa, Member; Wana Ellison, Member; and Janet Cizekj, Member

**History and Function**

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

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

Agency Code 285 (IA)

3700 N Classen Blvd., Suite 175, Oklahoma City 73118

E-mail—info@funeral.ok.gov

405/522–1790
Mission Statement The mission of the Oklahoma Funeral Board is to act in the public interest, and for the protection of the public within the powers vested in the board by the State of Oklahoma for the regulation and education of the funeral service profession.

Administration Tyler Stiles, Agency Director

History and Function Originally established in 1905 by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oklahoma. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the governor. The agency provides regulatory oversight for funeral establishments, commercial embalming establishments, crematories, funeral directors, embalmers, apprentices, burial associations, and burial agents. It is self-sustaining by fee collection. Recreated until July 1, 2023.

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

Oklahoma Conservation Commission (IA)
2800 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73105
okmaps.org/cgi/search.aspx

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 200, Oklahoma City 73105
www.okmaps.onenet.net

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

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

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

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

Administration Nicholas W. Hayman, Director, Oklahoma Geological Survey; Vacant, Chairman, Board on Geographic Names

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

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

Agency Code 325
Sarkeys Energy Center, 100 E Boyd, Room N–131, Norman 73019–0628
405/325–3031

Administration Nicholas W. Hayman, Director; E-mail—hayman@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 water resources, non-fuel minerals, coal and coal bed methane resources, earthquakes, 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 map and publication sales office at the Oklahoma Petroleum Information Center (OPIC) in Norman (2020 Industrial Boulevard). The OPIC is an important facility for research and 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. The data is available for study by researchers and the public during normal business hours.

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

**Administration**  Dan Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer; Tim Brown, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Brian Edwards, Executive Vice President, Chief of Law Enforcement and Lake Operations; Heath Lofton, General Counsel; Lorie Guddie, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Treasurer; Nathan Reese, Executive Vice President, External Relations; Laura D. Hunter, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer; Steve Wall, Chief Information Officer; John Wiscaver, Executive Vice President, Corporate and Strategic Communications; Dr. Darrell Townsend, Vice President, Ecosystems and Watershed Management; Robert Ladd, Vice President, Generation Operations; Steve Jacoby, Vice President, Generation Engineering; Steve Wall, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Mike Waddell, Vice President, Transmission and Distribution Operations; Ed Fite, Vice President, River Operations and Water Quality; Justin Alberty, Vice President, Corporate Communications

**Personnel**  539 FTE, 85 part-time

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

GRDA is a member of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization and Regional Entity. On March 1, 2014, the SPP launched an Integrated Marketplace. Participation in the SPP market and lower gas prices saved GRDA customers significant money during 2015, and resulted in offsetting reductions in revenues as well as fuel and purchased power expenses. In the fall of 2017, GRDA’s 495 MW Unit 3 combined cycle gas generation plant began operations. Located at the Grand River Energy Center (GREC, Chouteau), the unit is fueled by Oklahoma natural gas and was the first unit of its kind in operation in the Western Hemisphere. The unit was also the most efficient 60 hertz power plant in the world, at the time of its completion.

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

In 1964, GRDA completed construction on the Markham Ferry project. Also known as the Robert S. Kerr Dam, the project created Lake Hudson. This 12,000–surface-acre lake has a 200–mile shoreline and contains thirty channel miles of the Grand River in a fairly constant lake level, maintained the year round. Four Kaplan-type hydroelectric turbines at the Kerr Dam powerhouse have a total capacity of 114,000 kW, and an average water year can provide 212,000,000 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 3,300 feet across the Chimney Rock Hollow southeast of Salina. The Salina Pumped Storage Project also supplies energy during peak loads and supplies emergency power to the system.

In 1976, the Oklahoma Legislature authorized bonds to be issued to construct a 490,000 kW coal-fired power generating unit (GRDA 1). Construction was begun in 1978 and completed in 1981 when the legislature authorized bonds to be issued to construct a second coal-fired generating station (GRDA 2) near Chouteau, adjacent to GRDA 1. The unit is rated at 520,000 kW. Construction began on GRDA 2 in 1981 and was completed in March 1986. Adjacent to Unit 2 is GRDA’s new 490,000 kW combined cycle natural gas plant (GRDA 3), which began operations in the fall of 2017. In August 2019, the GRDA Board voted to decommission GRDA 1, with GRDA 3 replacing its capacity. GRDA 2 and GRDA 3 comprise the Grand River Energy Center (GREC).

In 2008 GRDA purchased 36 percent interest in the Redbud Gas Plant near Luther, Oklahoma. In recent years, GRDA has added 385,000 kW of renewable wind energy. These moves further diversified the organization’s generation portfolio, adding natural gas to a beneficial mixture that already included hydroelectric and coal fire generation.

In addition to these projects, GRDA operates and maintains an integrated electric transmission system including approximately 2,090 miles of line and related switching stations and transformer substations.
Pursuant to an act of the Oklahoma Legislature, effective July 1, 2016, GRDA assumed the mission of the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission, which is to protect and preserve scenic rivers in their natural and free-flowing state with attention provided to enhancing scenic beauty, water conservation, fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreational values of present and future benefit to citizens of Oklahoma. There are five designated scenic rivers areas: (1) Flint Creek and Illinois River above the confluence of the Barren Fork Creek in Cherokee, Adair, and Delaware counties; (2) Barren Fork Creek in Adair and Cherokee counties from present alignment of US Highway 59 west to the Illinois River; (3) Upper Mountain Fork River above the 600-foot elevation of Broken Bow Reservoir in McCurtain and LeFlore counties; (4) Big Lee Creek above the 420-foot elevation in Sequoyah County; and (5) Little Lee Creek in Adair and Sequoyah counties.

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

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City 73152

405/521-2481, FAX 405/521-4053

**Health, State Department of (63 O.S. § 1–105) Board (Constitution, Article 5 § 39, 63 O.S. § 1–103)**

Agency Code 340 (IA)

123 Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma City 73102

AIDS/HIV Hotline 800/535-AIDS

Home Health (Medicare) Hotline 800/234-7258

Nurse Aide Registry 800/695-2157, 405/426-8150

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

Administration Keith Reed, RN, MPH, CPH, Interim Commissioner; Jennifer Lepard, Chief Operating Officer; Jackie Shawnee, Chief of Staff; Andrew Halko, Chief Financial Officer; Travis Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of Special Projects; Keith Reed, Deputy Commissioner Community Health Services; Rocky McElvany, Special Advisor; Jolianne Stone, State of Oklahoma Epidemiologist; Buffy Heather, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Personal Health; Rosangela Miguel, Director of Human Resources; Kristin Davis, Director of Organizational Development; Rachel Klein, Director of Communications; Katherine Darr, Administrator of Government Relations; Mendy Spohn, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Community Health; Tina Johnson, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Family Health; and Dr. LaTrina Frazier, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Protective Health.

Personnel 1078 classified, 794 unclassified, 142 temporary

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 Commissioner of Health is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate. The commissioner serves at the pleasure of the governor and 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. Through this system of local health services delivery, the OSDH protects and improves the health status of Oklahoma communities through strategies that focus on preventing disease and promoting health. Seventy counties operate health departments. Of those seventy counties, Oklahoma and Tulsa counties are served by autonomous city-county health departments, which enforce and administer state department rules and are administratively different.

The State Board of Health is also appointed by the governor with Oklahoma Senate confirmation and has nine members who serve nine-year terms. The board changed to an advisory board in 2019, and advises the commissioner of health and the department on public health issues that affect the state.

Advisory Bodies to State Board and State Department of Health

- Advancement of Wellness Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1-103a.1)
- Catastrophic Health Emergency Planning Task Force, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 6105)
- Consumer Protection Licensing Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1-103a.1)
- Food Service Advisory Council, Oklahoma, (63 O.S. § 1-106.3),
- Health Care Information Advisory Committee (63 O.S. § 1-122)
- Home Care, Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1-103a.1)
- Hospital Advisory Council, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 1-701)
- Infant and Children’s Health Advisory Council (63 O.S. § 1-103a.1)
Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board (63 O.S. § 1–1923)
Medical Marijuana Food Safety Standards Board (63 O.S. § 423 (D))
Midwife Advisory Council—effective November 1, 2020, SB 1823, 2020
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
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  Kevin Corbett, CEO
Personnel  487.75 unclassified, 20 grant, 7 temporary

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

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

**Nursing Facility Funding Advisory Committee, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 1–1925.2)**

**Public Assistance Recipients, Advisory Committee on Medical Care for (63 O.S. § 5009.2)**

**Health Care Authority Board, Oklahoma (63 O.S. § 5007)**

4345 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City 73105
Administration  Martina Ordonez, Board Secretary

**Health Care Workforce Resources Board (74 O.S. § 3200.2)**

www.okhealthcareworkforce.com

**Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee (70 O.S. § 24–100A)**

Calls for the establishment of Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee in each public school.

**Highway Construction Materials Technician Certification Board (69 O.S. § 1953)**

Department of Transportation Training Center
1812 West Tyler Avenue, Stillwater 74078
www.oktechcert.org
405/744–2693

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

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

**Historical Society, Oklahoma (53 O.S. § 1.2)**

Board (53 O.S. §1.6)

Agency Code 350 (IA)
800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City 73105–7917
Mission Statement  The mission of the Oklahoma Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and share the history and culture of Oklahoma and its people.
Administration  Trait Thompson, Executive Director & State Historic Preservation Officer 405/522–5202
Terry Howard, Deputy Executive Director, 405/522–5299
Kathy Dickson, Museum & Sites Director, 405/522–5231
Lynda Ozan, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, 405/521–6249
Nicole Harvey, Director of Strategic Initiatives, 405/522–5202
Dan Provo, Director, Oklahoma Museum of History, 405/522–5380
Chad Williams, Research Division Director, 405/522–5207
Larry O’Dell, Development Director, 405/522–6676
Elizabeth Bass PhD, Director of Publications, 405/522–4860

Personnel 92 classified, 21 unclassified, 59 temporary

History and Function The Oklahoma Historical Society, both a state agency and a private membership organization, is dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of Oklahoma’s history. Founded in May 1893 by the Oklahoma Territorial Press Association, it was declared an agency of the territorial government in 1895. The Oklahoma Historical Society Board of Directors consists of twenty-five members, twelve of whom are appointed by the governor and thirteen elected by the society membership for three-year terms. Members of the board are appointed and elected by congressional district to help ensure statewide representation. The central offices; the Oklahoma History Center; 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)
Will Rogers Memorial Commission (53 O.S. § 47.)

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, Executive Director; Shonna Gore, Director of Operations; Gerald “Shawn” Richmond, Budget and Finance Manager; Pete Markstone, Director of Law Enforcement; Nicole Mukes, Assistant to the Administrator; Lisa Hanson, Licensing Supervisor; Krista Smith, Oklahoma-Bred Claims Manager; Linda Earley, Oklahoma-Bred Registrar; and Shilah Arnold, Oklahoma-Bred Inspector.

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

Personnel 35 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 Randy Dowell, Chief Executive Officer; Anissa Scott, Assistant to CEO
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   The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) improves the quality of life of vulnerable Oklahomans by increasing people’s ability to lead safer, healthier, more independent and productive lives.

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

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

Administration   Justin Brown, Director of Human Services, 405/521–3646
    Chief of Staff, Samantha Galloway, 405/521–3646
    Adult and Family Services, Patrick Klein, Director, Patrick.Klein@okdghs.org
    Adult Services, Vacant
    Chief of Finance and Administration, Cathy Menefee, Cathy.Menefee@okdhs.org
    Chief of Innovation, Jami Ledoux, Jami.Ledoux@okdhs.org
    Chief Operating Officer, Jami Ledoux, Jami.Ledoux@okdhs.org
    Chief of Strategic Management, Keili McEwen, Director, Keili.McEwen@okdhs.org
    Child Care Services, Brittany Lee, Director, Brittany.Lee@okdhs.org
    Child Services, Jennifer King, Senior Director, Jennifer.King@okdhs.org
    Child Support Services, Renee Banks, Director, Renee.Banks@okdhs.org
    Child Welfare Services, Deb Shropshire, Director, Deb.Shropshire@okdhs.org
    Children Advocacy, office of, John Dewey, Director, John.Dewey@okdhs.org
    Community Living and Adult Protection (CAP), Jeremy Buchanan, Director, Jeremy.Buchanan@okdhs.org
    Developmental Disabilities Council, Jennifer Randal, Jennifer.Randal@okdhs.org
    Developmental Disabilities Services, Beth Scrutchins, Director, Beth.Scrutchins@okdhs.org
    Human Resource Management, Tommie Ledoux, Interim Director, Tommie.Ledoux@okdhs.org
    Inspector General, Office of, Tony Bryan, Inspector General, 405/522–5880
    Intergovernmental Relations & Policy and Client Advocacy, Constanzia Nizza, Administrator, Constanzia.Nizza@okdhs.org
    Legal Services, Ron Baze, General Counsel, 405/522–3535
    Support Services, Russell Boyd, Director, Russell.Boyd@okdhs.org

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

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

Disability Services Rate Review Committee, Advantage Waiver 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)  www.okcommerce.gov
Quality Jobs Program, 900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73104–3234
405/815–6552, 800/879–6552, FAX 405/605–2869

Administration   Richard Schwalbach 405/815–5269

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

6108 NW 63 Street, Oklahoma City 73132  www.okdrs.org/guide/statewide-independent-living-council-oklahoma-silc
405/888–0068  E-mail—smadden@oksilc.org

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  www.oids.ok.gov
PO Box 926, Norman 73070  405/801–2601, FAX 405/801–2649

**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**  W. Craig Sutter, Executive Director; Angie Cole, Deputy Executive Director

**Personnel**  107 unclassified, non-merit

**Individual Health Insurance Market Stabilization Program,**
**Board of Directors of the Oklahoma** (36 O.S. § 6530.4)

Agency Code 125 (IA)  www.ok.gov/oid
400 NE 50 Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105–1816  405/521–2828, 800/522–0071, FAX 405/521–6635
Tulsa Office—7645 E 63 Street, Suite 102, Tulsa, OK 74133  918/295–3700, FAX 918/994–7916
Office Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday–Friday
Email—firstname.lastname@oid.ok.gov

**Mission Statement**  The Oklahoma Insurance Department will provide competent and trustworthy employees who will protect Oklahoma consumers by providing timely assistance and information and efficiently regulate the insurance industry’s market behavior and financial solvency, while fostering a competitive insurance marketplace.

**Administration**  Glen Mulready, Insurance Commissioner, 405/522–0891, glen.mulready@oid.ok.gov
Brian Downs, Chief of Staff, First Deputy Commissioner, brian.downs@oid.ok.gov
Mike Rhoads, Deputy Commissioner of Consumer Services, mike.rhoads@oid.ok.gov
Andy Schallhorn, Deputy Commissioner of Financial Regulations & Chief Actuary, andrew.schallhorn@oid.ok.gov
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Liz Heigle, Director of Communications, 405/522–0683, liz.heigle@oid.ok.gov
Sherry Marczewski, Assistant Commissioner and Comptroller, 405/522–4581, sherry.marczewski@oid.ok.gov
Donna Dorr, Director of Consumer Services, 405/521–4524, donna.dorr@oid.ok.gov
Cuc Nguyen, Assistant Commissioner, Rate and Form Division, 405/522–4608, cuc.nguyen@oid.ok.gov
Erin Wainner, Assistant Commissioner of Licensing Services, 405/522–2897, erin.wainner@oid.ok.gov
Mike Pavlik, Assistant Commissioner of Systems Security, 405/522–4616, michael.pavlik@oid.ok.gov
Ray Walker, Director, Medicare Assistance Program, 405/521–6632, ray.walker@oid.ok.gov

**Personnel**  120 unclassified, non-merit

**History and Function**  The Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner is the chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Insurance Department and regulates the many facets of the insurance industry. Both the commissioner and the department was created by the Oklahoma Constitution and are responsible for the regulation of bail bondsmen, real estate appraisers, companies, producers, adjusters, and other individual and entity licensees related to the insurance industry.

**Insurance Commissioner** (Constitution, Article 6 § 23; 36 O.S. § 301)

**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)

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

Administration Ricky Adams, Director; Bryan Rizzi, Deputy Director; Andrea Fielding, Division Director, Criminalistics Services; Erin Henry, Division Director, Information Services; Kim Conyers, Chief Legal Counsel

Personnel 261 classified, 58 unclassified, 16 temporary

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

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

Criminal Justice Resource Center (22 O.S. § 1517)

Criminal Justice Statistics, Office of (74 O.S. § 150.17a)

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

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

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

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 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)

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

Administration Taylor Henderson, Director; Terry West, General Counsel; Jerry Franklin, Member; Nicole Bell, Vice Vice-Chairwoman; Cathy Christensen, Chairwoman

Judicial Nominating Commission (Constitution, Article 7B § 3)
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 are 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  405/530–2800, FAX 405/530–2893

**Administration**  Rachel Canuso Holt, Executive Director; Audrey Rockwell, Secretary, Board of Juvenile Affairs  405/530–2806

**Personnel**  469 classified, 99 unclassified, 16 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 better ensure the public safety by holding youths fifteen through seventeen years-of-age accountable for the commission of serious crimes, while affording courts methods of rehabilitation for those youths the courts determine, at their discretion, may be amenable to such methods in the custody or under the supervision of the OJA.

The Board of Juvenile Affairs is comprised of nine members: five members appointed by the governor; two members appointed by the Oklahoma Speaker of the House of Representatives; and two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate. Members shall include persons having experience in social work, juvenile justice, criminal justice, community-based youth services, criminal-justice-related behavioral sciences, indigent defense, and education. In making the appointments, the governor shall also give consideration to urban, rural, gender, and minority representation.

The board typically meets in regular session once per month on the third Tuesday.


3812 N Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73118  405/530–2800, FAX 405/530–2928

**Mission Statement**  The Oklahoma State Advisory Group (SAG) advises the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Board of Juvenile Affairs, the governor, and the Oklahoma Legislature on best practices for youth at-risk or involved in the juvenile justice system. The SAG administers federal funds through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act as reauthorized in the 2018 Juvenile Justice Reform Act. The SAG advises on innovative solutions designed to promote health development that prevents and reduces future crime for at-risk youth.

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

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

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

**Mission Statement**  The State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision shall advise and may exercise oversight and advocacy concerning the participation of Oklahoma in Interstate Commission activities and other duties including, but not limited to, development of policy concerning operations and procedures of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles in this state.

**Administration**  Audrey Rockwell, Secretary, 405/530–2806

**History and Function**  The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall provide staff assistance to the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision as necessary to assist the state council in the performance of its duties. The State Council of Interstate Juvenile Supervision shall consist of eleven (11) members as follows: one member shall be the compact administrator of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles; two members shall be presiding judges of a court having juvenile law jurisdiction to be appointed by the president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference; one member who is an employee of the Office of Juvenile Affairs to be appointed by the executive director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs; one member who is an employee of the Department of Human Services appointed by the director of the Department of Human Services; one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of the Oklahoma State Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate; one member representing an Oklahoma nonprofit victims organization to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate; one member who is a district attorney or assistant district attorney who has experience in juvenile cases to be appointed by the executive coordinator of the District Attorneys Council; one member who is a licensed, practicing attorney who regularly represents juveniles charged with crimes or delinquent acts to be appointed by the executive director of the Oklahoma Bar Association; and one member representing an Oklahoma nonprofit youth services organization to be appointed by the Oklahoma Speaker of the House of Representatives. The state council shall meet annually and may meet quarterly and at such other times as may be set by the compact administrator.

**Santa Claus Commission** (10 O.S. § 361)

3812 N Santa Fe, Oklahoma City 73118

**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)  
OKC Office: 3017 N Stiles, Oklahoma City 73105  
Toll-free 888/269–5353

**Mission Statement** To help ensure fairness, equity, and safety in Oklahoma workplaces through ethical behavior, conscien-
tious guidance, and loyal service to Oklahoma's employers and employees.

**Administration** Leslie Osborn, Commissioner of Labor; Don Schooler, General Counsel and Chief of Staff

**Personnel** 47 classified, 29 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; investigation and mediation of unpaid wages;
inspection of welded steam lines, boiler and pressure vessels, elevators (other than Oklahoma City), amusement and water rides,
and water heaters in public facilities; certification of welders and weld-testing laboratories; regulation and certification of asbestos
workers; enforcement of occupational safety and health for public employees; regulation and licensing of workers and business in
the alarm, locksmith, and fire sprinkler industry; regulation and licensing of workers and businesses in the alternative fuels industry
including compressed natural gas fill stations; and land consultation with private employers on occupational safety and health.

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

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

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

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

Agency Code 410 (IA)  
204 N Robinson, Suite 900, Oklahoma City 73102

**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 the State of Oklahoma through education and licensing requirements, and to ensure licensees
practice within the provision of law.

**Administration** Brandon Clabes, Executive Director

**Personnel** 40 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 600 hours of basic law enforcement academy instruc-
tion. In 1987 CLEET assumed the responsibility for licensing security guards and private investigators, pursuant to the Oklahoma
Security Guard and Private Investigators Act. In 2013 CLEET assumed the responsibility for licensing bail enforcers, pursuant to the
Oklahoma Bail Enforcement and Licensing Act.

**Advisory Council** (70 O.S. § 3311 B1)
Bomb Dog Advisory Council (70 O.S. § 3311 L2)
Curriculum Review Board (70 O.S. § 3311 B16)
Drug Dog Advisory Council (70 O.S. § 3311 K2)
Polygraph Board (59 O.S. § 1455)
Private Security Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 1750.3)

Law Enforcement Retirement System, Oklahoma (47 O.S. § 2–301) Board (47 O.S. § 2–303)
Agency Code 416 (IA) www.oler.s.state.ok.us
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, 73103 405/522–4931, 877/213–0856, FAX 405/522–5004
Mission Statement The OLERS mission is to administer retirement/survivor retirement, and medical benefits for members of the law enforcement profession of the State of Oklahoma and their families under Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. This program provides retirement income after active employment and in the event of disability or death.
Administration Duane Michael, 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, 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 $3,600 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 Mike Jackson, Director
Personnel 13 unclassified
History and Function Legislative Council created in 1939, fully implemented in 1949 with full-time director. Abolished in 1980, when the Legislative Fiscal and Joint Bill Processing Office was formed. The Legislative Fiscal Office was abolished in 1985, when the Legislative Service Bureau was created. Each of these entities were created to serve the legislature jointly.

Libraries, Oklahoma Department of (65 O.S. § 3–101) Board (65 O.S. § 2–101)
Agency Code 430 (IA) www.libraries.ok.gov
Allen Wright Memorial Library Building, 200 NE 18 Street, Oklahoma City 73105 405/521–2502, 800/522–8116, FAX 405/525–7804 E-mail—info@libraries.ok.gov
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 Melody Kellogg, Director, 405/522–3172
Natalie Currie, Deputy Director, 405/522–3172
Cindy Mooney, Executive Assistant, 405/522–3172
Archives and Records Management, Jan Davis, 405/522–3191
Federal Programs Officer, Tara McCleod, 405/522–3317
Government Information, vacant, 405/522–3327
History and Function  The Department of Libraries is the official state library of Oklahoma. It is responsible for providing information and records management services to state officials and employees, for assisting public library development in the state, and for coordinating information technology projects statewide. It serves the general public through its specialized collections, and has published the Oklahoma Almanac since 1981. Its history as the legal reference library for the executive, legislative, and judicial branches began with the establishment of the Territorial Library in the 1890s, which in 1907 became the State Library.

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

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

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

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


Administration  Melody Kellogg, State Archivist and Records Administrator

Contact  Jan Davis, State Coordinator

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

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

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

Contact  Jan Davis, State Coordinator

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

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

Contact  Connie G. Armstrong, Executive Director

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

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

Contact  Leslie Gelders, Literacy Coordinator

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

Contact  Jan Davis

Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 8 AM to 10 AM; closed Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. For information and assistance call 405/522–3579.
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  
405/521–3191, FAX 405/522–0056

Administration  Randy McDaniel, 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)  
405/521–2459, 405/388–1008, FAX 405/521–6037

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

Administration  Chandra Heitzinger, Administrator

Personnel  8 classified, 2 unclassified

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

Long-Term Care Administrators, Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for  
(Formerly Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators)

Agency Code 509 (IA)  
2401 NW 23 Street, Suite 2H, Oklahoma City 73107  
405/522–1616, fax 405/522–1625

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

Administration  Gaylord Z. Thomas, Executive Director

Personnel  3 unclassified, non-merit

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

www.lottery.ok.gov  
E-mail—info@lottery.ok.gov

Administration  Isabelle Montgomery, Administrative Manager

Security, 405/522–7765  
Winning Numbers, 405/522–7700

Personnel  30 unclassified, 1–4 temporary

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

Management and Enterprise Services, Office of  
(Formerly Office of State Finance)

Agency Code 990 (IA)  
2401 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 206, Oklahoma City 73105  
www.omes.ok.gov  
405/521–2141, FAX 405/521–3902

Administration  Steven Harpe, Director of OMES

Budget and Gaming Compliance, 405/521–2141  
Central Accounting and Reporting, 405/522–5577

Capital Assets Management, 405/521–2124  
Central Purchasing, 405/521–2116

Capitol Restoration, 405/522–3883  
Employees Group Insurance Division, 405/717–8780
Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Profiles

Human Capital Management, 405/521–2177
Information Services, 405/521–2444
Legal, 405/521–2141
Public Affairs, 405/521–2141

Total Personnel 36 classified, 976 unclassified, 9 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, insurance, risk management, fleet services, surplus disposition, and information technology services to all state agencies. OMES also assists the governor’s office on budgetary policy matters.

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

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

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

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

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

www.osumc.net 918/599–1000

Medical Licensure and Supervision, State Board of (59 O.S. § 481; 74 O.S. § 3904) Re-created until July 1, 2024.

Agency Code 450 (IA)
101 NE 51 Street, Oklahoma City 73105
Email—lkelsey@okmedicalboard.org

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

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

Personnel 16 classified, 13 unclassified

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

Advisory Committees

Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 529)
Advisory Committee on Dietetic Registration (59 O.S. § 1723)
Advisory Committee on Registered Electrologists (59 O.S. § 536.5)
Anesthesiologist Assistants Committee (59 O.S. § 3201–3208)
Music Therapy Committee (59 O.S. § 889)
Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 888.12)
Advisory Committee on Orthotics and Prosthetics (59 O.S. § 3005)
Advisory Committee on Pediorthics
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.oklahoma.gov/ocme  
405/239–7141, FAX 405/239–2430  
E-mail—medicalexaminer@ocme.ok.gov  

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  
Jesse Kemp, PhD, Chief Forensic Toxicologist  
Lori Shively and Renee Steward, Administrative Officers  
Kari Learned, Division Manager, Senior Executive Secretary  
Jodi Dillon, Investigator Supervisor-Central  
Samantha Richardson, Investigator Supervisor-Eastern  
Tulsa Office: Joshua Lanter, MD, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner; Alisha Heinen, Office Manager  

Personnel  103 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)  

www.odmhsas.org  

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

Administration  Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Commissioner; 405/522–9201; Durand Crosby, Chief of Staff and Operations, 405/248–9202  
Consumer Advocate General, 405/248–9037  
General Counsel, 405/248–9246  
Human Resources, 405/248–9041  
Inspector General, 405/248–9037  
Provider Certification, 405/248–9028  
Public Information/Public Affairs, 405/248–9232  
General Information, 405/248–9200  

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

Drug Court, Juvenile  (10 O.S. § 7303–5.5)  

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

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

Merit Protection Commission  (74 O.S. § 840–1) Will terminate on December 31, 2022  

www.mpc.ok.gov  
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 3 positions, 2 unclassified, 5 vacant

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

Military Department (44 O.S. § 21)

Mission Statement To preserve the state and the nation through the organization and training of the Oklahoma National Guard, to be ready for federal duty when called upon by the president of the United States, pursuant to congressional authority, and to be ready for state duty when called upon by the governor of Oklahoma.

Administration Brigadier General Thomas H. Mancino, Adjutant General
405/228–5201, fax 405/228–5524

Personnel 61 classified, 261 unclassified, 45 temporary

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

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

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

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

Military Planning Commission, Oklahoma Strategic (74 O.S. § 5401; 74 O.S. § 3905) Terminates on December 31, 2025

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; Jonathan Allen, General Counsel; Rhonda Dossett, Coal Program Director (918/295–3999); Suzen Rodesney, Chief Financial Officer; Richard Shore, Minerals Program Administrator; Michael Reed, Oklahoma Miner Training Institute, Executive Director, 918/465–1799

Personnel 31 unclassified

History and Function The Department of Mines enforces and implements various provisions of state and federally-mandated programs in health, safety, mining, and land reclamation practices associated with surface and subsurface mining. The department has programs to 1) safeguard human health and safety; 2) issue permits and inspect all mining operations for land reclamation; 3) minimize environmental impact to land, air, and water quality; and 4) regulate blasting and use of explosives on mine sites and other locations. The department also conducts miner courses in first aid, mine safety, and accident prevention through the Oklahoma Miner Training Institute.
Mining Commission, Oklahoma (45 O.S. § 1)

2915 N Classen Blvd., Suite 213, Oklahoma City 73106–5486

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

Administration  Kurt Klutts, Chair; Mary Ann Pritchard, Director, Department of Mines

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

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

Agency Code 475
4334 Northwest Expressway, Suite 183, Oklahoma City 73116

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  Brad Bailey, Executive Director; Marilyn Maxwell, Deputy Director;
Maleah Johnson, Administrative Assistant; Heather Bumgarner, Compliance and Administrative Assistant

Personnel  4 unclassified, non-merit

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

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

2701 W I–35, Edmond 73013
PO Box 1960, Edmond 73083–1960

Mission Statement  Providing services for a sustainable and reliable energy future.

Administration  David Osburn, General Manager; Jennifer Rogers, Manager of Member Services;
Ellen Edwards, General Counsel; John Vanzant, Director of Corporate Services and CFO

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

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

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

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

Administration  Donnie Anderson, Director

Personnel  107 classified, 38 unclassified, 10 grant positions

History and Function  The Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBNDDC) is the state agency responsible for drug enforcement in Oklahoma. Primary responsibilities are to enforce the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act as outlined in the Oklahoma Statutes, Title 63; to train state and local law enforcement officers; provide leadership, logistical, technical, and tactical support to local, state, and federal agencies for drug enforcement; and to compile drug-related statistics; OBNDDC is also tasked with investigating and reducing human trafficking and money laundering in Oklahoma. Additionally, OBNDDC coordinates the Oklahoma Drug Endangered Children program to respond to children living in a drug environment.
The strength of OBNDDC lies in the unique skills and abilities of dedicated agents and support staff. They conduct a wide variety of specialized programs to combat the local availability of various domestic and foreign produced drugs, human trafficking and money laundering. Rural and metro enforcement, intelligence, diversion, regulatory, wire intercept, legal, analytical, and educational activities are directed from OBNDDC headquarters in Oklahoma City; five (5) district offices located in Ardmore, Lawton, McAlester, Tulsa, and Woodward; and fifteen (15) regional offices in Ada, Anadarko, Cherokee, Duncan, Durant, El Reno, Enid, Guymon, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Poteau, Stillwater, Tahlequah, Vinita, and Weatherford.

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

### Native American Cultural and Educational Authority

**(74 O.S. § 1226)**

**Agency Code 361 (IA)**  
659 First American Blvd., Oklahoma City 73129–6142  
405/594–2113

**Administration**  
J. Blake Wade, Executive Director, Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, 405/594–2113

**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 First Americans Museum, completed in 2021, serves as a living center for cultural expressions of the diverse American Indian cultures of Oklahoma.

### Natural History, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of

**(70 O.S. § 3309.1)**

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

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

**Administration**  
Janet K. Braun, PhD, Interim Director

**History and Function**  
An organized research unit of the University of Oklahoma, the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History was founded in 1899, and was designated the state museum of natural history by act of the Oklahoma Legislature in 1897 (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  
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**  
Jenny Barnhouse DNP, RN, Executive Director;  
Jackye Ward, MS, RN, Deputy Director of Regulatory Services

**Personnel**  
30 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 August 2021. 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 2020 (as of June 30, 2020), there were 51,590 Registered Nurses, 16,452 Licensed Practical Nurses, and 5,127 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses holding licenses in the state. In addition, there were 453 Advanced Unlicensed Assistants in the state. There are twenty-nine approved schools preparing Registered Nurses at fifty-one different sites; thirty approved schools preparing Licensed Practical Nurses at forty-seven different sites; and seven 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).

Occupational Licensing Advisory Commission (SB 1475) No Sunset Date
Oklahoma Department of Labor
405/521–2612, FAX 405/521–6018

Commission Members
Oklahoma Labor Commissioner Leslie Osborn; Senator Nathan Dahm; Senator Kay Floyd; Senator Adam Pugh; Representative Mark McBride; Representative Cyndi Munson; Representative Mike Osburn; Matthew Burns, Chief Communication Officer, HCSC-BCBS of OK; Jerry Moore, Chief Information Officer, OMES; Mike Robins, Founder, Michael Robins Consulting LLC; and Steven Shoemaker, VP of Sales and Marketing, Ideal Homes

Administration
Janet DeVeny-Edwards, Project Director

History and Function
In 2018 the Occupational Licensing Advisory Commission was formed and charged with conducting a comprehensive review of Oklahoma’s occupational and professional licenses (collectively, “occupational licenses”) not less than once every four (4) years and to provide recommendations to the Oklahoma Legislature. The commission’s report strives to balance free market principles with protecting public safety, and reducing unreasonable barriers to entry into the workforce.

Opioid Abatement Board, Oklahoma (HB 4138, 2020)

Opioid Abuse, Oklahoma Commission on (74 O.S. § 30.2) Created until July 1, 2023.

Optometry, Board of Examiners In (59 O.S. § 582) Recreated until July 1, 2023.

Agency Code 520
22800 N Lincoln Blvd., Suite 201, Oklahoma City 73135
405/521–6416

Mission Statement
To protect the public by regulating the practice of optometry in Oklahoma through education and licensing requirements and to ensure that optometrists practice optometry within the provisions of the law.

Administration
Russell Laverty, OD, Executive Director

Personnel
3 unclassified, 1 temporary, non-merit

History and Function
The board was created by an act of the 1911 Oklahoma Legislature and was known then as the Board of Optometry. The board is the regulatory agency for the profession of optometrists, and is self-sustaining through collection of fees.

Osteopathic Examiners, State Board of (59 O.S. § 624; 74 O.S. § 3906; 74 O.S. § 3909) Re-created until July 1, 2024

Agency Code 525
4848 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 100, Oklahoma City 73105
405/528–8625, FAX 405/557–0653

Mission Statement
To protect the public by regulating the practice of osteopathic medicine in Oklahoma through education and licensing requirements as well as ensure that each licensee practices osteopathic medicine within the provisions of the Osteopathic Medicine Act.

Administration
Michael T. Leake Jr., JD, Executive Director

Personnel
1 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)
2915 N Classen Blvd. Suite 405, Oklahoma City 73106
405/521–6600

Mission Statement
The Pardon and Parole Boards serves the citizens of Oklahoma by making careful and informed decisions, focusing on public safety, offender accountability and re-entry, and victim rights.

Administration
Tom Bates, Executive Director

Personnel
21 classified, 2 unclassified, 5 temporary

History and Function
The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board is a constitutional, part-time body composed of five members. Members of the board are appointed, three by the governor, one by the chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and one by the presiding judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals. Board members hold office co-terminous with the governor and can be reappointed. If vacancies occur, the appointing authority selects a replacement member before the term expires. Board members are removable only for cause in the manner provided by law for elected officers not liable for impeachment. The positions of chairperson...
and vice chairperson are elected by majority vote of the board. The board convenes monthly on a predetermined date at the Kate Barnard Community Correctional Center located at 3300 North Martin Luther King Avenue in Oklahoma City.

**Patient’s Right to Pharmacy Choice Commission** (36 § 6966)

**Pension Commission, Oklahoma State** (74 O.S. § 941)

2300 N Lincoln, Room. 123 (1A), Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–3495, FAX 405/521–3426

**Administration** Ruth Ann Chicoine

**History and Function** As directed by statute, the commission is administered by the Oklahoma State Auditor’s Office and consists of seven members as follows: (1) The state auditor and inspector, or designee; (2) The director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, or designee; (3) The state treasurer, or designee; (4) one member who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and who shall have demonstrated experience in the investment of private or public funds; (5) one member who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and who shall have demonstrated experience in the investment of private or public funds; (6) one person to be appointed by the governor who shall have at least ten years of demonstrated experience in the financial services industry; and (7) one person to be appointed by the governor who shall have at least ten years of experience in retirement planning, including demonstrated experience with retirement plan designs.

The Oklahoma State Pension Commission was formed to provide guidance to public officials, legislators, and administrators in developing public retirement objectives and principles, identifying problems and areas of abuse, projecting costs of existing systems and modifications to those systems, and recommending pension reform programs. As directed by statute, the commission publishes a report of the most recent actuarial valuation including total assets, total liabilities, 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) Recreated until July 1, 2024.

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

**Administration** Lyle R. Kelsey, MBA, CMBE, Executive Director; Sandra LaVenue, Deputy 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.

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

**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** Marty Hendrick, Executive Director

**Personnel** 12 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)

**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.
Mission Statement  The mission of the Oklahoma Physician Manpower Training Commission is to increase the availability of health care services by increasing the number of practicing physicians, mid-level providers, and nurses in rural and underserved areas of Oklahoma through residency cost-sharing, scholarship, incentive, and loan repayment programs.

Administration  LeaAnn Williams, Executive Director; Diane Mickelson, Administrative Assistant; Aneesa Sharp, Medical Education Programs Coordinator; Benita Jose-Mathew, Administrative Secretary for Finance; Dana Morphew, Nursing Programs Administrative Support Officer, and Michelle Cecil, Nursing Programs Director.

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 Programs, 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) Recreated until July 2024.

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

Administration  Lyle R. Kelsey, MBA, CMBE, Executive Director; Sandra LaVenue, Deputy 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)

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

Administration  Ginger Sigler, Executive Director

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** 2 unclassified, non-merit

**Mission Statement** To establish, measure, and enforce standards of compliance through licensure of private vocational schools in order to support institutions, protect students, and meet workforce development needs.

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

**Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of (59 O.S. § 1354)** Re-created until July 1, 2023

Agency Code 575 (IA)
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 180, Oklahoma City 73103
405/522–1333

**Mission Statement** To protect the public by regulating the practice of psychology in Oklahoma to ensure that only properly qualified psychologists practice psychology in the state and that the psychology profession as a whole is conducted in the public’s best interest.

**Administration** Teanne Rose, Executive Officer, E-mail—teanne.rose@psychology.ok.gov

**Personnel** 2 unclassified, non-merit

**History and Function** Established under the Psychologists Licensing Act of 1965, the board is the official licensing agency for the practice of psychology and in the investigation of complaints and enforcement of the laws and rules of the profession.

**Public Employees Retirement System, Oklahoma (74 O.S. § 903)** Board of Trustees (74 O.S. § 905)

Agency Code 515 (IA)
5400 N Grand Boulevard, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73112–5675
PO Box 53007, Oklahoma City 73152–3007
FAX/Administration 405/848–5967

**Mission Statement** The Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System provides and promotes comprehensive, financially sound retirement services to Oklahoma’s public servants in a professional, efficient, and courteous manner that is transparent and accountable to its members and the public.

**Vision Statement** Our vision is to ensure all members achieve a secure and lasting retirement.

**Administration** Joseph A. Fox, JD, Executive Director
Deputy Executive Director, Paul Thompson, MEd, MBA
Chief Investment Officer, Brad Tillberg, CFA
Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance, Brian Wolf, CPA
Communications Manager, Stephanie White
Defined Contributions Plans, Administrator, Marc Pierce
General Counsel, Dessa Baker, JD
Human Resources Manager, Diana Byrd, CEBS, SPHR
Assistant General Counsel and Legislative Director, Kristi Ice, JD

**Personnel** 0 classified, 52 unclassified, merit

**History and Function** The Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, created by the Oklahoma Legislature, was established in 1964. The board is the supervisory authority for the operation of the system; as well as the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, and the Defined Contribution Plans: SoonerSave and Pathfinder.

**Audit Committee**

**Budget and Policy Committee**

**Investment Committee**
Real Estate Appraiser Board (59 O.S. § 858–705)

Insurance Department (IA)  www.reab.oid.ok.gov
400 NE 50 Street, Oklahoma City 73105  405/521–6636, FAX 405/522–6909
E-mail—christine.mcentire@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, 2024

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

Mission Statement  The mission of the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission is to safeguard the public interest and provide quality services by assisting and providing resources; encouraging and requiring high standards of knowledge and ethical practices of licensees; investigating and sanctioning licensed activities; and through the prosecution of any unlicensed person who violates the Oklahoma License Code and Rules.

Administration  Grant Cody, Esq., Executive Director

Personnel  10 classified, 3 unclassified

History and Function  The Oklahoma Real Estate Commission was formed in 1950 to license and regulate the real estate industry in Oklahoma. The Real Estate Commission enforces the Oklahoma Real Estate License Code and Administrative Rules and has authority to investigate, audit, and prosecute licensed and unlicensed real estate activities. The Real Estate Commission creates and distributes form real estate contracts, disclosures, and other transaction documents to all real estate professionals and the general public. Additionally, the commission manages the Oklahoma Real Estate Education and Recovery Fund as created by 59 OS § 858–601 et seq. The commission is a non-appropriated agency that is self-sustaining from licensing and fees and regulatory fines.

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)  www.okhighered.org
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  Allison D. Garrett, Chancellor; Dr. Debbie Blanke, Academic and Student Affairs; Kylie Smith, Administration; Sheri Mauck, Budget and Finance; Melissa Neal, College Assistance; Angela Caddell, Communications; Dr. Rachel Bates, Educational Partnership; Jolynn Horn, Gear Up; Bob Anthony, General Counsel; LeeAnna McNally, Governmental Relations; Sarita Smith, Human Resources; Ricky Steele, Information Technology, Telecommunications and OneNet; Bryce Fair, State Grants and Scholarships; and Tony Hutchinson, Strategic Planning, Analysis and Workforce and Economic Development.

Personnel  218 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 Educational Quality and Accountability, Dr. Daniel Craig, Executive Director

Dyslexia Teacher Training Pilot Program Advisory Committee (70 O.S. § 7001)

Rehabilitation Services, Oklahoma Department of (74 O.S. § 166.1) Commission (74 O.S. § 166.2)

Agency Code 805 (IA)  www.okdrs.gov
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73112–4824  405/951–3400, 800/845–8476, FAX 405/951–3529, TTY/TDD 405/951–3400
Mission Statement  To empower Oklahomans with disabilities.

Administration  Melinda Freundt, Director, 405/951–3582; Public Information Administrator, Jody Harlan, 405/951–3473; Chief Fiscal Officer, Kevin Statham, 405/951–3422; Chief of Operations, Randy Weaver, 405/951–3401; Disability Determination Division, Brian Nickles, Administrator, 405/419–2200; Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Mark Kinnison, Administrator, 405/951–3491; Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Tracy Brigham, Administrator, 405/951–3460; Disability Determination Services, Brian Nickles, Administrator, 405/419–2000, fax 405/419–2785


Oklahoma School for the Blind (Parkview School) Rita Echelle, Superintendent, 918/781–8200, 877/229–7136, www.osb.k12.ok.us


History and Function  The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) provides assistance to Oklahomans with disabilities through vocational rehabilitation, employment, independent living, and residential and outreach education programs. The agency also determines medical eligibility for disability benefits. The commission meets eleven months per year at the DRS State Office, Disability Determination Services, Oklahoma School for the Blind, or Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

Personnel  753 classified, 193 unclassified, 17 temporary

Statewide Independent Living Council
6108 NW 63 Street, Oklahoma City 73132
405/888–0068, TTY/TDD 405/325–4927
Administration  Sidna Madden, Director
www.oksilc.org

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (29 U.S.C. 725)
3535 NW 58 Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73112–4824
405/951–3579, Voice/TTY/TDD 800/569–7974
Administration  Carolina Colclasure
www.ok.gov/orc

Revenue Apportionment Evaluation, State Commission on
(62 O.S. § 46.5) Created until July 1, 2023.

Route 66 Centennial Commission, Oklahoma
(69 O.S. § 4020.1) Created until June 30, 2027. Effective date November 1, 2019.

Safety, Department of Public (47 O.S. § 2–101)
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  John Scully, Commissioner of Public Safety, 405/425–2001;
Patrick F. Mays, Chief of Administration, 405/425–2002
Driver License Examining, Jeff Hankins, 405/425–7732
General Counsel, Sunne Riedel Day, 405/425–2148
Highway Patrol Chief, Brent Sugg, 405/425–2004
Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems Division, Felicia Jackson, 405/425–2236
Legislative Liaison, Captain Sheridan O’Neal, 405/425–2761
Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, Paul Harris, 405/523–1384
Public Affairs Office, Sarah Stewart, 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  1,316 classified, 57 unclassified, 12 temporary, merit

Driver’s License Medical Advisory Committee (47 O.S. § 6–118)
The Driver’s License Medical Advisory Committee is composed of seven members appointed by the commissioner of health (2 appointments), the commissioner of public safety (2), the governor (1), the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate (1), and the Speaker of the House of Representatives (1).

Administration  R. LeRoy Carpenter, M.D., Executive Secretary, 405/425–2071

Injury Review Board (47 O.S. § 2–310.1)
Motorcycle Safety and Education, Advisory Committee for (47 O.S. § 40–122)  www.ok.gov/okiemoto

School and County Funds Management, Oklahoma Commission on (60 O.S. § 177.2)  www.ok.gov/okiemoto
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  Via a residential campus in Oklahoma City (for 11th and 12th grade students), satellite locations called “regional centers” at six locations: Enid, Okmulgee, Poteau, Stilwell, Tahlequah, and Wayne, as well as an online program called a Virtual Regional Center, where instruction is delivered statewide via live interactive video combined with face-to-face visits from an instructor who conducts labs with the students, the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics endeavors to provide rigorous instruction in advanced STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects to high achieving Oklahoma students who show promise and interest in STEM subjects. In addition, OSSM hosts/sponsors day workshops and competitions for middle school students, week-long residential camps for rising 9th through 12th grade students, as well as institutes providing professional development for middle and high school teachers. A goal of the school president is that the school “touches” each and every Oklahoma student who aspires to pursue collegiate study in STEM or a STEM career via the school itself, the regional centers, the virtual regional center, the various outreach programs or indirectly through teachers trained at an OSSM professional development institute.
Administration  Frank Y.H. Wang, PhD, President, E-mail: Frank.Wang@ossm.edu
Personnel  3 classified, 50 unclassified

School Readiness Board, Oklahoma Partnership for (10 O.S. § 640.1; 74 O.S. § 3904)  Re-created until July 1, 2024  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
E-mail—info@ocast.ok.gov
Mission Statement  To foster innovation in existing and developing businesses by 1) supporting basic and applied research; 2) facilitating technology transfer between research laboratories and businesses; 3) providing seed capital for innovative firms in the development of new products or services; and 4) helping Oklahoma’s small and medium-sized manufacturing firms become more competitive through increased productivity and modernization.
Administration  C. Michael Carolina, Executive Director; Dan Luton, Director of Programs; Amy Loftis-Walton, Director of Government Relations & Strategic Initiatives; Elaine Spell, Director of Administration and Finance
Personnel  16 unclassified, merit
History and Function  Created in 1987 to be Oklahoma’s technology-based economic development agency, OCAST oversees the programs necessary for the development, transfer, and commercialization of technology. Those programs are: Inventors Assistance Service, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance, Oklahoma Applied Research Support, Oklahoma Health Research, Oklahoma Seed Capital Fund, Oklahoma Technology Commercialization Center, Plant Science Research Program, R&D Intern Partnerships, Small Business Research Assistance, and Technology Business Finance Program.
Advisory Bodies
  Oklahoma Applied Research Committee, David Humphrey, Chair
  Oklahoma Health Research Committee, Mary Beth Humphrey, MD, PhD, Chair
  Oklahoma Plant Sciences Research Advisory Committee, Richard Nelson, Chair
  Seed Capital Investment Committee, Sherri Wise, Chair
  Small Business Research Assistance Committee, Terry Golding, PhD, Chair

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

Agency Code 625 (IA)  
Executive/Legislative Division, State Capitol, Room 122, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City 73105  
Business Services, Ag Liens, Notary, Open Meetings, and Rules, The Colcord Center, 421 NW 13 Street, Oklahoma City, 73103  
405/521–3912

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  Brian Bingman, Secretary of State; Tod Wall, Assistant Secretary of State; Jessica Cleveland, Deputy Secretary of State; Amy Canton, Director of Executive and Legislative Services; Michelle Waddell, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State; Peggy Coe, Director/Managing Editor of the Oklahoma Administrative Code/Register; and Tamra Robinson, Director of Business Services.

History and Function  The Office of the Secretary of State 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.

Personnel  16 classified, 16 unclassified, 3 temporary

Protocol Office, Oklahoma Chief International (74 O.S. § 5017.7)

Effective November 1, 2021, the Department of Commerce shall serve as the central point of contact for foreign governmental officials and the Houston and Oklahoma City Consular Corps. The office has the responsibility for Oklahoma's international relations. An associate with the Department of Commerce shall represent 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  Christy Busch, International Protocol Program Manager, 405/815–5111, Christy.busch@okcommerce.gov

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

Agency Code 630 (IA)  
Oklahoma Department of Securities  
204 N Robinson, Suite 400, City Place, Oklahoma City 73102  
405/280–7742

Mission Statement  The mission of the Oklahoma Securities Commission and the Department of Securities is investor protection through the administration and enforcement of the Oklahoma Uniform Securities Act of 2004. The commission and department also administer and enforce the Oklahoma Business Opportunity Sales Act, the Oklahoma Subdivided Land Sales Code, and the Oklahoma Take-over Disclosure Act of 1985.

Administration  Melanie Hall, Administrator; Kenneth Maillard, Deputy Administrator and Director of Corporate Finance; Carol Gruis, Director of Examinations and Licensing; W. Charles Kaiser, Director of Information Quality; Gerri Kavanaugh, General Counsel; and Patricia Labarthe, Director of Enforcement

Personnel  24 unclassified; 1 temporary

History and Function  The commission as well as the department were created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1959. The commission is the policy making and governing authority of the department. The department's functions include the regulation of securities agents, broker-dealers, investment adviser representatives and investment advisers. These persons and firms are registered and examined under provisions of the Oklahoma Uniform Securities Act of 2004. The department is also responsible for the registration of stocks, bonds, and many other types of securities as provided under the very broad definition of securities in the act. The objectives of the department are protecting the investing public from securities fraud, eliminating unfair sales practices in the market place, and maintaining the market's integrity in Oklahoma.
Shorthand Reporters, State Board of Examiners of Certified (20 O.S. §1501) Recreated until July 1, 2023.
2100 N Lincoln, Suite 3, Oklahoma City 73105 405/556–9300
Administration Jari Askins, Court Administrator; Tammy Reaves, Director of Court Services Programs
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 and conducting proceedings to recommend suspension, revocation, or reinstatement of licenses of certified reporters.

Social Workers, Oklahoma State Board of Licensed (59 O.S. § 1253) Recreated until July 1, 2023
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

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 Craig Smith, Executive Director, craig.smith@okspaceport.ok.gov
Personnel 6 unclassified, non-merit

Special Advocate, Court Appointed
Office of Attorney General www.oklahomacasa.org

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Board of Examiners for (59 O.S. § 1607) Recreated until July 1, 2024.
Agency Code 632 (IA) www.obespa.ok.gov
Speech Pathology and Audiology, 3700 N Classen Blvd., Suite 248, Oklahoma City 73118
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/Director
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 Management Authority (63 O.S. § 2847) www.ok.gov/911

Tax Commission, Oklahoma (68 O.S. § 102) www.tax.ok.gov
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  Clark Jolley, Chair; Shelly Paulk, Vice Chair; and Charles Prater, Secretary-Member

Administration  Vacant, Executive Director, 405/521–3214
Vacant, Chief Administrative Officer, 405/522–1656
Jim Green, Chief Operations Officer, 405/522–6233
Ad Valorem Division—Joseph Hapgood, 405/521–8227
Apportionment & Revenue Division, Carol Schonavec, 405/521–6168
Audit Services Division, Bradley Johnson, 405/522–3438
Business Operations Division, Patricia Garcia, 405/522–0390
Central Processing Division—Fredda Puckett, 405/521–3767
Counsel to the Commissioners—Ernest H. Short, 405/521–3213
Digital Communications Division, April Gonzalez, 405/522–5810
Economist—Huan Gong, 405/522–3134
General Counsel—Joe Gappa, 405/522–9460
Human Resources Division—Stacy Pederson, 405/522–5599
Income Tax Accounts—Jessica Coghill, 405/521–6925
Motor Vehicle Division—Nichole Gillet, 405/521–2801
Press Release/Legislative Liaison, Cassandra Sweetman, 405/521–4238
Tax Policy And Research Division—Rick Miller, 405/521–3133

Personnel  451 classified, 251 unclassified

History and Function  Throughout the decades, the Tax Commission has prioritized a flexible organization that encourages keeping pace with changes in technology, government structure and the ever-changing lifestyles of our taxpayers.

The commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of state tax laws, collection of a majority of all state-levied taxes, fees and licenses; and the subsequent apportionment and allocation of revenues earmarked to various state agencies and local units of government. In its quasi-judicial capacity, the commission has the authority to subpoena witnesses and records, to administer oaths and to render decisions appealable directly to the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Each of the three members of the Commission is appointed, to a six-year term, by the governor and confirmed by the Oklahoma Senate. This gubernatorial appointment process has remained in effect since 1931, with changes established in 1947 by Oklahoma Legislature to stagger the terms. A commissioner appointment comes up every two years. The commissioners are responsible for the supervision of the administration and enforcement of state tax laws and the collection of a majority of all state-levied taxes and fees.

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

**Trustees** *(70 O.S. § 17–106)*

Agency Code 715 (IA)
301 NW 63 Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City 73116
PO Box 53524, Oklahoma City 73152–3524
405/521–2387, FAX 405/522–2521, Toll Free 877/738–6365

Mission Statement  To collect, protect, and grow assets to provide a secure retirement income for public education employees.

Administration  Sarah Green, Executive Director, 405/521–4745; Vacant, General Counsel; John Santos, Deputy Executive Director of Operations; Dixie Moody, Director of Client Services; Lisa Van Liew, Director of Finance/CFO; Mark Prince, Director of Human Resources; Kirk Stebbins, Chief Investment Officer

Personnel  40 unclassified

History and Function  The Teacher’s Retirement system provides retirement benefits to Oklahoma’s public educators and support staff. Following voter approval of a constitutional amendment, the system was established by legislative act and became effective July 1, 1943. Active members contribute 7 percent of their gross salary per school year. The state provides a percentage of certain taxes and other revenue directly to the system. For instance, the system receives 5.0 percent of the state’s sales and income taxes and 5.0 percent of the state lottery income. In addition, the system receives contributions from public education employers.

The board of trustees has responsibility for the general operations of the Teachers’ Retirement System. The board is composed of fifteen members: six appointed by the governor, and four appointed by the legislature, four ex-officio members, and one non-voting member appointed by a statewide retiree organization. Eight of the fifteen members are plan participants. Five members are from the business community, and two are statewide public officers who serve ex-officio.

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

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—rebecca.morales@sde.ok.gov
Administration   Rebecca Morales, 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  
2800 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 202, Oklahoma City 73105  
866/530–8738, 405/521–3888  

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   Julie Bisbee, 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)  

Agency Code 566 (IA)  
123 Robert S Kerr, Suite 900, Oklahoma City 73102; PO Box 52002, Oklahoma City, 73152–2002  
Literature Requests and Oklahoma City Office—800/652–6552, Reservations for Lodging at State Parks available at www.travelok.com or 800/654–8240  

Mission Statement   To advance the exceptional quality of life in Oklahoma by preserving, maintaining, and promoting our natural assets and cultural richness.  

Administration   Jerry Winchester, Executive Director, 405/522–9647  
Deputy Executive Director, Ben Davis, 405/522–9585  
Human Resources, Christina Hamilton, 405/522–9581  
State Parks Division, Kris Marek, 405/522–9511  
Tourism Promotion Division, Jennifer Mullins, 405/522–9550  
General Counsel, Brett Thomas, 405/522–9575  

Personnel   67 classified, 429 unclassified, 302 temporary (seasonal)  

History and Function   Administered by an executive director, the department began in 1931 when the Oklahoma Legislature appropriated funds for the land on which Lake Murray is located. 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, which is made up of four divisions.  

The Division of State Parks operates the Oklahoma State Parks System, providing a myriad of affordable outdoor recreational and vacation opportunities to millions of visitors every year.  

The Travel Promotion Division markets Oklahoma through regional, national, and international advertisement and travel promotion programs such as Travel Information Centers, “Discover Oklahoma” television show, and Oklahoma Today magazine, and Oklahoma’s tourism information site TravelOk.com.  

In 2018 tourism was Oklahoma’s third largest industry and contributed nearly $9.6 billion to Oklahoma’s economy in direct visitor spending; $708 million in state and local taxes; and supported over 103,600 jobs throughout the state.  

Oklahoma Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee (68 O.S. § 50015)  

Transportation, Department of (69 O.S. § 4002)  

Agency Code 345 (IA)  
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   Tim Gatz, Executive Director, Secretary of Transportation; Terri Angier, Interagency Liaison & Public Relations Advisor, Office of Secretary Gatz; Dawn Sullivan, Deputy Director; Brian Taylor, Chief Engineer; Tim Tegeler,
Director of Engineering; Shawn Davis, Director of Operations; Rick Johnson, Director of Capital Programs; Chelley Hilmes, Finance & Administration; and Sara Penn, General Counsel.

Personnel 2,274 classified, 107 unclassified (includes commissioners), 2 temporary

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1976 as an overall coordinating agency for the state’s highways, railways, and waterways, this agency superseded the original Oklahoma State Department of Highways, implemented by legislation in 1911. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission and Rail Planning were also placed under ODOT jurisdiction. The Waterways Branch was transferred from the Commerce Department to ODOT in 1993. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission became a separate agency as of July 1, 2002. The department is primarily funded by motor vehicle fuel taxes, legislative appropriations, and a return of federal matching dollars from the Federal Highway Trust Fund. ODOT’s annual budget, totaling more than $1.7 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. A nine-member Transportation Commission appointed by the governor, Oklahoma Speaker of the House, and President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate sets departmental policy and oversees general operations. The commission is made up of eight members representing geographic districts corresponding with ODOT’s eight field divisions, along with one at-large member. 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, 580/325–1431; Division 6, Buffalo, 580/735–2561; Division 7, Duncan, 580/255–7586; Division 8, Tulsa, 918/838–9933.

Advanced Mobility Program Advisory Council (3 O.S. § 374)
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)
Waterways Advisory Board (69 O.S. § 4018)

Tuition Aid Grant Program, Oklahoma (OTAG) www.otag.org
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, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Scholarship and Grant Administration

Turnpike Authority, Oklahoma (69 O.S. § 1703) www.pikepass.com
3500 Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City 73111
405/425–3600, FAX 405/425–7404
PO Box 11357, Oklahoma City 73136–0357
Mission Statement Partnering with others, we provide our customers with a choice of a safe, convenient, efficient, user-funded transportation network focusing on fiscal responsibility and promoting economic development.
Administration Tim Gatz, Executive Director; Joe Echell, Deputy Director
Personnel 445 classified, 75 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.

Unified State Law Enforcement Commission (74 O.S. § 9100) Created until December 1, 2022
Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission, Oklahoma (47 O.S. § 582) www.usedcarcommission.ok.gov
421 NW 13 Street, Suite 330, Oklahoma City 73103
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
Personnel 10 unclassified, non-merit

Manufactured Home Advisory Committee (47 O.S. § 582.1)

Veterans Affairs, Oklahoma Department of (72 O.S. § 63.1)

Agency Code 650 (IA)
Veterans Commission of Oklahoma, 2132 NE 36 Street, Oklahoma City, 73111, Box 53067, Oklahoma City 73152
405/523–4000, FAX 405/523–4008

Mission Statement In partnership with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, state and local agencies, and veterans services organizations, the State of Oklahoma will facilitate in providing to the veterans residing in Oklahoma the highest quality support and care available anywhere in the nation.

Administration Joel Kintsel, Executive Director, 405/523–4000; Sarah Lane, Deputy Director, 405/523–4000

Claims and Benefits Programs Administrator, Jackie Whitten, 405/523–4021
Lawton: Jodi Opunui, SW Regional Claims Programs Administrator, 580/354–4193
Muskogee: Angie Bilby, Manager of Muskogee Claims and Benefits Office, 918/781–7766
McAlester: Catherine Meredith, SE Claims Programs Manager, 918/577–0372
Oklahoma City: Jackie Whitten, 405/523–4021
Tulsa: Brian Gibson, NE Regional Claims Programs Administrator, 918/348–4901

Ardmore Veterans Center: Amy Sprouse, Administrator, 580/223–2266
Claremore Veterans Center: Carole Kimbrough, Administrator, 918/283–2963
Clinton Veterans Center: Stephanie Taylor, Administrator, 580/331–2200
Lawton Veterans Center: Michael Russell, Administrator, 580/351–6511
Norman Veterans Center: Rob Arrington, Administrator, 405/360–5600
Sulphur Veterans Center: Pamela Arms, Administrator, 580/622–2144
Talihina Veterans Center: Sarah Brashear, Administrator, 918/567–2251

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1947 as the successor to the Soldiers Relief Commission, the department is responsible for the administration of the general duties of the commission, which includes assistance to veterans and their dependents in obtaining benefits.

Personnel 982 classified, 386 unclassified

Claims Offices
Muskogee: 125 S Main, Room 1B38, Muskogee 74401, 888/655–2838
Lawton: 501 SE Flower Mound Road, PO Box 849, Lawton 73502, 580/354–4193
Tulsa: (pending new location)
Medical Center, Oklahoma City, 921 NE 13 Street, Office B109G, Oklahoma City 73104, 405/456–3590

Veterans Commission (72 O.S. § 63.1)
2132 NE 36 Street, Oklahoma City 73111
405/523–4000

Veterinary Medical Examiners, Board of (59 O.S. § 698.3)

Agency Code 790 (IA)
2920 N Lincoln Boulevard, Suite C, Oklahoma City 73105
405/522–8831, FAX 405/522–8034

Mission Statement To regulate the practice of veterinary medicine by the licensure of veterinarians and veterinary technicians, as well as the investigation of complaints to ensure that licensed veterinarians and euthanasia technicians are practicing within the provisions of the law.

Administration Cathy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director

Personnel 6 unclassified, non-merit

History and Function The board was established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1913 and is the chief regulatory agency for the practice of veterinary medicine, including the licensing and enforcement of state laws and rules and regulations of the board. This also includes the veterinary technicians. Re-created until July 1, 2025.

Animal Commission Advisory Committee (59 O.S. § 529)

Examination Committee (59 O.S. § 698.30a)

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

Mission Statement OKArts will provide excellence in arts education and will deliver comprehensive academic programs for gifted and talented visual and performing arts students from across the State of Oklahoma. This extraordinary high school will fulfill a two-fold mission: It will provide each student with outstanding, professional preparation via a conservatory arts education; it will also equip the students with college preparatory academics.
Visual and Performing Arts Board of Trustees, Oklahoma School for the (70 O.S. § 1210.451)

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

Agency Code 835 (IA)
3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118–2855
www.owrb.ok.gov

Mission The mission of the OWRB is to protect and enhance the quality of life for Oklahomans by managing and improving the state’s water resources to ensure clean and reliable water supplies, a strong economy, and a healthy environment.

Administration Julie Cunningham, Executive Director; Sara Gibson, General Counsel; Joe Freeman, Chief, Financial Assistance; Bill Cauthron, Chief, Water Quality Programs; Chris Neel, Chief, Water Rights Administration; Cleve Pierce, Chief, Administrative Services; and Yohanes Sugeng, Chief, Engineering and Planning

Personnel

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. Membership is 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 Beneficial Use Monitoring Program, promulgates state water quality standards, conducts special studies on lakes, and hydrologic investigations on aquifers.

Water for 2060 Produced Working Group (82 O.S. § 1088.14)

Waterways Advisory Board (69 O.S. § 4018)

Agency Code 345 (IA)
ODOT Waterways Branch
4002 N Mingo Valley Expressway, Tulsa 74116–5002
www.wildlifedepartment.com

Mission Statement The department’s mission is to manage and protect fish and wildlife, along with their habitats, while also growing our community of hunters and anglers, partnering with those who love the outdoors, and fostering stewardship with those who care for the land.

Administration J.D. Strong, Director, 405/522–6279; Wade Free, Assistant Director, 405/521–4660; Amanda Storck, CFO, Chief of Administration, 405/521–6685; Bill Dinkines, Wildlife, Chief, 405/521–2739; Nels Rodefeld, Information/Education,

**Personnel**  
325 unclassified, 59 temporary, non-merit

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**Workers’ Compensation Commission, Oklahoma** *(SB 1062)*

1915 N Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
405/522–3222

**Website**  
www.ok.gov/wcc

**Administration**  
Jordan Russell, Chair; Mark Liotta, Commissioner; Megan Tilly, Commissioner; Hopper Smith, Executive Director

**History and Function**  
Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 2013 (SB 1062), the commission moved the workers’ compensation system from a judicially based system to an administrative system. The commission consists of three commissioners appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate. Workers who are injured on or after February 1, 2014, may have their cases heard by an administrative law judge appointed by the commission. The commissioners also serve as an appellate body, and they perform other regulatory duties as they pertain to workers’ compensation issues.
State Government Institutions

Department of Corrections

Institutions


Clara Waters Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 9901 N I–35 Service Road, Oklahoma City, 73131–5228 ■ Telephone 405/254–3200 ■ Scott Wallis, Administrator

Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 601 North Oak, PO Box 315, Taft, 74463–0315 ■ Telephone 918/683–8365 ■ Gregory P. Breslin, Warden

Enid Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 2020 E Maine Avenue, Enid, 73701–6445 ■ Telephone 580/977–3800 ■ John Masquelier, Administrator

Howard McLeod Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 19603 E Whippoorwill Lane, Atoka, 74525–8415 ■ Telephone 580/889–6651 ■ Deon Clayton, Warden

Jackie Brannon Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 1999, McAlester, 74502–1999 ■ Telephone 918/421–3339 ■ Jim Farris, Warden

James Crabtree Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 216 N Murray Street, Helena, 73741–1017 ■ Telephone 580/852–3221 ■ Scott Nunn, Warden

Jess Dunn Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 316, Taft, 74463–0316 ■ Telephone 918/682–7841 ■ Sharon McCoy, Warden

Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 53468 Mineral Springs Road, Hodgen, 74939–3064 ■ Telephone 918/653–7831 ■ Matt McDonald, Interim Warden

John H. Lilley Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 407971 Highway 62 E, Boley, 74829–6731 ■ Telephone 918/667–3381 ■ Terry Tuggle, Warden

Joseph Harp Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 548, Lexington, 73051–0548 ■ Telephone 405/527–5593 ■ Luke Pettigrew, Warden

Lawton Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 605 SW Coombs Road, Lawton, 73501–8294 ■ Telephone 580/248–6703 ■ Angela Hearrell, Administrator

Lexington Assessment and Reception Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 260, Lexington, 73051–0260 ■ Telephone 405/527–5676 ■ Kameron Harvenek, Acting Warden

Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 19, McLoud, 74851–0019 ■ Telephone 405/964–3020 ■ Aboutanaa El Habti, Warden

Mack Alford Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 220, Stringtown, 74569–0220 ■ Telephone 580/346–7301 ■ David Louthan, Interim Warden

North Fork Correction Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 1605 E Main Street, Sayre, 73662–3122 ■ Telephone 580/928–8000 ■ Rick Whitten, Interim Warden

Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 442586 E 250 Road, Vinita, 74301–5550 ■ Telephone 918/256–3392 ■ Casey Hamilton, Warden

Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 97, McAlester, 74502–0097 ■ Telephone 918/423–4700 ■ Jim Farris, Warden

Oklahoma State Penitentiary (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 97, McAlester, 74502–0097 ■ Telephone 918/423–4700 ■ Jim Farris, Warden

Oklahoma State Reformatory (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 514, Granite, 73547–0514 ■ Telephone 580/480–3700 ■ Chad Dennis, Acting Warden

R.B. Dick Conner Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 129 Conner Road, Hominy, 74035 ■ Telephone 918/594–1300 ■ Janet Dowling, Warden

Union City Community Corrections Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ 700 N HWY 81, Union City, 73090–0129 ■ Telephone 405/483–5900 ■ Jeff Duncan, Warden

William S. Key Correctional Center (57 O.S. § 509) ■ PO Box 61, Fort Supply, 73841–0061 ■ Telephone 580/766–2224 ■ Lonnie Lawson, Warden
Probation and Parole Offices

Administration ■ 3400 N Martin Luther King Blvd., Oklahoma City, 73111 ■ Phone 405/425-7100 ■ James Rudek, Chief Administrator Community Corrections

Region I Probation and Parole ■ Phone 918/302-3103 ■ Anthony Rowell, Administrator

Region II Probation and Parole ■ Phone 405/425-2690 ■ Courtney Jones, Administrator

Community Sentencing ■ Phone 405/425-7130, ■ Melinda Guilfoyle, Administrator

Office of Juvenile Affairs

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (HB 1978, 1995) ■ 700 S 9 Street, Tecumseh, 74873 ■ Phone 405/598-2135, FAX 405/598-8712 ■ Darryl Fields, Interim Superintendent

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School ■ 3812 N Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City 73126 ■ Phone 405/530-2878,

Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Carl Albert Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Center (43A:3-102) ■ 1101 East Monroe, PO Box 579, McAlester, 74502 ■ Phone 918/426-7800, FAX 918/426-5526

Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Center (43A:3-103) ■ 909 East Alameda, PO Box 400, Norman 73070 ■ Phone 405/360-5100, FAX 405/573-3958

Children's Recovery Center of Oklahoma (43A:3-101) ■ 320 12 Avenue NE, Norman, 73071 ■ Phone 405/573-3819, FAX 405/573-3804

Griffin Memorial Hospital (43A:3-101) ■ 900 E Main, PO Box 151, Norman, 73070 ■ Phone 405/321-4880, FAX 405/321-4514

Jim Taliaferro Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Center (43A:3-102) ■ 602 Southwest 38 Street, Lawton, 73505 ■ Phone 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 ■ Phone 580/573-3233, FAX 580/254-2985

Oklahoma County Crisis Intervention Center ■ 2625 General Pershing Blvd., Oklahoma City 73107 ■ Phone 405/942-2300, FAX 405/942-2303

Oklahoma County Recovery Unit ■ 1200 NE 13 Street, PO Box 53722, Oklahoma City 73152 ■ Phone 405/248-9368, FAX 405/573-8701

Oklahoma Forensic Center ■ PO Box 69, Vinita 73152 ■ Phone 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 ■ Phone 918/256-9210, FAX 918/427-6377

Tulsa Center for Behavioral Health (43A:3-107) Formerly, Vinita Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center ■ 2323 S Harvard, Tulsa, 74114 ■ Phone 918/293-2140, FAX 918/712-7164

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 ■ Phone 918/781-8200, 877/229-7136 ■ www.osb.k12.ok.us ■ Rita Echelle, Superintendent

Oklahoma School for the Deaf (Constitution, Article 21 § 1, 10 O.S. § 1418, 70 O.S. § 1731) ■ 1100 E Oklahoma, Sulphur, 73086 ■ Phone 580/622-4900, 888/685-3323 ■ www.osd.k12.ok.us ■ Chris Dvorak, Superintendent

Department of Veterans Affairs

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Ardmore Division (72 O.S. § 221) ■ 1015 S Commerce, PO Box 489, Ardmore, 73402 ■ Phone 580/223-2266, FAX 580/221-5606 ■ Amy Sprouse, Administrator
Oklahoma Veterans Center, Claremore Division (72 O.S. § 221.2) • 3001 West Blue Starr Drive, PO Box 988, Claremore, 74018 • Telephone 918/283–2963, FAX 918/342–0835 • Carole Kimbrough, 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 • Stephanie Taylor, 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 • Michael Russell, Administrator

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Norman Division (72 O.S. § 221.1) • 1776 E Robinson, PO Box 1668, Norman, 73070 • Telephone 405/360–5600, FAX 405/364–8432 • Rob Arrington, Administrator

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

Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina Division (72 O.S. § 229) • 10014 Southeast 1138 Avenue, PO Box 1168, Talihina, 74571 • Telephone 918/567–2251, FAX 918/567–2950 • Sarah Brashear, Administrator
Interstate Compacts, Regional Entities, and State-beneficiary Public Trusts

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

Department of Corrections, Community Corrections Office  
3400 N Martin Luther King Blvd., Oklahoma City 73111  
405/425–2500

**Administration**  
James Rudek, Commissioner, Director of Oklahoma Department of Corrections Community Corrections Office

**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**  
Victoria Tran, Scott Thompson, and Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Commissioners; Yohanes Sugeng, Oklahoma Member, Engineering Committee; Chris Neel, Oklahoma Member, Budget Committee; Bill Cauthron, Oklahoma Member, Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Sara Gibson, Oklahoma Member, Legal Committee.

**History and Function**  
The major purposes of the compact are to promote interstate comity between the states of Arkansas and Oklahoma, to provide an equitable apportionment of the waters of the Arkansas River between the two states, and to address water quality issues. The compact was approved in 1971 by both states and revisions approved by both states in 1972.

**Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Interstate Compact** (SB1837, 2020)

**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**  
Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Commissioner; Ammon Brisolara, Assistant to Oklahoma Commissioner and Oklahoma Legal Committee Member; Yohanes Sugeng, Oklahoma Member, Engineering 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.

**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

**Administration**  
Devon L. Sauzek, President

**Mission Statement**  
The Oklahoma Capital Investment Board (OCIB) is established to mobilize sources of equity and near-equity capital for Oklahoma businesses.

**History and Function**  
OCIB was established under a 1987 legislative act and began functioning in 1992. OCIB currently operates the Venture Investment Program which supports the funding of venture capital partnerships that meet the investment and strategic objectives of OCIB. OCIB guarantees investments in carefully selected venture capital partnerships, which agree to focus a portion of their time, talent, and capital on potential investment opportunities in high growth, high return Oklahoma businesses.
Centennial Botanical Garden Authority, Oklahoma
(62 O.S. § 4001; Executive Order 2011–45) Created as a public trust.
www.ocbg.org or www.tulsabotanic.org

Children, Interstate Compact on the Placement of
(10 O.S. § 577)
Department of Human Services
2400 N Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105–4601
Administration Amber Brookshire, Compact Administrator

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

Corrections Compact, Institutions
(57 O.S. § 601–602)
Department of Corrections, PO Box 11400, Oklahoma City 73136
Mission Statement To protect the public, the employees, and the offender.
Administration Lakeisha Seward, Interstate Corrections Compact Coordinator

Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS)
2915 N Classen Blvd., Suite 200, Oklahoma City, 73106
Administration Frank Mesarick, Administrator, 405/425–2603

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) Repealed effective November 1, 2021

Detainers, Interstate Agreement on
(22 O.S. § 1347)
Office of the Governor
State Capitol Building, Room 212, Oklahoma City 73105
Administration Sumer Curry, Detainer Administrator

Driver’s License Compact
(47 O.S. § 781)
Department of Public Safety
PO Box 11415, Oklahoma City 73136
Administration John Scully, Commissioner and Oklahoma Compact Administrator; Patrick F. Mays, Chief of Administration; and Jeff Hankins, Driver License Services Director
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 Gas Authority
(60 O.S. § 176)
(State-beneficiary public trust)
PO Box 776, Gore 74435
Administration Horace Lindley, Administrator; Robert S. Ogg Jr., Chairperson

Education Commission of the States, The
(70 O.S. § 506.1 [Article III] [A])
Joy Hofmeister, Superintendent of Public Instruction (IA)
2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 121, Oklahoma City 73105
405/521–4885, FAX 405/521–6205
E-mail—Joy.Hofmeister@sde.ok.gov
History and Function The Interstate Compact for Education has as its purpose the furtherance of education through the close cooperation and understanding among executive, legislative, professional, educational, and lay leadership on a nationwide basis,
and at the state and local levels; and to provide a forum for the discussion, development, and recommendation of public policy alternatives in the field of education.

**Educational Personnel, Interstate Agreement on Qualification of** (70 O.S. § 508.1)

(Natl’. Assn. of State Directors of Teacher Education & Certification Interstate Contract)

State Department of Education
2500 N Lincoln Boulevard, Room 212, Oklahoma City 73105
E-mail—Jeff.Smith@sde.ok.gov

**Administration**  Jeff Smith, Executive Director, Teacher Certification, OKSDE

**Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Contract, National Association of State Directors of** www.nasdtec.net

**Emergency Management Compact** (63 O.S. § 684.1)

PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City 73152

**Administration**  Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management

**History and Function**  Purpose is to provide for mutual assistance among the states entering into this compact in managing any emergency or disaster that is duly declared by the governor of the affected state, whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, man-made disaster, civil emergency aspects of resources shortages, community disorders, insurgency, or enemy attack. Also provides for mutual cooperation in emergency-related exercises, testing, or other training activities.

**Energy Compact of the Southern States** (74 O.S. § 1051)

Southern States Energy Board
6325 Amherst Court, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092
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**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)

13760 Noel Road, Suite 1160, Dallas, TX 75240
www.theenergycouncil.org

**Administration**  Tara Shaw, 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
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; Katherine Slifer, Assistant Vice President; Lorie Collier, Assistant Vice President

**Program Development and Credit Review Committee** (74 O.S. § 5062.6A)
**Finance Authority, Oklahoma Industrial** (Constitution, Article 10 § 33A; 74 O.S. § 854)

(Non-appropriated public trust)

9220 N Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City 73131

Agency Code 370 (IA)

405/842–1145, FAX 405/848–3314

**Mission Statement** To increase employment in Oklahoma and to help diversify the state’s economy by issuing bonds and serving as a capital source for businesses.

**Administration** Michael D. Davis, President; Jeremy Stoner, Senior Vice President; Sunny Dobbins, Vice President; Kaherine Slifer, Assistant Vice President; Lorie Collier, Assistant Vice President

**Personnel** 5 unclassified, non-merit

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**Health Care Commission, Interstate Advisory** (63 O.S. § 7300)

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

(State-beneficiary public trust)

Agency Code 922 (IA)

100 NW 63 Street, Suite 200, Oklahoma City 73116

PO Box 26720, Oklahoma City 73126

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

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

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

**Juveniles, Interstate Commission for** (10 O.S. § 7309–1.7)

**Kansas-Okahoma Arkansas River Commission** (82 O.S. § 1401)

Oklahoma Water Resources Board

3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118

405/530–8800, FAX 405/530–8900

**Administration** Bryce Benson, Ross Kirtley, and Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Commissioners; Yohanes Sugeng, Oklahoma Member, Engineering Committee; Chris Neel, Oklahoma Member, Budget and Finance Committee; Ammon Brisolara, Oklahoma Member, Legal Committee; Bill Cauthron, Oklahoma Member, Water Quality 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)

1002 HWY 2 North, Wilburton 74578

www.keddo.org

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
Medical Licensure, Interstate Compact Commission (59 O.S. § 493.6; § 493.7)

Mental Health, Interstate Compact on (43A O.S. § 6–201)

Mid-South Industrial Authority (60 O.S. § 176)

Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (60 O.S. § 176)

Military Children, Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for (70 O.S. § 510.1)

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

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

North Central Oklahoma Municipal Power Pool Authority (60 O.S. § 176) (State-beneficiary public trust)

Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority (60 O.S. § 176)

Offender Supervision, Oklahoma State Council for Interstate Adult (22 O.S. § 1094)

Oil Compact Commission, Interstate (52 O.S. § 204(Article VI), 205)

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

(State-beneficiary public trust)

Department of Public Safety, Driver Compliance Division
3600 Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111
PO Box 11415, Oklahoma City 73136–0145 405/425–2424, FAX 405/425–2321

Administration Virgil Bonham, Director, Records Management; and Ebony Payne, Administrative Programs Officer

North Central Oklahoma Municipal Power Pool Authority
28 S HWY 44, 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; Ivy Hylton, 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 fifty years, the staff performs daily maintenance on rental units. The revenue generated is invested in development and economic issues.

Oil Compact Commission, Interstate
204 N Robinson, Suite 1010, Oklahoma City 73102

Administration Kenneth Wagner, Secretary of Energy and Environment

Ordinance Works Authority, Oklahoma (dba MidAmerica Industrial Park)

(State-beneficiary public trust)
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.

Pest Control Compact (2 O.S. § 3–35)

Physical Therapy Compact Commission (59 O.S. § 887.19)

Racing with Pari-mutuel Wagering, Interstate Compact Committee on Licensure of Participants in Live Horse (3A O.S. § 240)

Radioactive Waste Compact Commission, Central Interstate Low-level (27A O.S. § 2–8–102(Article IV))

Department of Environmental Quality
707 N Robinson, PO Box 1042, Oklahoma City 73101 405/702–5222, FAX 405/702–5101
www.cillrwcc.org
Administration  Kelly Dixon, Commissioner, 405/702–5151, FAX 405/702–5101

Rail Compact, Interstate Midwest Regional Passenger (66 O.S. § 326) Commission (66 O.S. § 327)

Red River Compact Commission (82 O.S. §1432)

Oklahoma Water Resources Board
3800 Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73118 405/530–8800, FAX 405/530–8900
Administration  Charles Dobbs, Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Commissioners; Chris Neel, Oklahoma Member, Budget Committee; Bill Cauthron, Oklahoma Member, Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Yohanes Sugeng, Oklahoma Member, Engineering Committee; Sara Gibson, Oklahoma Member, Legal Committee

History and Function  The Red River Compact Commission has been approved and ratified by the legislatures of the affected states, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, and serves to administer each state’s apportionment of the waters of the Red River and its tributaries.

Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA) (60 O.S. § 176)

Mission Statement  The Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA) is a voluntary association of town, city, and county governments and conservation districts within the ten county region of south, central Oklahoma. It is one of eleven “Councils of Governments” in Oklahoma. SODA is headquartered in Durant, Oklahoma. SODA provides a forum of consensus-building, policy-making, and the development and implementation of regional policies, plans, and programs to improve rural communities. Specifically, SODA programs respond to issues and concerns for the aging population, rural fire defense and local community and economic development. SODA’s financial resources include, but are not limited to, membership dues from participating local governments, state and federal grants, and contracts with local governments to secure and administer grants.

Administration  Steve Mills, Executive Director; Brenda McCarty, Accounting Administrator; Amie Judd, Area Agency on Aging; Patricia Jones, Planning and Development; Phillip Powell, Rural Fire Defense

History and Function  The Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA) was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1957. In 1967 SODA received designation from the State of Oklahoma as an “Economic Development District,” pursuant to the Inter-Local Cooperation Act of 1965 (74 O.S. (1965) 1001) and the United States Department of Commerce pursuant to Title IV of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 569).

In 1971 SODA was appointed by executive order from the governor of the State of Oklahoma as a “Sub-State Planning District” to enable governmental entities in south-central Oklahoma to better provide services, assistance, and information to their citizens. SODA is one of eleven statewide Councils of Government (COG) or Sub-State Planning Districts in the State of Oklahoma. SODA is governed by a board of directors, comprised of representatives of the cities and towns, counties and soil conservation districts from the SODA ten county region which is comprised of Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Johnston, Love, Marshall, Murray, and Pontotoc counties.

South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) (60 O.S. § 176)

PO Box 569, 420 Sooner Drive, Burns Flat 73624
800/627–4882, FAX 580/562–4880
www.swoda.org
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.public.osla.org
525 Central Park Drive, Suite 600, Oklahoma City 73105
405/556–9200, 800/456–6752, FAX 405/556–9255, 800/261–7529

Administration  James T. Farha, President; Mary Anne Evans, Vice President, Loan Management; W. A. Rogers, Executive Vice President; Ken Ontko, Vice President, Information Systems; Kay Brezny, Vice President, Human Resources and Special Projects

History and Function  Created by the Oklahoma Legislature on August 2, 1972, as an express trust for the benefit of the state by a trust indenture executed pursuant to the Public Trust Act. Acceptance of the beneficial interest in the trust was authorized by the legislature in the Oklahoma Student Loan Act. As a federal contractor, the authority services federal student loans for students or their parents for post-secondary education. The authority is authorized to incur indebtedness through the issuance of revenue bonds or notes. Student or parent borrowers are required to repay their loans with interest that provides for the authority’s operating costs. The authority receives no state appropriated funds.

Tri-State Commission on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) (82 O.S. § 1142)
It is anticipated that the State of Arkansas and the State of Kansas will enact legislation in order to complete the formation of the commission. Effective date May 14, 2019.

Uniform State Laws, Commissioners to National Conference of Commissioners on (74 O.S. § 471)
History and Function  Established as an advisory committee to the Oklahoma Legislature and to the governor. Composed of four members of the Oklahoma Bar appointed by the governor with the advice of the president of the Oklahoma Bar; two members, at least one of whom is a member of the Oklahoma House, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and two members, at least one of whom is a member of the Oklahoma Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Members are appointed for four-year terms. The commissioners attend the annual meetings of the National Conference (see below).

Uniform State Laws, National Conference of Commissioners on
111 N Wabash Ave., Suite 1010, Chicago, IL 60602
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)  www.forestry.ok.gov
PO Box 528804, Oklahoma City 73152
E-mail—mark.goeller@ag.ok.gov

Administration  Governor Kevin Stitt, Governor, Compact Administrator; Mark Goeller, 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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