

**Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) Board
State of Oklahoma**

MEETING MINUTES

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Special Meeting

Thursday, August 25, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General

313 NE 21st, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Kyle Keller presided over the start of the special meeting of the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) Board, which was held at the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General, 313 NE 21st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, at 1:00 p.m. on August 25, 2026. Roll call was as follows:

Voting Members Present: Kyle Keller, Linda Terrell, Danielle Tudor, Michael Helton, Ronnie Beck, Brooke Christian, Ryan Stephenson, Mikela Rhodes, Jenny Virden, and Mistie Burris.

Non-Voting Members Present: Senator Julie McIntosh, Representative Cynthia Roe, and Representative Melissa Provenzano.

Members Absent: Amanda Lilley, Kasey Magness, Sonya Spray, and Billy Parker.

Board Administrative Assistance: Scott May, Susan Laib, Cheryl Dixon, Greg Winningham, Melissa Van Duyne, Jaiden Balthrop – Russell (left early), and Nicholas Massey.

Guests Present: Barbara Wells (OSBI), Jeremy Glass (YWCA), Dr. Melinda Chen (OU), Byron Smith (Tulsa PD).

II. Establishment of Quorum and Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Act

Susan Laib confirmed quorum was achieved at roll call, with 10 voting members present. Susan Laib confirmed that, on August 21, 2026, notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State, and that notice of the date, time, location, and agenda for the meeting was posted on the front door of the Office of the Attorney General, located at 313 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK, as well as on the agency's website.

III. Introduction Invitation

Linda Terrell invited guests to introduce themselves.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Revisions and/or Approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 2026, Regular Board Meeting – Kyle Keller

Linda Terrell moved to approve the June 4, 2026, meeting minutes, and Mikela Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

V. Update and Discussion on Sexual Assault Kit Initiatives (“SAKI”) and SAKI Grants:

1. Tulsa SAKI Program – Lt. Mike Helton

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| a. 4410 | Number of backlog inventory |
| b. 2992 | Kits tested |
| c. 150 | Kits outsourced |
| d. 1418 | Kits left to test |
| e. 567 | CODIS eligible results |
| f. 567 | Results uploaded to CODIS |
| g. 12 | Serial rapist hits |

2. Oklahoma City SAKI Program – Major Ronnie Beck

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| a. 0 | Number of backlog inventory |
| b. 50 | Pending sexual assault cases currently in DNA STR Testing |
| c. 8 days | Y-Screening turnaround time Jan. – June 2026 |
| d. 45-60 days | Full DNA STR testing Jan. – June 2026 |
| e. 0 | SAFE Task Force kits remaining on backlog |
| f. 1,561 | Number of kits analyzed |
| g. 692 | Male-positive kits |
| h. 142 | DNA profiles obtained through testing |
| i. 109 | DNA profiles entered into CODIS |
| j. 63 | CODIS hits |
| k. 11 | Serial rapist hits recorded (3 linked to out of state cases) |

3. OSBI SAKI Team – Mistie Burris/Jennie Virden

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| a. 626 | Pending SA kits as of 6/30/2026 |
| b. 201.43 days | Turnaround time for January – June 2026, worked 882 cases |
| c. 385 | SAFE Task Force kits remaining on backlog |
| d. 2920 | Number of kits analyzed |
| e. 1242 | No positive make DNA |
| f. 977 | DNA profiles obtained through testing |
| g. 977 | DNA profiles entered into CODIS |
| h. 479 | CODIS hits |
| i. 118 | Serial rapist hits |

VI. Update and Discussion on Statewide SANE Program – Kasey Magness

Kasey Magness was absent, and no designee was selected. No update given.

VII. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on SAFE Board *Statistics and Processes Subcommittee Report* – Mistie Burris

Mistie Burris reported the Subcommittee sent out all data request letters as planned, and they were still in the process of collection. Nicholas Massey reported on the status of data request letters and the agencies/programs that had not responded or had declined to provide data. Mistie Burris deferred to AAG Winningham on the timing and process of data analysis.

VIII. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on SAFE Board *Case Review Subcommittee Report* – Jenny Virden

Jenny Virden reported no case review was ongoing and the Subcommittee had nothing to report.

IX. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on SAFE Board *Recommendations and Evaluations Subcommittee Report* – Danielle Tudor

Danielle Tudor delivered an update on prior SAFE Board recommendations. The Tulsa Mayor's office has been contacted regarding assistance on clearing the backlog of sexual assault kits. Two additional analysts have joined the Tulsa PD Lab, and the Tulsa Mayor has offered to pay for another analyst. Discussion continued regarding whether these sexual assault kits qualified for SAKI funding or if funding through OSBI/grants needs to be pursued. A kit tracking system like that Texas uses was discussed, along with the need for centralized storage for sexual assault kits. Texas currently has a grant that covers SANE Telehealth support for Texas and is writing a grant to expand that telehealth assistance to several surrounding states, including Oklahoma.

X. Legislative Update

Justin Wolf delivered an update on the legislative initiatives the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office would be undertaking in the next session. Legislative processes were described and detailed to the Board, and it was suggested that potential bills for the upcoming session could be discussed at a special meeting in December.

XI. Announcements

Update Regarding SAFE Board Annual Report – AAG Greg Winningham

AAG Winningham invited Board members to compile what they liked from the last report and what they wanted to do differently. AAG Winningham requested that all Board member suggestions for the Report be submitted by email so that Board staff can move forward with a timeline for data entry.

XII. Adjournment

Ronnie Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ryan Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.