

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 1st day of August 2023, 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: August 1, 2023

MEETING ADDRESS: Oklahoma Department of Labor
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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Agenda Item 1:

Call to Order

Jeff Twiehaus called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 2:

Roll Call

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

Members absent: Adam Ellis, Charles Lawson and Randy McGrew

A quorum was present.

Oklahoma Department of Labor staff present: Daniel Mares, Don Schooler, James Williams, John Melson, Tommy Granneman, Victor Self, Carrie Wasser, Brandi Shelly, Maral Ghavidel, Ruth Neville and Janet Edwards.

Agenda Item 3:

Statement of Compliance with Oklahoma's Open Meeting Act

Ruth Neville read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Agenda Item 4:

Kyle Flint, Business Development Manager, Green Energy Solutions

Ruth Neville introduced Mr. Flint to the room. Mr. Flint gave a little background on the company Green Energy Solutions (GES). B & H Construction started the conversion kits in 2006. They were a utility pipeline company from that worked for ONG. In 2016 a compression station was built in Goldsby, and GES was formed. They use a diesel blend of 70/30 and have stations in Goldsby, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa. They have been working with public schools and have 16 districts now and hope to have 30 districts on natural gas by the end of this year. They average 100-150 vehicles per year on natural gas. They will be opening a building in August strictly for installation purposes.

Agenda Item 5:

Review and Approve/Amend April 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Craiton Cooper made a motion to approve the April 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Mark Bumgarner seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Yes: Craiton Cooper, Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey, and Mark Bumgarner

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Agenda Item 6:

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 February and March 2023

Richard Bailey made a motion to approve the new Alternative Fuels Equipment Technician licenses issued in April, May, June, and July 2023. Jeff Twiehaus seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Yes: Craiton Cooper, Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey, and Mark Bumgarner

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

Agenda Item 7:

Alternative Fuels Program and Legislative Updates

Jim Williams, Director, Safety Standards Division, reported on legislative and program updates. They have been performing station inspections in Stillwater, Enid, Billings, Pryor, Guthrie, Oklahoma City, Watonga, and Kingfisher. There was one license check in the northwest sector. Mr. Williams stated there is some concerns with having a short supply of CNG Technicians and the closing or inoperable stations in the state. The Amazon station on 29th & Meridian is now finalized. Mr. Williams stated that John Melson had an encounter with a deer and his truck is out of order. They are working to get him back up and out for inspections. There are plans for a Hydrogen dispenser at OnCue at 23rd & Santa Fe. If this occurs, it will be the first in the state.

Victor Self discussed consumer complaints. In Sayre, the consumer processed their credit card, and no fuel was delivered. They went into the store and the clerk told the consumer that the Department of Labor was responsible for it. They had to get that cleared up with the store and the consumer. In Edmond, a consumer stated a station was spewing gas and it was consistently spewing gas and was unsafe to work around. It was investigated and not found true.

Agenda Item 8:

ACOG & INCOG Updates

David Frick, Air Quality and Clean Cities Planner II, reported on federal funds and grants available for alternative fuels, The first round of charging and fuel construction grant has passed. ACOG help an EV Manufacturer with two (2) fast chargers in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. INCOG helped the Tulsa community apply for an alternative fuels grant. ACOG has four (4) million dollars of grants that opens to day August 1st for alternative fuels. David encouraged the group to send people their way if they have projects that need funding. Lastly, ODOTs application for super chargers closes on September 15th.

Agenda Item 9:
Public Comments
No comments.

Agenda Item 10:
New Business
No new business

Agenda Item 11:
Next Regularly Scheduled meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Oklahoma Department of Labor

Agenda Item 12:
Adjournment
Jeff Twiehaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craiton Cooper seconded the motion.
Roll call:
Yes: Craiton Cooper, Jeff Twiehaus, Richard Bailey, and Mark Bumgarner
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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