

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY TASK FORCE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Angela Caddell welcomed members and guests Wendell Godwin, East Central University; Diana Morris, Northern Oklahoma College; Don Raleigh, Jeana Rae Conn and Joe Batt, Rogers State University; Norman Nieves, University of Oklahoma; Joedon Hughes, Rose State College; Jerrid Freeman, Northeastern State University; Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Scott LaPlant, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City; Meg Cannon, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Monica Trevino, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Michael DeRemer and Julius Adkins, University of Central Oklahoma; Trey Keoppel, Francis Tuttle Technology Center; Kevin Smith, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; Justin Rutledge, Murray State College and Angela Caddell, Jarrett Jobe, Sarah Kimball and Emelia Ross, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF FEB. 4, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Caddell asked the task force to review the minutes of the Feb. 4, 2026, meeting. A motion to approve was made by Don Raleigh, and Kendra Brown seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Jarrett Jobe, OSRHE Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, provided an update on the legislative session. He reported that higher education is expected to receive a flat operating budget for FY27 and discussed several higher education bills, including measures pertaining to concurrent enrollment and defining credentials of value.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE

Sarah Kimball informed members that the consortium met Feb. 24 at 1:00 p.m. in Stillwater, with approximately 15 institutions represented. The next consortium meeting is planned for summer 2026. Kimball noted the consortium is seeking a new chair and vice chair and expressed appreciation to Norman Nieves and Kendra Brown for their service in these roles. She also notified members that the first meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of Continuity Professionals would be held April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Regents Conference Room.

TASK FORCE RESOLUTION: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

Caddell informed members that the task force's joint resolution in support of maintaining current law regarding weapons on campus had been signed by the Chancellor and the State Director of CareerTech, Dr. Brent Haken. She noted she would provide a link to the resolution.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Caddell reminded members of a free online workshop scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, focused on establishing a virtual campus Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during an emergency or crisis incident. She said the training would be hosted by Norman Nieves, OU Emergency Manager, and Michael DeRemer, UCO Director of Emergency Management. Nieves said topics would include generating campus buy-in, developing a virtual campus EOC using Microsoft Teams, and operationalizing a virtual EOC environment.

Meg Cannon reminded members of available resources from the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and highlighted *Talk Saves Lives*, a community-based suicide prevention presentation. She noted that printed materials are available upon request.

WRAP-UP AND COMMENTS

Kevin Smith said the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security would hold its 2026 conference in late October. He said OKOHS was gathering topics of interest to inform conference content development. Caddell said she would send his contact information to members.

Caddell asked members to consider sharing campus trainings and activities as case studies for future meetings. She noted the case study presentations facilitate the exchange of ideas and best practices and encourage important dialogue.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.