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Route 66 Museum Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to be Held



On Saturday July 9, 2022, at 2:00 pm, the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum will be hosting the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and the opening of a new Route 66 Transitions photo exhibit.

Beginning at 2:00 p.m. the Oklahoma Route 66 Association will induct two special Oklahomans into the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame. Inductions are held every two years for individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion or preservation of Route 66. The selection includes a

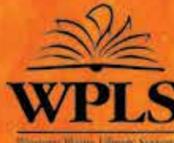
nomination and committee process conducted by the association. The winners' plaques will be unveiled with the others on display in the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum's Hall of Fame, located in the WOW! exhibit room.

Immediately following the induction, the museum will hold an opening for the Route 66 Transitions photo exhibit by Jerry McClanahan. McClanahan is a noted Route 66 authority, artist, and photographer. He first began photographing and

mapping US 66 in 1981 on a trip from Texas back to visit his boyhood home in Southern California. Over a period of ten years, Jerry captured many lost and forgotten scenes during this decade of decline and revival, some of which are presented in this exhibit for the first time.

Refreshments will be provided following the ceremony.

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Carl C. Stewart

A Memorial Service was held 3:00 P.M. Saturday, July 2, 2022, for Carl C. Stewart, 63, Guthrie resident. The Memorial Service was officiated by family and friends and arranged by the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Carl C. Stewart was born January 18, 1959, to Carl Stewart, Sr., and Marion (Metzger) Stewart in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Carl passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Carl was proud to say that he was raised in Louisiana where he also attended and graduated high school. He served in the United States Air Force from March 8, 1978, to November 19, 1981, and was honorably discharged. Carl married to Donna Butera on December 26, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nevada. To this union one daughter was born, Marion Elizabeth Stewart.

The family moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, in 2012. Carl owned and operated CSC LLC Construction which did construction and home building. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, fishing, traveling and being with family. He was an avid fan of Louisiana State University Tigers.

Carl was also preceded in death by his parents and his wife Donna Stewart in 2019. He is survived by his daughter Marion Stewart and his wife Gail O'Neil, of the home, and a host of friends and family.

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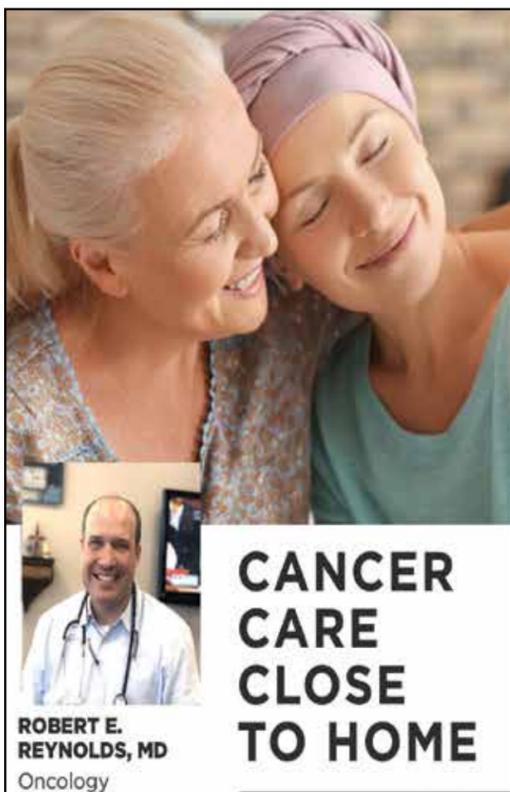
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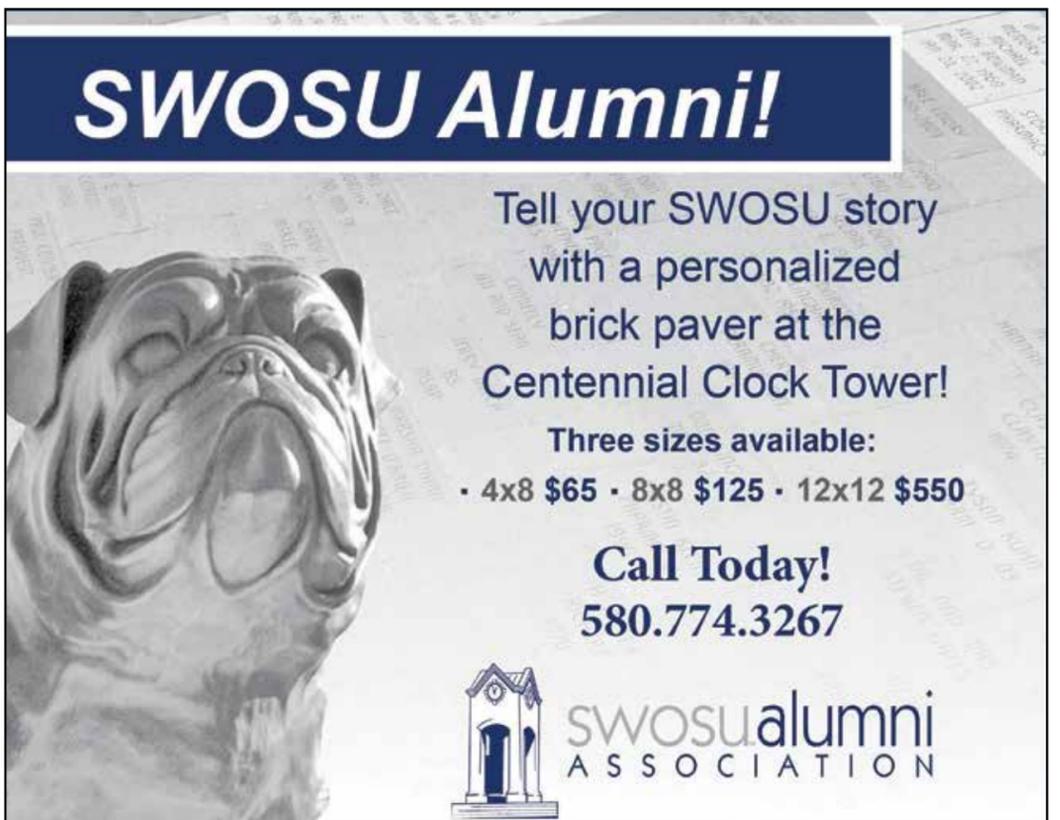
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Dr. Les Ramos Selected as Interim Dean of SWOSU College of Pharmacy



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New Interim Dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, Dr. Les Ramos.

Jon Chidester
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Dr. Les Ramos has been selected to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Pharmacy for Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU).

Ramos will serve as Interim Dean while the university conducts a search to replace Dr. David Ralph, who is retiring July 30 after seven years as Dean of the College. Dr. Ramos has served as Associate Dean for the College since 2016.

Ramos received his Ph.D. in Pharmacology and BS in Pharmacy from the University of Maryland and a BA in Biology from St. Mary's College of Maryland. Prior to arriving at SWOSU, Ramos completed a postdoctoral fellowship in vascular biology at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center.

Ramos came to SWOSU in 1998 as an assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy teaching in the physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacology sequence. Ramos received promotion to associate

professor and professor in 2003 and 2008, respectively. He served two terms as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and has served as Associate Dean of the College since 2016. Ramos served in the Faculty Senate for 13 years, including a term as Faculty Senate President. He has served on many university and college committees, including the University General Education Committee, Faculty University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, College of Pharmacy Admissions Committee, and College of Pharmacy Accreditation Self-Study Committees. He currently serves as one of the College of Pharmacy Strategic Planning Coordinators.

Ramos is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association. He has professional licenses as a Registered Pharmacist in Oklahoma and Maryland.

Oklahoma History Center Offers Smithsonian Internship Program

The Oklahoma History Center (OHC) Education Department is proud to announce its participation in the Smithsonian Internship Program. As a Smithsonian Affiliate, the OHC offers students interested in various facets of museum work the opportunity to function as Smithsonian interns. Some students may receive a stipend paid by the Smithsonian Institution (SI), or some may be unpaid interns. During their tenure at the OHC, the students will develop an e-exhibit as their project. That exhibit will then be displayed on both the OHC and SI websites when completed and approved.

"We are grateful to the Smithsonian Institution for allowing us to offer this program and these positions as a place of learning and academic growth for students nationwide," said Dan Provo, director of the Oklahoma History Center.

"As someone who started at the museum as an intern, I appreciate the opportunity to educate and influence the next generation of museum employees," said Sarah Dumas, director of education for the Oklahoma History Center. "We work very hard to ensure interns are well rounded in their experience here and leave with skills to help them in their future endeavors." To inquire about an internship possibility, please visit www.okhistory.org/historycenter/interns.

The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum, education and research complex. From art history to zoology, exhibit building to investments, Smithsonian internships provide workplace-based learning experiences for a wide range of educational and career paths. The stated mission of the SI intern program is "to cultivate an equitable and accessible internship structure so that all learners have the

opportunity to use Smithsonian resources to shape their future."

The Oklahoma History Center is a division of the Oklahoma Historical Society and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, National Archives and is an accredited member of the American Alliance of Museums. The mission of the Oklahoma Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share the history and culture of the state of Oklahoma and its people. Founded in 1893 by members of the Territorial Press Association, the OHS maintains museums, historic sites and affiliates across the state. Through its research archives, exhibits, educational programs and publications the OHS chronicles the rich history of Oklahoma. For more information about the OHS, please visit www.okhistory.org.

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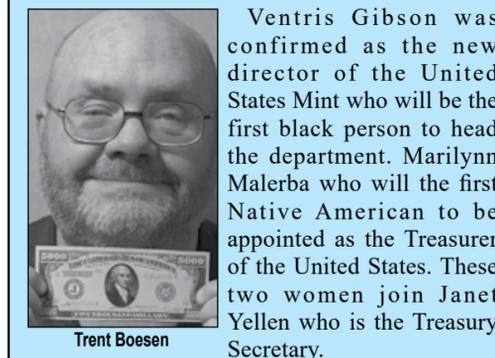
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Route 66 Museum

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BY **JERRY McCLANAHAN**

Event begins at 2pm - Oklahoma Route 66 Museum- 2229 W Gary Blvd, Clinton, OK 73601
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CUSTER CO COURTHOUSE/COMMISSIONERS – Custer County Commissioners voted to approve contracts from A.I.P and Rick Scott Construction for a remodel project of bathrooms at the Custer County Courthouse after clarifying language in the proposal as was pointed out by Assistant District Attorney Ricky McPherson at a prior meeting. The County can now begin the bid process for work to be done.

W'FORD HOSPITAL BOARD/COSBY – During her recent report to the Weatherford Hospital Board, SSM Administrative Director for Rural Development Bridget Cosby said SSM Officials have been encouraging affiliate hospitals to revisit active shooter plans.

DIST 26 ELECTION RESULTS – There will be a runoff in Senate District 26 as Incumbent Darcy Jech picked up 42% of the vote in a three way race. Senator Jech will be challenged by Brady Butler of Fay who got 37% support.

DIST 44 ELECTION RESULTS – Former Thomas and Weatherford resident Jared Deck won his Democratic primary on Tuesday for the State House District 44 which serves the Norman area. Deck defeated Katie Bierman with 64% of the vote. He will face Republican R.J. Harris in November. That seat was vacated by term limited Emily Virgin.

DIST 55 ELECTION RESULTS – Elk City Mayor Nick Archer won the District 55 State Representative seat over challengers Jeff Sawatzky and Tad Boone.

DIST 57 ELECTION RESULTS – State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton was re-elected to a two year term in District 57 after defeating challenger Kristen Kelley Poisson of Weatherford by picking up 62% of the vote last Tuesday.

CUSTER CO COMM ELECTION RESULTS – Custer County Commissioner Wade Anders keeps his District 1 seat after fending off two challengers and getting 61% of the vote.

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SWOSU Introduces New Women's Basketball & Softball Coaches

Southwestern Oklahoma State University officially introduced new head coaches Jeff Zinn and Jessica Boone at a meet and greet social held on campus.

Both Zinn (women's basketball) and Boone (softball) become the fifth head coaches in their program's respective history.

Athletic Director Todd Helton began the speaking portion of the meet and greet, followed by SWOSU President Dr. Lovell and finally Zinn and Boone who were both introduced by Helton.

Both coaches briefly spoke to similar tunes of the family culture witnessed so far in Weatherford and their excitement towards meeting the team in person and getting to work. Zinn also introduced his hired assistant coach Heather Davis who joins the team after eight years as the assist coach at UCO.

Classes for the new school year and athletic season begin on August 22. No schedules for either sport have been released yet.



SWOSU Athletics Announces Hall of Fame Class of 2022

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SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

On behalf of the SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, Athletic Director Todd Helton has announced that three former Bulldog standouts have been selected for induction in the Class of 2022. Those individuals selected to join this prestigious group are Mark Bay, Clarke Hale, and Carly Zak.

The 2022 Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19, inside the Pioneer Cellular Event Center. The 16th Annual SWOSU Athletic Auction will commence one day later on Saturday (Aug. 20) where the inductees will be recognized again.

A limited number of tickets and tables for the Athletic Auction are still available for purchase can be bought by contacting the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267 or e-mailing Ms. Allie Hoang, SWOSU Advancement Coordinator for Athletics, at allison.hoang@swosu.edu.

Mark Bay patrolled the gridiron for SWOSU at linebacker from 1987-90, culminated by his dominant senior season that earned him First Team NAIA All-American honors and the Defensive Player of the Year for District IX. He ended his career with 308 total tackles, a number that would lead SWOSU's NCAA Division II era today. When asked about a favorite memory he has from his playing days, Bay said accidentally entering the wrong huddle during the annual Blue & White Scrimmage Spring Game after getting a concussion. Bay played under former head coach and 2016 SWOSU Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Paul Sharp, and gives thanks to another Bulldog coach, Rocky Powell, who he says helped mentor and teach him. He is a proud SWOSU Football alumni who still totes the bulldog blue. Bay went

on to graduate from SWOSU with a degree in Physical Education and has been self-employed as the owner of Bay Metal Design and Powder Coating. He met his future wife Kerie, who graduated from SWOSU with a pharmacy degree, on a blind date while in Weatherford and went on to have four kids – Jake, John, Jena, and Josh.

Clarke Hale was a standout on the men's basketball team in the late 2000s and a two-time team captain for the Bulldogs. He played all four years of his eligibility in a SWOSU uniform and made the All-Lone Star Conference (North Division) Team in three consecutive seasons to wrap up his career – first as an honorable mention followed by back-to-back second team honors. Hale held SWOSU's all-time scoring title in the NCAA Division II era for over a decade, until it was recently overtaken just this past season in 2022. During his senior campaign in 2009, he was named to the All-Tournament Team following the Lone Star Conference Tournament and was also the team's most valuable player. Perhaps his most memorable moment sporting the bulldog blue was knocking down a buzzer-beating shot to defeat rival Central Oklahoma (UCO) in the semifinals of the conference tournament that allowed SWOSU to advance to the championship game. By the time his career was over, Hale's name rested atop the SWOSU record book in many statistical categories during the NCAA era including points scored, three pointers made, free throw percentage, games started, minutes played, and games won. As a student at SWOSU, Hale also was responsible for rechartering the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity and becoming president of that student organization. He graduated from SWOSU with a degree in Business Management and went on to obtain a master's degree

in Sports Business. He owned and operated a Farmers Insurance agency in Dallas, Texas for seven years after college before returning to work for SWOSU. Present day, Hale is the Associate Director of Institutional Advancement for the university and lives in Oklahoma City with his wife Kayla, a SWOSU alum, and two sons, Holt and Slate.

Carly Zak came to Weatherford and SWOSU volleyball as a freshman and spent all four years of her collegiate career dominating for the Bulldogs. As a member of the Great American Conference 2010s All-Decade team, her impact on the SWOSU volleyball program was obvious. She was part of many SWOSU program 'firsts' including being the first four-time All-GAC selection, the first All-Region selection, and a member of the first SWOSU volleyball team to compete in the NCAA Tournament. Zak still holds SWOSU's career record for kills to this day and, while competing, also held the career record for the conference. She earned conference or region awards in every season she played, beginning with being named the GAC Freshman of the Year in 2013. Following a pair of Second Team All-GAC selections as an underclassman, she upgraded to First Team All-GAC honors as an upperclassman which included a unanimous first team nod as a senior. She was a 2015 Second Team D2CCA All-Central Region selection and improved her region status to First Team in 2016. Within SWOSU Athletics, Zak received back-to-back Female Athlete of the Year honors that coincided with her success during the '15 and '16 seasons. She also garnered All-GAC Tournament Team accolades twice in her career and was named the Oklahoma Volleyball Player of the Year by OklahomaSports.net in 2016. After graduating from SWOSU in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Management, she moved to Tennessee to begin a career in events and marketing which she continues to do to this day. She loves keeping up with SWOSU Athletics online and checks in with Coach Collins occasionally for any other SWOSU news she might need. When reminiscing on her career, Zak says she's proud of her personal accomplishments, but the 2015 GAC Tournament Championship was by far her favorite memory as a Bulldog. She is now the first volleyball player to be inducted into the SWOSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

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Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Releases New Dining Guide

Visitors and locals, alike, can explore their foodie side by flipping through a brand-new version of the Discover Oklahoma Dining Guide. The guide highlights 381 of the state's tastiest and most original restaurants, including many featured on "Discover Oklahoma," the state's official tourism television show.

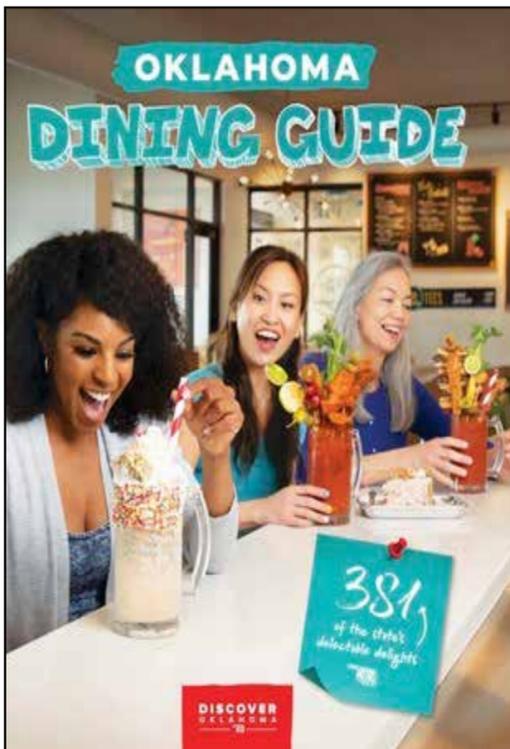
Within the Dining Guide's 96 pages, readers will find dishes classic to Oklahoma, such as barbecue, onion burgers and catfish, alongside an array of world cuisines ranging from Guatemalan to Italian to Vietnamese fare.

The guide's cover features MAD Eats in Owasso, a modern diner known for its monstrous milkshakes and classic American dishes. The guide is organized into six travel regions: Central, South Central, Southwest, Northwest, Northeast and Southeast.

2022 Dining Guide Cover
The 2022 Discover Oklahoma Dining Guide cover features Mad Eats in Tulsa, OK. Image photographed by Lori Duckworth/Oklahoma Tourism.

Copies of the Dining Guide and other Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department publications can be ordered free online at TravelOK.com/Brochures. There are also more than 80 other free brochures from travel destinations around the state available.

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Jim Morrison

One of the great weaknesses of this day is the lack of knowledge of history: Not just of the epic events of time but of the lives of great men who changed the world, I am a history buff and I am constantly challenged by the lives of great men of the past. There are those of the secular world who made great contributions in the medical field. Others like Thomas Edison who worked tirelessly to find a filament that would not quickly exhaust itself. He failed many times but finally he succeeded and the light bulb was born. I remember with joy the day when I came in from school and found that if I turned on a switch a light bulb would illuminate the room. Kerosene lamps became a thing of the past!

One of the giants of the faith that few young people know much about is Dwight L. Moody. Born into a poor family in New England in 1837, he had only the equivalent of a 5th grade education. In many ways he

was an ordinary man. But after he was converted God saw something special in him and set his heart on fire for evangelism.

He was never formally ordained to the ministry, but he shook the continents of Europe and North America as a man possessed with the powerful passion that "no better news fell upon the ears of a mortal man than the news of the gospel."

In our "enlightened age" even the use of the name of Jesus is often omitted from interviews lest it offend some group. We are the most easily "offended" people in history.

Moody didn't set out to become an evangelist. He was a shoe salesman when converted as a young man. He moved to Chicago where he soon noticed throngs of children milling about on the streets. They did not feel welcome in the stilted churches of the time. Moody started a Sunday afternoon Sunday School class. The young people were drawn to Moody's simple heartfelt message of Christ. He started his first Sunday School in a vacant saloon. Within months 1,500 young people were attending his Sunday school classes. This uneducated, poor speaking young man became recognized in the growing city. Even Presidents Lincoln and Grant visited his Sunday School.

He started the Illinois Street Church which seated 1,500 people. He preached Sunday mornings and taught 1,000 students Sunday afternoons. Moody's popularity grew as he preached to thousands each Sunday and

several days in between. In 1873 he and his song leader, Ira Sankey set out for England, uncertain as to how his unpolished grammar and folksy style would be received by the sometimes stilted English audience. But after a slow beginning, the crowds grew to the thousands, filling meeting places in England, Scotland, and Ireland. The American newspapers covered the revivals closely and his notoriety spread across the states.

His biographer, A. P. Fitt wrote, "Not only was London itself stirred, but the revival became a world-wide wonder." When he returned to the United States, he realized that cities were the centers of influence, so he set out on a nation-wide crusade. In the 1880s and 1889s he held massive campaigns in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Denver, San Francisco, and others.

The Kansas City campaign in 1899 was to be his last. His stocky figure and relentless stressful schedule led to heart trouble to which he succumbed in December of that year.

His legacy remains in the Moody Bible Institute and Moody church which to this day are great instruments of training and developing young people as well as exerting great influence to the faith community across the world.

While we might long for another Moody to come forth today, the greater need is for ordinary people in the pew and pulpit to rise up with the power of the Holy Spirit setting their hearts toward evangelism.

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Hofmeister Calls for Investigation, Resignation of CLO Secretary Chambers in Wake of Whistleblower's Firing



State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister has requested that Thursday's meeting of the Commissioners of the Land Office (CLO) include consideration of three items stemming from Secretary Elliot Chambers' firing of an internal auditor who had confronted him about potential conflicts of interest.

One of five members of the commission, Hofmeister earlier this week asked that the agenda include discussion and possible action on Secretary Chambers' employment, as well as discussion of the internal auditor's firing and subsequent settlement. Hofmeister said she also believes allegations from the former internal auditor and another whistleblower warrant an investigative audit of the agency's operations and finances.

"As I have said recently, the concerns raised by the former internal auditor at the Commissioners of the Land Office are alarming and need to be fully investigated," she said. "Since that time, additional information has been presented that leaves me without confidence in the direction of the agency under Secretary Chambers. As a result, I believe it is in Oklahoma's best interest that Secretary Chambers immediately resign and respectfully

call on him to do so."

The internal auditor, Erin Morgan, had questioned Chambers about his relationship with Victorium Capital, an investments firm doing business with the CLO. On Dec. 16, 2021, commissioners voted 2-1 to give Victorium authority to manage direct investments for the Commission. Although the CLO historically has never had two votes constitute a majority, in this instance – with Hofmeister and another commissioner absent – two votes were declared sufficient to pass the item.

Hofmeister objected to this action, later asking Chambers to request an attorney general opinion on whether the 2-1 vote is lawful, but Chambers refused to do so. Hofmeister subsequently requested Attorney General John O'Connor provide an opinion on the unprecedented 2-1 approval, as is the state superintendent's statutory authority. In a peculiar response, O'Connor indicated he would first need Hofmeister's opinion on the subject before he would decide whether to submit an opinion.

UPDATE: As of Thursday, June 30th, Elliot Chambers has submitted his resignation as Secretary of the CLO. His resignation will be effective August 3, 2022.

SWODA Aging Services Offers Respite to Caregivers

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