

# OKLAHOMA COUNTY

*Oklahoma County Office Building  
320 Robert S Kerr Ave,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102*



## **Criminal Justice Authority Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, June 27, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

***Steven Buck - Chair  
AJ Griffin - Vice-Chair  
Myles Davidson - Trustee  
Derrick Scobey - Trustee  
Tommie Johnson III - Trustee  
James Johnson - Trustee  
Shelly Perkins - Trustee  
Melissa Markel - Trustee***

***YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz\\_5jEcl6kV8f6Y71exwfJA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz_5jEcl6kV8f6Y71exwfJA)***

## Call To Order

## Roll Call

**Shelly Perkins enters at 9:02 am**

**Present** 8 - Steven Buck, Sheriff Tommie Johnson III, County Commissioner Myles Davidson, Derrick Scobey, James Johnson, Shelly Perkins, AJ Griffin, and Jim Holman

**Absent** 1 - Melissa Markel

**Notice of the meeting was properly posted on June 12, 2025.**

**For purposes of this agenda “Action” means any of the following: amending, approving, approving as amended, deferring, denying, giving instructions to staff, making a recommendation to another public body, receiving documents or presentations, referring to committee, reconsidering, re-opening, returning, or striking the item.**

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Citizen Participation:

**Debra Stanton, Mark Faulk, Melissa Gray, Jodie Poplin, Senator Connie Johnson, Christopher Johnston, Lonetta Smith were called to speak**

## Approval of Minutes

1. Discussion and possible actions to approve meeting minutes of May 12, 2025.

**Johnson III moved, Griffin seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

## Departmental Items:

2. Receive, accept and discuss report by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons and/or those persons designated by him, regarding operation of and improvements for the Oklahoma County Detention Center, which may include personnel recruitment initiatives, Oklahoma State Health Department matters, the housing of juveniles, medical procedures and matters, budgetary and financial matters, plans for improvement of operation of the Oklahoma County Detention Center, and regarding enhanced use of release of detainees through the Medical Own Recognizance Program, with possible actions as desired by the Authority. Requested by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons.

**Johnson moved, Davidson seconded, to receive report. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

3. Receive, accept, and discuss report by Chief Financial Officer Chris Sherman regarding income statements, financial reports, and current budget for Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority, with possible actions as desired by the Authority. Requested by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons.

**Griffin moved, Davidson seconded, to receive report. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

4. Discussion and possible action to ratify invoices and claims approved by Chairman Steven Buck for June 2025. Requested by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons.

**Perkins moved, Davidson seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

5. Discussion and possible action to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Oklahoma Data Exchange, Inc. to provide records and data to facilitate research that may be used to streamline systems used in the criminal legal process and understand impact efforts. Requested by Steven Buck, Chairman.

**Davidson moved, Griffin seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

6. Discussion and possible action to approve Consulting Services Agreement with Darrell Ross, PhD regarding Aaron Cooper v. Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority, et al, Case No. CIV-2024-1056-D. Requested by Paul Timmons

**Davidson moved, Perkins seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

7. Discussion and possible action to request that the Board of County Commissioners conduct a concurrent performance review with the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority including, but not limited to, evaluation of the merits of continued operational and financial oversight of the detention center by the Authority. Requested by Chairman, Steven Buck.

**Davidson moved, Johnson seconded, to initiate this process. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

8. Discussion and possible action to receive a presentation regarding ongoing problems at the detention center, structural and organizational reform, and causes of injury and death. Requested by Trustee Derrick Scobey.

**No Action**

9. Discussion and possible action to nominate and elect a trustee to serve as Chairperson for the term beginning July 1, 2025. In accordance with Article VII, Section 3 of the Trust Indenture, the Chairperson may not be an elected official. Requested by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons.

**Davidson moved, Griffin seconded, to elect Steven Buck. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

10. Discussion and possible action to nominate and elect a trustee to serve as Vice Chairperson for the term beginning July 1, 2025. In accordance with Article VII, Section 3 of the Trust Indenture, the Vice Chairperson may not be an elected official. Requested by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons.

**Scobey moved, Davidson seconded, to elect AJ Griffin. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

11. Report regarding meetings of the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority Citizens Advisory Board, with discussion and possible acceptance and other actions as desired by the Authority. Requested by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons.

**No Action**

12. Announcement: Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority in 2025 is on Monday, July 14, 2025, or as otherwise scheduled or held in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

**No Action**

**Board Comment/General Remarks:**

**Executive Session**

**Recess into executive session**

**Davidson moved, Griffin seconded, to recess at 10:23 am. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

13. To enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. 307 (B) (4) to engage in confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim or action regarding Cooper v. Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority, CIV-2024-1056-D and where on advice of its attorney, the board has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Requested by Rod Heggy, Assistant District Attorney.

14. To enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. 307 (B) (4) to engage in confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim or action regarding Simmons v. Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority, CIV-23-859-HE and where on advice of its attorney, the board has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Requested by Carri Remillard, Assistant District Attorney.
15. To enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. 307 (B) (4) to engage in confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim or action in Estate of Gonzalez v OCCJA, CJ-2024-8093, and where on advice of its attorney, the board has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Requested by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons.

#### **Return from executive session**

**Davidson moved, Johnson III seconded, to return at 10:45 am. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

16. Action regarding in confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim or action regarding Cooper v. Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority, CIV-2024-1056-D and where on advice of its attorney, the board has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Requested by Rod Heggy, Assistant District Attorney.

#### **No Action**

17. Action regarding in confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim or action regarding Simmons v. Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority, CIV-23-859-HE and where on advice of its attorney, the board has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Requested by Carri Remillard, Assistant District Attorney.

**Perkins moved, Davidson seconded, to accept the office to settle of \$55,000.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

18. Action regarding in confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim or action in Estate of Gonzalez v OCCJA, CJ-2024-8093, and where on advice of its attorney, the board has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Requested by Interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Timmons.

**Perkins moved, Johnson III seconded, to remove from State to Federal Court. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey,  
Johnson, Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

**Adjourn**

**Johnson III moved, Johnson seconded, to adjourn at 10:47 am. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Buck, Sheriff Johnson III, County Commissioner Davidson, Scobey, Johnson,  
Perkins, Griffin, and Holman

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUTHORITY  
OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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Chair or Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Maressa Treat,  
County Clerk and Secretary to the Board