

MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

This special meeting of the Occupational Licensing Advisory Commission scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on the 9th day of September, 2019 was convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act [25 O.S. § 301 et seq.]. Advance public notice was sent to the Secretary of State's Office by electronic transmission specifying the time and place of the meeting. Notice was prominently displayed at Oklahoma Department of Labor on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 and <https://omes.ok.gov/boards-commissions/occupational-licensing-advisory-commission>, which is least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC BODY: Occupational Licensing Advisory Commission

DATE: Monday, September 9, 2019

ADDRESS: Oklahoma Department of Labor, 3017 N Stiles, Suite 100, Oklahoma City

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Agenda Item 1:

Call to Order:

Commissioner Leslie Osborn called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda Item 2:

Introduction of Commission Members

Each of the Commission members introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 3:

Roll Call:

Commission members present at roll call: Oklahoma Department of Labor (ODOL) Commissioner Leslie Osborn, Representative Mark McBride, Representative Mike Osburn, Representative Cyndi Munson, Bo Reese, Matthew Burns, and Steven Shoemaker

Senator Nathan Dahm entered the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Absent: Senator Kay Floyd, Senator Adam Pugh, Renee Porter, and Paul Campbell

A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 4:

Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act

The Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act was read aloud by Jennifer McGraw, ODOL staff.

Agenda Item 5:

Approval of August 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Representative Mark McBride made a motion to approve the August 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Matthew Burns seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6:

License Review

Sherry Lewelling, Executive Director, were present to represent the Oklahoma Board of Cosmetology and Barbering and the Advisory Board for Massage Therapy (collectively, "Board"). Ms. Lewelling discussed the history and purpose of the Oklahoma Board of Cosmetology. Ms. Lewelling discussed skills, training, examinations, and various pathways for each licensed Barber Instructor, Cosmetologist, Cosmetologist Instructor, Facialist, and

Manicurist. Ms. Lewelling discussed the levels of supervision and scope of work for different levels of licensure and answered questions from the Commission.

Ms. Lewelling said the Board will cite anyone trying to teach without an Instructor's License. There are 1500 hours required to obtain a Cosmetology License. Do these groups really need to be licensed was asked of Ms. Lewelling by the Commission, who answered yes, because they are working with chemicals that can cause damage to a person's hair and skin. There are no continuing education requirements.

Nick Smith, Licensing Supervisor, was present to represent the Oklahoma Department of Labor. Mr. Smith discussed the definition, history, purpose, and functions of the welding license. Mr. Smith and the Commission reviewed the educational and training requirements and fees for each license and the scope of work permitted by each license, and Ms. Smith answered questions from the Commission.

Chris Ferguson, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Funeral Board, discussed the history and purpose of the agency. Mr. Ferguson discussed the two (2) types of licenses for individuals issued by the Board: Embalmer and Funeral Director; education and training requirements for licensure; and, continuing education requirements, exams, and fees. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the Commission. Commission requested information on how many licensed people hold both licenses, as opposed to only one or the other license. Mr. Ferguson stated he would have that information to Commissioner Osborn by 5:00 pm.

Janis Hubbard, Administrator for the Construction Industries Board, discussed the Home Inspector's License for individuals issued by the Board, education and training requirements for licensure, continuing education requirements, exams, and fees. Ms. Hubbard answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission had follow-up questions for Mr. Ferguson, Oklahoma Funeral Board Executive Director, regarding unlicensed funeral directors and how they handle complaints regarding same.

Agenda Item 7:

Next Steps

Commissioner Osborn said the next meeting is October 7 at 9:00 a.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Labor.

Agenda Item 8:

Public Comments

Sam Haubrick, a home inspector and builder, stated that home inspectors are not code inspectors but they are expected to know the code. He said they need to be licensed because they are in expensive homes, and have access to homeowners' property, and the public needs to know who is in their homes, and there is a need for more training on home inspections.

Melissa Koon, owns Inspection Connection and is a home inspector, said there needs to be more requirements on the number of hours on education required to be a licensed home inspector.

Ben Lepak, with 1889 Institute, said his group worked on a report regarding licenses that was discussed today. They have short, two (2) page studies that concluded licenses for Cosmetology, Barbering, Funeral Director, and Embalmer are not necessary.

Chrissy Miller, a Cosmetology instructor at SW Tech, discussed the Cosmetology Instructors' license requirements. She said there is a need for safety because cosmetologists use a lot of toxic chemicals, and that is why licensing is needed.

Agenda Item 9:
Adjournment