Oklahoma Academy of Physician Associates
Special Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025; 6:30 pm

Board Members Present: Don Guthrie, Jeanine Smith, Jeff Burke, Audra Ball, Krista Barnes, Christy Neihues, Johnnie Gilpen, Nicole Mason, Keith Plummer, Courtney Patin, Melissa Loftis, Helga Price

Board Members Absent: Elizabeth DiSalvatore, Jennifer Putnam

Others Present: Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Halle Hannon, Brendan Reiman, Don Flinn, Alex Garcia

I. Call to Order
- Don Guthrie calls the meeting to order at 6:41 PM

II. Legislative Update CME – Christy Niehues, PA-C
- The CME committee met and approved having the 2-hour Legislative Update from the conference available for members and non-members for a fee after the conference.
- **Motion presented from the CME committee to have the 2-hour Legislative Update lecture free for members and charge non-members $50 to access the information. All in favor. Motion passes.**

III. Oklahoma Independent Providers Association Proposal – Don Guthrie, PA
- OKIPA offer letter was sent to the board prior to the meeting to review.
- Don Guthrie explains the offer from OKIPA. The OAPA would pay a one-time membership of $10,000 to OKIPA, and in return, our members would have access to all OKIPA benefits at $60 a year.
- Discussion followed on what those benefits look like, how they would affect our members, and if there would be enough PAs that would use this $60 membership to OKIPA.
- **Keith Plummer motions to accept the OKIPA offer and pay the $10,000.**
- **Keith Plummer amends his motion to move to accept the OKIPA offer and pay the one-time membership fee of $10,000 out of savings if needed, Helga Price seconds. Voting is as follows:**
  - **Helga Price – Yes**
  - **Jeanine Smith – Yes**
  - **Johnnie Gilpen – Yes**
  - **Jeff Burke – No**

    - **Christy Neihues – Abstain**
    - **Audra Ball – Yes**
    - **Melissa Loftis – Yes**
    - **Keith Plummer Yes**
    - **Courtney Patin – Abstain**
    - **Krista Barnes – Yes**
    - **Don Guthrie – Yes**
- **Motion Passes.**

Meeting adjourns at 7:11PM