

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 

Jewell Dietsche	Via Zoom Teleconference/Videoconference
Walker Davis	“
Erma-Willis Alford	“
Trish Emig	“
Roberta Dake	“
Carolyn McGhay	“
Cathy Howard	“
Bo Fallon	“
John Kusel	“
Gloria Stearns	“
Ruth Tatyrek	“
3. Approve June 11, 2021, OSHLAA Executive Committee Minutes – Carolyn McGhay
4. Treasurer’s Report – Cathy Howard
  - Approval of any Outstanding Invoices
  - Review OSHLAA Revolving Fund Balance AND OSHLAA Bank Account Balance
  - Review Revolving Fund Process and Possible Action – Cathy and Trish
5. Plan for Thinning Out OSHLAA Records for Archival Purposes and Possible Action – Cathy and Trish
6. OSHLAA Annual Meeting Planning Committee Report and Possible Action – Trish
  - Approve the cancellation of the Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in view of escalating Delta Variant
  - Approve the appointment of a Recruitment and Fund Raising Committee – Volunteers - ?
  - Approve a September 21 and 22, 2022 two-day OSHL Legislative Session, OSHLAA Annual Meeting, and OSHL Training Session. Volunteers for Planning Committee- ?
  - Approve OSHLAA Policy Changes and put into immediate effect – See Summary on Page 7
  - Approve having current OSHLAA Officers remain in place until September 21, 2022, unless current, respective Officer (President, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Treasurer) can find a replacement for her Office. – Page 8
7. Discuss and approve content of and informational packet which explains the current OSHLAA meeting situation and policy changes to be mailed to each OSHLAA/OSHL Member, and AAA Director. Discuss and approve the preparation of the informational packet. (Trish)
8. OSHLAA Open Meetings Act Status – Barbara and Esther
9. Approve 2022 Executive Committee Meeting dates: (Trish)
  - Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - OSHL Legislative Session, OSHLAA-sponsored OSHL Training, and OSHLAA Annual Meeting – Tuesday and Wednesday, September 21 and 22, 2022.
10. Interim Studies for which we have interest– Esther Houser (Page 8)
11. Old Business
12. New Business – November 19<sup>th</sup> is the next, regularly scheduled OSHLAA executive meeting.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

NOON TO 2:30PM

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES-ROOMC-47-SEQUAOYAH BUILDING AT 2400 N LINCOLN BLVD IN OKC  
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1. Meeting Called to Order: By Trish Emig, President at 12:30pm.

2. Roll Call: Members Present

Walker Davis

Bill Hickson

Trish Emig

Roberta Dake

Carolyn McGray

Cathy Howard

Bo Fallon

Ruth Tatyrek

"Quorum Declared"

Also, Present: Esther Houser, OSHL Legislative Liaison, Rowena Scott-Johnson, Charolette Davis, Joyce Grimes, and Barbara Gwinn and Miranda Kieffer, Community Living-Aging and Protective Services (CAP)

Members Absent: Jewel Dietsche, Erma-Willis Alford, John Kusel and Gloria Sterns

3. Approval of Minutes - Trish Emig: Minutes of the March 19, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting Approved by motion from Ruth Tatyrek and second from Cathy Howard.

4. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Howard:

- Approval of Outstanding Invoices: \$250 for Senior Day at the Capital Approved by a motion from Bo Fallon and a second from Ruth Tatyrek. We have not received an invoice.
- Cathy Howard has caught up on the collection of dues and has \$4058.44 in the account. There were no other expenses reported.

5. Nominations Committee Report – Rowena Scott Johnson & Mardi Dixon:

- Rowena would appreciate any ideas on potential candidates for the OSHLAA offices.

6. Ongoing OSHLAA/OSHL Meetings (Executive Committee and OSHLAA Annual Meeting) – Trish Emig:

- We must now meet in person since HB2644, allowing us to have virtual meetings, was not signed by the Governor. Esther and Trish will followup with the House and Senate authors and determine why the bill did not pass the final hurdle, a hearing on the House Floor. We need to attempt passage in 2022.

- **Changing the Date:** This will be an only one day meeting. The date change will be either Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> or Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Approval of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> was made with a motion from Cathy Howard and a second from Walker Davis.
- **Potential Locations:** The Capital is not available this year. Suggestions were the Holiday Inn, the Healthy Living Senior Center for which Claire Nichols is the executive director, Shepherd Mall OSBELTCA board room (for future OSHLAA executive committee meetings) and the Insurance Commission, (also for future OSHLAA executive committee meetings). The Annual Meeting Committee will meet and decide on a location for the Annual Meeting.
- **Potential Speakers:** Someone with Broadband Width Expansion Council (possibly Roger Neal who sits on the Council and is the COO with the Duncan Hospital). Rep. Tammy West and Community Living -Aging and Protective Services Director, Jeromy Buchanan, will be contacted. Other suggestions were Rep. Nicole Miller, who was the Alzheimer’s Association’s Legislator of the Year for her Alzheimer’s bill. Trish will contact Roger Neal, or a suitable speaker from the Council.
- **Catered Lunch:** Postponed until we have decided on a specific location.
- **Approval for Reimbursement for either Overnight Stay up to \$100, or mileage up to \$100 if the person drives one-way, 100 miles or over.** After discussion this was Approved as stated with a motion from Ruth Tatyrek and a second from Bill Hickman.
- **Approve Budget of \$4500:** The budget was Approved with a motion from Ruth Tatyrek and a second from Walker Davis.
- **OSHL Carryover Bills – Esther Houser:** OSHLAA bills that may be carried over to 2022 Legislative session that are either dead or dormant:
  - SB328 on hearing aid sales tax exemption.
  - HB1845 on a requirement to use car headlights when it is raining.
  - HB2844 on a sales tax exemption for food (groceries) – approaching author to determine if he would carry a bill for the OSHL for those 60 years of age and older.
  - Amend a previous bill that created an elder abuse registry for caregiver perpetrators. The OSHL envisioned the registry would contain prosecutions by DA offices as well as the AG office and be updated, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis.
  - The generator bill from 2018 that requires a backup generator in LTCF’s.

- A bill that created a \$2000 tax credit for caregivers who provided 50% of care to Older Oklahomans 60 years of age or older.
- Bills that passed from the March 3<sup>rd</sup> OAP Letter:
  - HB 1019, was the co-pay reduction for insulin bill for individuals with diabetes, passed and was signed by the Governor. Effective Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - HB1794, the Alzheimer's disclosure bill, for the first time, requires the Health Dept. to post a disclosure form required by long-term care facilities who advertise as providing special care for persons with dementia or Alzheimer's on Oklahomahealthcare.gov., the specific special care provided by the facilities. The Oklahoma State Department of Health will include review of the disclosed information on their scheduled surveys.
- Durable Power of Attorney, Property and Healthcare:
  - HB 2548 deleted sections of Oklahoma Statute that provided the health durable power of attorney language. The SHL-driven Advance Directive's Health Care Proxy is still in effect. It is the opinion of the Aging Advocates that the health durable power of attorney language needs to be reinstated under the former statute to avoid confusion. The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care form that has been distributed widely throughout the Aging Network allows for more detailed instruction to be provided by the person granting the DPOA power to another person.
- Merit Protection for State Employees:
  - HB1146 passed and was signed by the Governor. Over the past few years, the percentage of State employees that have merit protection has dropped to 60%. This bill requires that 90% of each State Agency's employees have Due Process rights in their employment. Protection for employees in certain positions need to be clearly defined in the new Rules which are written to implement the Statute. State employees who serve licensing or complaint investigation functions, or conduct audits or inspections, or who advocate for elders should have due process rights. Trish suggested the OSHLAA write a letter to the Oklahoma Public Employee Association and other concerned entities supporting strong due process protection for State employees whose jobs serve to protect and improve the lives of Older Oklahomans. Approval of the letter passed with a motion by Trish Emig and a second from Roberta Dake. Esther Houser will ensure the information is delivered to the appropriate people.

8. Offer to Provide File Storage – Trish Emig

- Community Living – Aging and Protective Services has offered to provide digitization of OSHLAA files. We need two people to reduce the files which currently are stored in Cathy Howard’s barn before handing them over to the Community Living-Aging and Protective Services (CAP). File folder categories must be identified, and documents provided under each category.

9. Discuss and Approve the Community Living-Adult Protective Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Trish Emig and Barbara Gwinn

- The MOU is between OSHLAA and DHS on what our \$17,500 fund can be spent on. It must be budgeted, and the budget submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year because it is State money and follows State Rules and must be approved by the Executive Committee. The budget can be amended and can be changed mid-year. The money is to be used for a tangible thing or service. The MOU was Approved by a motion from Bo Fallon and a second from Bill Hickson.

10. Discuss and Approve the OSHLAA State Fiscal Year Budget for 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

- The Budget was Approved with a motion from Bill Hickson and a second from Bo Fallon.

11. Review and Approve Policy Changes and By-Law Changes which will be voted on at the September 15, 2021, OSHLAA Annual Meeting – Trish Emig

- Article III under Membership (page 16): Greatest change is allowing persons under 60 years of age membership status in the respective SHL. These persons must be interested in learning about the legislative process and willing to learn how to advocate for Older Oklahomans. These persons will be appointed by the respective AAA Director and pay the biennial \$15 filing fee. These persons will not have OSHL Legislative Session voting rights as do OSHL Senators, Representatives and Alternates. And these persons cannot propose bills. Article XI under Meetings (page 20): All of the language allowing for OSHLAA meetings to take place using videoconferencing or teleconferencing has been removed. These changes must be approved by the membership at the OSHLAA Annual Meeting.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

- NONE

14. ADJOURNMENT

- Trish Emig adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm with a motion from Walker Davis and a second from Bill Hickson.

Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn J. McGhay, OSHLAA Secretary

<b>ROLL CALL TOPICS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>WALKER DAVIS</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>BILL HICKSON</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>TRISH EMIG</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>CAROLYN MCGHAY</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>CATHY HOWARD</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>BO FALLON</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>RUTH TATYREK</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>ROBERTA DAKE</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	

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**ROLL CALL VOTE TOPICS**

- 1. ROLL CALL - DETERMINE QUORUM**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2021, BY TRISH EMIG**
- 3. APPROVAL TREASURERS’S REPORT – OUTSTANDING BALANCES - \$250 FOR SENIOR DAY @ CAPITAL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF OSHLAA ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGE TO SEPT. 14, 2021**
- 5. APPROVAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILAGE OR OVERNIGHT STAY UP TO \$100**
- 6. APPROVAL OF OSHLAA ANNUAL MEETING BUDGET OF \$4500**
- 7. APPROVAL OF MOU BETWEEN OSHLAA AND CAP**
- 8. APPROVAL OF OSHLAA STATE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR 2021-22**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MAJOR CHANGES IN THE OSHLAA POLICY MANUAL PROPOSED TO OSHLAA EC  
COMMITTEE AUGUST, 2021**

**^ Changed all references to “Aging Services” to “Community Living – Aging and Protective Services,” and referenced Aging Services in parenthesis.**

**^ Under Membership Eligibility – Added persons under the age of 60 who are interested in learning about the State Legislative Process (how law is made) and advocating for Older Oklahomans at the State Capitol, are eligible to be an OSHL Associate Member. Added the application process (same as normal process). Also, explained OSHL Associate Members must pay an annual \$15 membership fee, and cannot vote on OSHL bills during the biennial OSHL Legislative Session. Provided no limitation on the number of OSHL Associate Members. Provided for OSHL Associate Members to be eligible to join the OSHLAA after they have met the 6-month OSHL membership requirement, or attended an OSHL Legislative Session, whichever comes first. The OSHLAA membership fee remains the same - \$15 annually, or \$60 for a lifetime membership.**

**^ Provided for all OSHL appointed Legislators and Alternates to be required to pay the biennial \$15 filing fee. And stated, both OSHL Legislators and Alternates are eligible to vote on OSHL bills during the biennial OSHL Legislative Session.**

**^ Provided a new section on the OSHLA’s use of Social Media to help promote and broadcast their legislative work to current and future OSHL Legislators, Alternates and Associate Members.**

**^ Added to the Finance Section regarding a \$25 petty cash fund for the Treasurer and 2<sup>nd</sup> V. President and stipulated the fund would not be reimbursed through the OSHLAA Revolving Fund unless receipts were submitted and approved by the OSHLAA Executive Committee at the subsequent, scheduled meeting. The expenditures must meet the criteria of the revolving fund to be reimbursed.**

**^ Added to the Finance Section regarding the \$25 per diem for Executive Committee members traveling, one-way, 100 miles or over, to attend a meeting. Stated that Mileage Reimbursement was available for Executive Committee Members if the members met the one-way, 100 miles or over, criteria for up to no more than \$100.**

**^ Included various OSHLAA and OSHL meeting sign-in sheet forms, the proposed OSHL Bill and Resolution forms, as well as job descriptions for the four, OSHLAA elected officers. Also included, is a revised OSHL Application with the “must be 60 years of age or older” deleted from the application.**

**Trish Emig, OSHLAA President, asks for approval of the changes with immediate implementation. The changes will be discussed with final approval by the OSHLAA Membership at the subsequent Annual Meeting. Dated: 08/2021.**

## **CURRENT OSHLAA OFFICERS**

**President – Trish Emig**

**1<sup>st</sup> V. President – Bo Fallon (Legislative)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> V. President – Roberta Dake (Membership)**

**Treasurer – Cathy Howard**

**Secretary – Carolyn McGhay**

## **INTERIM STUDIES**

**Senate:**

**2021-14 – Senator Garvin – Studying Oklahoma’s ADvantage Waiver Program to determine if it is utilized appropriately to qualifying individuals. (in-home services)**

**2021-20 – Senator Garvin – Do Payment disparities between rural and urban providers create gaps in service to other type of community?**

**2021-43 – Senator Kidd – PACE licensing requirements**

**2021-70 – Senator Garvin – Liability and property insurance – whether adequate resources are available in comparing industry insurance options?**

**2021-71 – Senator Garvin – Comparing provider settings to determine why Oklahoma’s healthcare settings are inadequately staffed.**

**House:**

**21-006 – Rep. Grego – Rural ambulance service on county lines.**

**21-042 – Rep. Virgin – Evaluation of the State Sales Tax on Groceries.**

**21-057 – Rep. Caldwell – Direct Primary Care.**

**21-059 – Rep. Martinez – Prescriptions Drug Prices.**

**21-060 – Rep. Martinez – Assisted Living.**

**21-064 – Rep. Kevin West – OK State Health Department Interim Study.**

**21-065 – Rep. Hasenbeck – Health Care for the Medicaid Population.**

**21-082 – Rep. Osburn – Possible Administrative Consolidation of Core Healthcare State Agencies.**

**21-101 – Rep. Ford – Analyzing and evaluating the scope of the Dept. of Public Safety and their current operations.**

**21-102 – Reps. Sean Roberts and Roe – Healthcare.**

**21-136 – Rep. McEntire – Healthcare.**