

OKLAHOMA COUNTY

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



Budget Evaluation Team Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

9:30 AM

***Cody Compton - Chair
Christie Tretheway-Miller - Vice-Chair
Rick Buchanan - Member
Brandon Holmes - Member
Kerrie Hudson - Member
Paul Foster - Member
Mike Morrison - Member
Brandi Mertens - Member
Joe Blough - Member***

***Recorded in the
Oklahoma County Clerk's Office***

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Cody Compton, Treasurer - Comptroller Christie Tretheway-Miller, Rick Buchanan, County Clerk - Chief Deputy Kerrie Hudson, Sheriff - Major Brandon Holmes, District 3 - Chief Deputy Paul Foster, County Assessor - Chief Deputy Mike Morrison, District 2 - Chief Deputy Brandi Mertens and District 1 - First Deputy Joe Blough

Notice of the meeting was properly posted on August 18, 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.

Approval of Minutes

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of August 12, 2025.
Mertens moved, Holmes seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

Recurring Items

2. Discussion and possible action regarding an update on Employee Benefits. Requested by the Board.

Mertens moved, Holmes seconded, to receive. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

3. Discussion and possible action regarding any items currently on the BET Watch List for fiscal year 2025-26. Requested by the Board.

No Action

Departmental Items

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to add \$62,250.00 to the BET fiscal year 2025-26 Watch List for a new Courtroom Clerk for duties required by the addition of a new Oklahoma County Judge on October 1, 2025. This item requested by Rick Buchanan, Oklahoma County Court Clerk’s Office.

Tretheway-Miller moved, Buchanan seconded, to action to. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

5. Discussion and possible action regarding procedures and timing of the General Fund Revenue Supplement for FY 2025-26. Requested by Christie Tretheway-Miller, Vice-Chair.

No Action

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Supplemental projections on Employee Benefits 4010, Worker's Compensation 4020, and Self Insurance 4030. This item is requested by the County Finance Department, Office of the County Clerk.

Tretheway-Miller moved, Buchanan seconded, to strike. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Supplement Appropriation amending the Oklahoma County General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The total Budget Supplement amount is not to exceed \$139,344,783.00. This item is requested by the Finance Department, Office of the County Clerk.

Rick Buchanan exits at 10:31 am and enters at 10:35 am.

No action

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Courthouse Maintenance budget for FY 26. Requested by Jessica Clayton, Oklahoma County Manager.

No Action

9. Discussion and possible action regarding annual Statutory Salary and Wage of County Officers. Keeping the County in compliance with the date on which changes in the salaries and rates of pay for county officers and their deputies, aides and assistants under this act shall take effect, shall be as of, on or after the first day of July (Title 19, Sect. 180.68 - Changes in Salaries and Rates of Pay). This item is requested by Mike Morrison, Oklahoma County Assessor's Office.

Morrison moved, Mertens seconded, to receive. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

Absent: 1 - Tretheway-Miller

10. Discussion and possible action regarding Employer Rates for Health Premiums for FY 2025-26. Requested by the Board.

No Action

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2026 Actuary Report. This item is requested by Jon Wilkerson, Director of Benefits and Retirement.

Holmes moved, Foster seconded, to receive. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

12. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed FY 2025-26 Employee and Retiree rates. This item is requested by Jon Wilkerson, Director of Benefits and Retirement.

Blough moved, Foster seconded, to recommend to the Budget Board that we increase the Employee and Retiree medical insurance premiums approximately 3% with the dollar and percentage amounts being reflected on the attached FY 2025-26 Rates Option 3% Employee & Retiree document title Proposed 3% Employee Rates. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison and Blough

No: 1 - Mertens

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed FY 2025-26 Employer rates. This item is requested by Jon Wilkerson, Director of Benefits and Retirement.

Blough moved, Foster seconded, to recommend to the Budget Board an increase to the Employer paid premium rates by 3.6%; retroactive to July 1, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

14. Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Oklahoma County Budget Board from the Budget Evaluation Team regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Supplemental Appropriations. Requested by the Board.

No Action

Recess

Foster moved, Mertens seconded, to recess. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

Roll Call

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Return

Blough moved, Mertens seconded, to return on 09/05/2025 at 9:35 am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Supplement Appropriation amending the Oklahoma County General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The total Budget Supplement amount is not to exceed \$139,344,783.00. This item is requested by the Finance Department, Office of the County Clerk.
- Morrison moved, Buchanan seconded, for each General Fund Budgets that has Elected Officials pay within the Budget, an increase in the amount of \$712.31 to Benefits and \$3,625.00 for each Elected Official paid from that Budget. Retroactive to July 1st, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough
- Abstain:** 1 - Hudson
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed FY 2025-26 Employer rates. This item is requested by Jon Wilkerson, Director of Benefits and Retirement.
- Blough moved, Holmes seconded, to do a budgeted cash transfer in the amount of \$556,848.00 from September Supplement into Employee Benefits, Supplement account. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough
3. Discussion and possible action regarding any items currently on the BET Watch List for fiscal year 2025-26. Requested by the Board.
- Mertens moved, Blough seconded, to remove Employee Benefits - \$806,840.00 line item from the BET Watch List. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough
- Blough moved, Foster seconded, to amend the CARES Audit line item, adding a notation that indicates it will be paid, if needed, from one-time funds on the BET Watch List. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough
- Blough moved, Buchanan seconded, to amend the Court Clerk - 5th Floor Furniture & Blinds line item, adding a notation that indicates it will be paid, if needed, from one-time funds on the BET Watch List. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Foster, Morrison, Mertens and Blough
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Supplement Appropriation amending the Oklahoma County General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The total Budget Supplement amount is not to exceed \$139,344,783.00. This item is requested by the Finance Department, Office of the County Clerk.
- Tretheway-Miller moved, Holmes seconded, to increase the September Supplement for the County Audit Funds in the amount of \$82,154.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 7 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

Roll Call

Paul Foster exits at 11:32 am.

Present: 8 - Cody Compton, Treasurer - Comptroller Christie Tretheway-Miller, Rick Buchanan, County Clerk - Chief Deputy Kerrie Hudson, Sheriff - Major Brandon Holmes, County Assessor - Chief Deputy Mike Morrison, District 2 - Chief Deputy Brandi Mertens and District 1 - First Deputy Joe Blough

No Citizen Participation

Board Comments

Adjourn

Tretheway-Miller moved, Holmes seconded, to adjourn at 11:58 am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Tretheway-Miller, Buchanan, Hudson, Holmes, Morrison, Mertens and Blough

BUDGET EVALUATION TEAM
OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Cody Compton Chair or
Christie Tretheway-Miller
Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Maressa Treat,
County Clerk and Secretary to the Board