

Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board
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MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2024

Meeting Venue: Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General
313 NE 21st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

MEMBERS

Celia Cobb (OCME) [P]	Natasha Ferguson (OJA) [P]	Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA)
Karen Cunningham (OAG) [P]	Scott Hawkins (OSA) [P]	[P]
Brandi Combs (OSDH alt.) [P]	Don Sweger (OACP) [A]	Sheila Stinson (Supreme Court)
Emily Nicholls (OSDH IPS alt.) [P]	Julie Goree (OBA) [A]	[P]
Marissa Belase (OKDHS alt.) [P]	Laura Thomas (DAC) [P]	Shelly Harrison (NAAV) [P]
Jenny Virden (OSBI) [P]	Martina Jelley (OSMA) [P]	Tania Bardin (NAAV) [P]
Melanie Ferguson (ODMHSAS) [P]	Sara Coffey (OOA) [P]	
	Janice Carr (ONA) [P]	
	Laura Kuester (OCADVSA) [P]	

I. Call to Order and Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Act

Chair Brandon Pasley presided over the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, which was held at the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General, 313 NE 21st St, Oklahoma City, OK on March 27, 2024. Notice of the meeting was posted annually with the Secretary of State before the December 15, 2023, deadline and at the front door of the Office of the Attorney General more than 24 hours in advance. Chair Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA) called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Roll call was conducted at 9:11 am. Quorum was achieved at roll call with 18 members present. Four alternate designees were also present but were not counted towards quorum at the time of roll call due to the primary designee being present. The alternate designees present included Melissa Van Duyne (OAG), Cindi Holderbee (OAG), Heather Cropper (OSBI), Sean Webb (DAC), and Angela Beatty (OCADVSA). DVFRB staff present included Anthony Hernández Rivera, OAG DVFRB Program Manager (PM) and Nicholas Massey, OAG Research Analyst.

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from the February 28, 2024, Regular Meeting*

DVFRB Vice Chair Marissa Belase (DHS) moved to approve the February 28, 2024 regular meeting minutes at 9:16 am. Laura Kuester (OCADVSA) seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed by roll call vote (14 Aye, 4 Abstain, 0 Nay).

IV. Continued Discussion on DVFRB Member Designees, Nominations and Attorney General Appointments for the July 2024 – June 2026 DVFRB Term

DVFRB Program Manager Anthony Hernández Rivera reminded appointed members that their current two-year term is set to expire on June 30, 2024. He added he had initiated the DVFRB

nomination process by submitting official requests to their respective organizations. Mr. Hernández reminded members that although historically the Attorney General has reappointed incumbents to additional terms that this is not guaranteed. He also stated he hoped to have the process completed by the end of June and he would keep them updated as the process took its course.

V. Meet and Greet Presentation: Role of the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) & Domestic Violence Training for Peace Officers in Oklahoma with CLEET Executive Director Darry Stacy, Assistant Director Marcus Williams, and Chief of Operations Jason Potter.

Executive Director Darry Stacy began the presentation by giving an overview of CLEET's role in Oklahoma. He stated CLEET's mission is to provide the best education to peace officers in Oklahoma. Mr. Stacey and his staff then welcomed questions from the DVFRB. DVFRB Chair Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA) asked for further information on CLEET's role and the role it plays in providing domestic violence (DV) education to peace officers in Oklahoma. District Attorney Laura Thomas (DAC) also asked whether the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) is covered in the training. Chief of Operations Jason Potter stated CLEET plays a major role in organizing the academy and instruction for prospective law enforcement officers. He added the current curriculum contains 8 hours of DV education and scenarios. He added training is provided by instructors at CLEET, adjunct instructors and field representatives. Mr. Potter also mentioned the LAP is covered during the 8-hour training curriculum. He also gave an overview of recent updates to the DV training curriculum.

Scott Hawkins (OSA) asked whether the sexual assault training on the CLEET website was still the same. He stated some of the information on the video was outdated and that he had expressed concerns to CLEET staff in the past. Jason Potter stated the video had been revamped and updated to be an hour long. Scott Hawkins (OSA) expressed that he had attempted to address issues in the past with CLEET, but his concerns were not given the attention it warranted. He asked the group of guest speakers whether they could ensure such concerns would be taken seriously moving forward. Mr. Stacy stated those issues happened before their time at CLEET and that their focus moving forward is to uphold CLEET's values of integrity, excellence, and customer service. Laura Kuester (OCADVSA) expressed concerns about the sexual assault training being shortened. The CLEET staff emphasized that although the training had been shortened, it had also been recently updated and the intention is to consistently revamp it so that peace officers are not interacting with the same material year after year. Emily Nicholls (OSDH-IPS) and Angela Beatty (OCADVSA) asked questions about the DV curriculum and whether experts from outside CLEET play a role in the instruction and design of DV education. The CLEET staff stated they welcome outside experts' input on DV instruction at CLEET and invited anyone who is interested to sit-in on the 8-hour DV training course offered at CLEET so they can give feedback on any concerns about the material.

Chair Brandon Pasley (OCADVSA) asked whether Batterer Intervention Programs (BIP) are covered in the 8-hour training. Mr. Potter stated BIP is mentioned during the cadets' DV training. Karen Cunningham (OAG) made a comment on how victimology education often covers areas on DV and sexual assault dynamics. Laura Kuester (OCADVSA) commented on the implementation issues surrounding the LAP. She mentioned how some law enforcement agencies do not perform the LAP, with some not even knowing about it, despite the LAP being mandated by state law. Director Stacy stated CLEET has no regulatory oversight of law enforcement agencies. He added their role is to train and encourage agencies on implementing the LAP. He also suggested the DVFRB work with organizations like the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association (OSA) and the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and advocate on the reasons of why the LAP should be done. Laura Kuester (OCADVSA) then asked about the continuing education

requirements for peace officers in Oklahoma. Jason Potter gave a brief overview on the number of annual hours peace officers are required to complete. Melanie Ferguson (ODMHSAS) asked a question on mental health training for peace officers. Director Stacy stated he appreciated the partnership between CLEET and ODMHSAS on mental health training for officers. Janice Carr (ONA) asked a question about the kind of training that is offered on calling medical attention on the scene of domestic violence calls, especially on calls where there is evidence of strangulation. CLEET staff stated they are trained on the matter but emphasized that receiving medical attention on the scene is voluntary.

VI. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session*

Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307B for the purpose of case review

a. Adjourn to Executive Session*

b. Continued Review and Discussion of case #210094

c. Consideration of return from executive session and return to regular meeting agenda.

Sara Coffey (OOA) made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:47 am. Shelly Harrison (NAAV) seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote (16 Aye, 0 Abstain, 0 Nay). Quorum was maintained throughout the executive session. The Board concluded and came out of executive session at 10:58 am.

VII. Announcement by Chair as to the necessity of any Board action as a result of Executive Session. Vote as a result of Executive Session*

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

VIII. New Business Not Known or Which Could Not Have Been Reasonably Foreseen Before the Posting of the Agenda *in Accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(9).*

No new business.

IX. Announcements

Emily Nicholls (OSDH IPS) mentioned the OSDH IPS recently worked on putting together thousands of packets with fentanyl resources and Naloxone and Fentanyl test strips. She encouraged members to spread the word about the resources or to let her know if they want to distribute packets.

X. Adjournment*

Emily Nicholls (OSDH-IPS) made a motion to adjourn at 11:01 am. Heather Cropper seconded the motion. DVFRB Chair Brandon Pasley declared the meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.