# OKLAHOMA STATE POLYGRAPH EXAMINERS BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Oklahoma Department of Public Safety 3600 N. Martin Luther King Avenue Building #10, Classroom C Oklahoma City OK 73111

> Monday, June 3, 2024 10:00 AM

# **Special Meeting Minutes**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Holt, Chairman Shawn Ward, Secretary Troy Morris, Pro Tempore Member

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Janey Rowden, Chief of Staff Breanna Atkeson, Admin. Tech. Sup. Kaitlynne Green, Polygraph Secretary Kevin McCullough, Field Rep. Manager

# NONPARTICIPATING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cliff Fielding, Member

#### **ABSENT:**

David Otwell, Vice Chairman Joel Franks, Member

#### **GUESTS:**

Russ Higbie Lou Keel
David Milnes Curtis Sowards
Aaron McKey T. Clint Teel
Karl Kramer Whitney Herzog

# 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Jason Holt convened the board meeting of the Polygraph Examiners Board at 10:00 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

Roll taken: (e) Three members were present representing a quorum: Jason Holt, Shawn Ward, and Troy Morris. Member Cliff Fielding was present in the room, but did not participate in the meeting, and was not included in the establishment of a quorum.

### 3. Open Meeting Act Compliance

Chairman Jason Holt verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

**4. Review, discussion, and possible action on the following:** Individual proceeding – In the Matter of the Complaint Against Chris Edwards, a licensed Polygraph Examiner (expired), Complaint 2024-01. The Board may conduct an executive session pursuant to Article II of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. § 309(D), and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. § 307(B)(8).

Action Taken: Meeting was called upon 2024-01 as the Prosecutor, Whitney Herzog, and Attorney for Respondent Edwards, Lou Keel, each presented their cases and witnesses to the Board. Recess was taken by the Board at 11:27 AM. The Board reconvened from recess at 11:35 AM. After the Prosecutor and the Respondent rested their cases, a motion was made by Pro Tempore Member Troy Morris and seconded by Member Shawn Ward to enter Executive Session. The Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session. The Board entered Executive Session at around 12:00 PM wherein all persons present were instructed to leave the meeting room except for the Board members and the Boards's legal advisor, Assistant Attorney General Karl Kramer. The public was invited to return to the meeting at around 12:30 PM. A motion was made by Member Shawn Ward to exit executive session and return to open session. The motion was seconded by Pro Tempore Member Troy Morris. The Board voted unanimously to exit executive session and return to open session. Pro Tempore Member Troy Morris made a motion that Chris Edwards pay a monetary penalty of \$1,500 within 30 days of the calendar date, as well as successfully pass the Law Testing to regain his certification along with his New Application that was submitted on 1/16/2024. Secretary Shawn Ward seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

## 5. Adjournment

*Action Taken:* Member Troy Morris made a motion to adjourn. Secretary Shawn Ward second. Chairman Jason Holt voted yes. Secretary Shawn Ward voted yes. Pro Tempore Member Troy Morris voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Holt adjourned the meeting at 12:38 PM