

OKLAHOMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2025

The Oklahoma Economic Development Authority Executive Board met Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the Beaver City Hall Conference Room, 318 Douglas, Beaver Oklahoma.

1. Meeting called to order by Board Vice Chairman Gary Nielsen at 1:18pm.
2. Flag salute – Bron Gardner
3. Invocation – Jonathon Cross
4. Roll Call  
**Present**  
Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, Bron Gardner, Mickey Lauthan, Clint White  
  
**Absent**  
CJ Rose
5. **Guests**  
None
6. Review and possible approval of minutes from the Executive Board meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Hernandez made a motion to approve the Executive Board meeting minutes from August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with a second from Sledge. The motion carried with the following vote:  
  

**AYE:** Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, Bron Gardner, Mickey Lauthan, Clint White  
**NAY:** None  
**ABST:** None
7. Review and possible action to accept the following staff reports: (included in Board Packet)
8. Review and approve financial report (included in Board Packet):  
Gore made a motion to approve the financial report, with a second from Hernandez. The Motion carried with the following vote:

**AYE:** Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, Bron Gardner, Mickey Lauthan, Clint White

NAY: None  
ABST: None

9. Discussion and possible action on the REAP program (includes, but not limited to extension requests, changes of scope, needs related to project activities.)
- A. Review and possible approval of the REAP FY26 Awards list to be sent to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for approval. Sledge made a motion to approve the REAP FY26 Awards list to be sent to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for approval, with a second from Gore. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, Bron Gardner, Mickey Lauthan, Clint White

NAY: None  
ABST: None

10. Discussion and possible approval to allow virtual meetings for OEDA Board.  
Just had a discussion no vote.

11. Discussion and Election of new officers for OEDA board. Gardener made a motion to approve CJ Rose as Chaiman, Gary Nielsen as Vice Chairman, Clint White Secretary, and Dolan Sledge as Treasurer of the OEDA Board. With a second from Hernanadez. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, Bron Gardner, Mickey Lauthan, Clint White

NAY: None  
ABST: None

12. Discussion and possible action to approve FY26 OEDA Board Meeting Schedule. Hernandez made a motion to approve the FY26 OEDA Board Meeting Schedule. With a second from White. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, Bron Gardner, Mickey Lauthan, Clint White

NAY: None  
ABST: None

13. Discussion and possible action to approve FY26 OEDA Employee Holiday Schedule. Hernandez made a motion to approve the FY26 OEDA Employee

Holiday Schedule. With a second from White. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Gary Nielsen, Elvia Hernandez, Dolan Sledge, Ruby Gore, Sam Hamilton, John Smiley, Bron Gardner, Mickey Lauthan, Clint White

NAY: None

ABST: None

14. Executive directors report- Jonathon Cross

- A. Working on trying to get more money for REAP
- B. Discussions with the State are being made regarding a new grant program for Law Enforcement. This program will be run like the Rural Fire Program with a coordinator added to the staff.
- C. EECBG (Energy Planning Program) application is due by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2025. This program is for the COGs to have the opportunity to write energy plans.
- D. Three-Year EDA Planning Grant Application is due December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. OEDA has a 70/30 match requirement.

15. New Business (in accordance with section 311 (9) O.S. Title 25.)

16. Public Participation: NONE

17. Adjournment: Gardner made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Smiley @ 1:53pm. All voted AYE.

Signature Approval:

