

**APPROVED AT SPECIAL MEETING 8/23/2023**



**Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board**

*Minutes of the Special Meeting*  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 3:00 p.m., at the Office of the Attorney General, 313 N.E. 21st St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The special meeting was properly noticed as required under the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S.2021, § 311. Notice to the Secretary of State was given on April 12, 2023. The agenda was posted no less than twenty-four hours in advance of the public meeting in prominent public view at the Office of the Attorney General.

Attorney General Gentner Drummond called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Deputy General Counsel Thomas R. Schneider called roll and recognized a quorum. At the time of calling roll, the following Board members were present:

AG Gentner Drummond	Ms. Jennifer Needham
Mr. Sam Allen	Ms. Lori Parish
Ms. Sarah McFadden	Mr. Bryan Cleveland

Members, Mr. Scott Martin and Dr. Atul Walia, were not in attendance. Mr. Schneider noted that the meeting notice and agenda were posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

**Review discussion, and possible action regarding minutes from the December 9, 2022 meeting**

The Board members reviewed the minutes from the December meeting. Without any proposed edits, Ms. Needham moved to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2022 meeting. Ms. Parish seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion:

Mr. Sam Allen	Ms. Jennifer Needham
Ms. Sarah McFadden	Ms. Lori Parish

AG Drummond and Mr. Cleveland abstained from voting.

**Review, discussion, and possible action amending the meeting dates for regularly scheduled meetings during Calendar Year 2023**

After reviewing the proposed dates as set forth on the Agenda, Ms. Needham moved approval to change the regularly scheduled meeting dates for the Calendar Year 2023 as follows:

- Friday, June 9, 2023 meeting was changed to Wednesday, July 19, 2023
- Friday, August 11, 2023 meeting was changed to Wednesday, September 13, 2023
- Friday, October 27, 2023 meeting was changed to Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Mr. Cleveland seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion, and none voted against the same:

AG Gentner Drummond  
Mr. Sam Allen  
Ms. Sarah McFadden

Ms. Jennifer Needham  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Mr. Bryan Cleveland

**Presentation and possible discussion regarding funds available for the opioid abatement grants to political subdivisions and the development of the Board’s opioid abatement grant program**

Mr. Schneider started the presentation with an overview of the payouts from all opioid related settlements. During his presentation, Mr. Allen asked for a breakdown of what money was appropriated by the Legislature to state agencies from the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund. Mr. Schneider explained that the Legislature likely sourced the appropriations from the State’s settlement from Teva Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Clark then presented on the Abatement Board itself, its statutes, and an overview of what other states are doing. Ms. Needham inquired about the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act and whether the Board had the ability to claw back misspent funds. Mr. Clark, along with the Attorney General, explained that plans are still being reviewed to ensure the State has that ability along with other capabilities to ensure accountability for bad actors.

Ms. McFadden also asked a question about the communication strategy to ensure that political subdivisions made aware of the availability of the grants. Mr. Clark and Mr. Schneider explained that we will be developing a robust, multi-pronged communication strategy to ensure exposure and awareness of the grants and the grant application.

**Review, discussion, and possible action on the approval of settlement distributions for participating non-litigating political subdivisions from the Distributor Settlement with McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen**

Mr. Schneider presented two payment schedules regarding the payout of the share for non-litigating political subdivisions. One schedule provided for a payout based on the total non-litigating subdivisions’ percentage of the State’s actual recovery extrapolated over an eighteen-year payout

period consistent with each subdivision's. The other schedule divided the full payout to all non-litigating political subdivisions over the eighteen-year payout period for eighteen annual shares. It then factored in each subdivision's share of the annual share. The subdivisions' shares were determined using an econometric model developed by Dr. Ruhm. Mr. Cleveland expressed his interest in reviewing this model prior to voting. While the board members expressed their preference for latter of two for its predictability, no action was taken. The Board requested that OAG staff provide background information on the econometric model developed by Dr. Ruhm prior to the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Cleveland moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m. Ms. Parish seconded the motion to adjourn. The following members voted in favor of adjournment:

AG Gentner Drummond  
Mr. Sam Allen  
Ms. Sarah McFadden

Ms. Jennifer Needham  
Ms. Lori Parish  
Mr. Bryan Cleveland

The meeting adjourned.