

MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

This regular meeting of the Alternative Fuels Technicians Examiners Committee scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th day of February 2025, was convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act [25 O.S. §§ 301-314]. 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 also prominently posted at the office of the Oklahoma Department of Labor at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting in accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(A)(11).

PUBLIC BODY: Alternative Fuels Technicians Examiners Committee

DATE: February 4, 2025

MEETING ADDRESS: Oklahoma Department of Labor
409 NE 28th Street 3rd Floor
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

CONTACT PERSON: Janet Edwards Telephone (405) 521-2612

Agenda Item 1:

Call to Order

Jeff Twiehaus called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 2:

Roll Call

Committee members present at the time of roll call: Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey and Mark Bumgarner

Members absent: Craiton Cooper and Charles Lawson

A quorum was present.

Oklahoma Department of Labor staff present: Daniel Mares, Don Schooler, James Williams, John Melson, Victor Self, and Janet Edwards.

Agenda Item 3:

Statement of Compliance with Oklahoma's Open Meeting Act

Janet Edwards read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Agenda Item 4:

Review and Approve/Amend October 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Richard Bailey made a motion to approve the December 3, 2024, meeting minutes. Mark Bumgarner seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Yes: Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey, and Mark Bumgarner

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Agenda Item 5:

Review/approve license(s), in accordance with the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act, 40 O.S. §§ 142.1-142.16 and OAC 380:80, issued October and November 2024.

Jeff Twiehaus made a motion to approve the new Alternative Fuels Equipment Technician licenses issued in December 2024 and January 2025. Richard Bailey seconded the motion.

Roll call:
Yes: Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey, and Mark Bumgarner
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion approved.

Agenda Item 6:

Alternative Fuels Program and Legislative Updates

Jim Williams, Director, Safety Standards Division reported on program updates. Jim stated that inspections in the northeast were in Miami, McAlester, Webber Falls, Broken Arrow, Claremore, Tahlequah and Arkoma. Reinspections occurred in Stillwater, Billings and Shawnee. Inspections in the northwest were in Norman, Oklahoma City and a new station that opened in Woodward. Jim also reported that stations have closed in Okemah, Poteau, and Elk City. There have been concerns from the public that there are very few CNG providers. They are still in discussion regarding the Bed Rock CNG/Hydrogen project. Jim also discussed some figures about licenses that are concerning. In the state we have 571 Compression Technicians licenses, however only 59 are active and 147 have expired. Another example is there are 1426 Equipment Technician licenses and only 107 are active.

Agenda Item 7:

ACOG & INCOG Updates

David Frick had to leave the meeting and Jeff Twiehaus gave the update. There is a propane school bus ride and drive on February 5th from 10:00-1:00 at 2415 S. Agnew in Oklahoma City. You can email David if you have any questions. David thinks Alternative Fuel will be okay for federal funding. They will know more around February 10th on budgets.

Agenda Item 8:

Public Comments

No comments.

Agenda Item 9:

New Business

No new business

Agenda Item 10:

Next Regularly Scheduled meeting Tuesday, April 1, 2025, Oklahoma Department of Labor.

Agenda Item 11:

Adjournment

Jeff Twiehaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Bailey seconded the motion.

Roll call:
Yes: Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey, and Mark Bumgarner
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.