

MEETING MINUTES

Group Name: Tulsa Food Advisory Council

Date: February 5, 2025

Members Present: Andrew Arvay, Rocky Sturm, Collin Graham, Thomas Hunter, Rod Hammack, Jeffrey H. Townes, Nicole Wakeham

Members Absent: Harry Lentz, Ruth Young, David Chambers, Brian Hughes, Steven Jennings, Marilyn Been,

Others Present: Tanya Harris, Adam Austin, Abby Rigsbee

MINUTES

- Andrew Arvay called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Quorum was not met. The minutes from 10/2/2024 were read.
- Introduction of guests was made by Adam Austin, Associate Director Environmental Public Health.
- Andrew Arvay informed the Council of the two existing Council vacancies. One is under the Food Industry Representatives Group and the other is under the Health Professionals Group.
 - The resume for Curtis Price was reviewed.
- Tanya Harris presented the Food Protection Services (FPS) Program updates:
 - Total number of plans received from Oct. 1, 2024-Jan. 31, 2025
 - Electronic = 78
 - Physical = 35
 - Total number of complaints received from Oct. 1, 2024-Jan. 31, 2025
 - General = 202
 - FBI = 58
 - Food/ Manager Cert. issued from Oct. 1, 2024-Jan. 31, 2025
 - FH Permits = 7428
 - Manager Certifications = 302
 - Food Establishment report June 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024:
 - closures = 1099
 - reopened establishments (change of ownership) = 40
 - newly opened establishments = 169

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- A new supervisor position opened, but a candidate has been offered the role and an announcement will be made soon.
- There are two open public health inspector positions.
- Three Federal grants are on hold for the time being.
- Collin Graham provided the following updates for the Oklahoma Restaurant Association:
 - Working with fire marshal on state legislation to extend the grandfather clause to existing mobile units.
 - Safe harbor bill allows business licensee 3 critical violations within a 12-month period if attempts are made to correct violations.
 - Wrote a bill to allow 18–20-year-olds with liquor license to open and serve beer and wine.
 - Bill regarding interchange fees for credit card processing would be removed on taxes, tips, and charity contributions.
 - Prostart: February 21, 2025 | Metro Technology Center, Oklahoma City
 - Restaurants Act Public Affairs Conference: April 1-3, 2025 | Washington, D.C.
 - Hospitality Day: April 15, 2025 | Embassy Suites Hotel Medical Downtown, Oklahoma City
 - National Restaurant Association Show: May 17-20, 2025 | Chicago
 - ORA EXPO: August 28 - 29, 2025 | Oklahoma City Convention Center
- Meeting was formally adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS	ATTACHMENTS
● Approval of Minutes – June 2024 Regular Meeting (Action Required) ● Position Vacancies (Action Required) ● Food Protection Services Update (No Action Required)	1. October 2024 Minutes 2. Curtis Price Resume