Oklahoma Academy of Physician Associates
Legislative Committee Meeting
April 13, 2026; 6:00 pm
Via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Keith Plummer, Don Guthrie, Helga Price, Sara Parr, Tami Meyers, Lisa Eckhardt, Jeff Burke
Committee Members Not Present: Alex Garcia, Jeanine Smith, Audra Ball, Don Flinn, Sheila Walker, Robert Peevy
Others Present: Jan Loftis, Tyler Powell, Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Tamara Brown, Christy Niehues, Nicole Mason

Call to Order – Keith Plummer – 6:05 pm

- The Legislative Committee has not been very active this year. This is due to the bills that affect us this legislative session are moving along smoothly. These bills are our Trailer Bill and the Medical Board's permanent rules.

- The future goals for the Legislative Committee and the OAPA:

    1. Profession Name Change:
        - We would like to introduce a bill in the 2027 legislative session for a name change. Senator Rosino has stated he would be ready to present a bill for a name change in 2027.
        - Jan Loftis suggested that after the 2026 session is over, we meet with our attorneys regarding the name change. The committee agreed.

    2. Sched IIs for all PAs across the board:
        - This will take time to work on. Keith Plummer suggested that we research other states with full Sched II authority. Collect information on how it is affecting their state, how legislation was passed, etc.

    3. Having our own PA Board:
        - This will be something to look at in the future and how we could achieve it. Tyler Powell stated that this would need to be done legislatively.

- Ultimately, our first and immediate goals would be the name change and Sched IIs.

- Tyler Powell touched briefly on the current Governor's Race.

- Jan Loftis updated the committee that our Trailer Bill was voted unanimously out of the Health and Human Services Committee and will go to the Senate. Once through the Senate, it will go back to the House. She also mentioned that this session is on target to end around the first of May since the budget has been agreed upon.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 pm