

Imitating employees, Corporation Commission terminates administrative director

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After more than three hours of discussion in executive session, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission unanimously voted on Tuesday, Dec. 30, to terminate the employment of the regulatory agency's administrative director, Brandy Wreath, with a "confidential" severance agreement and no public explanation.

"I have no comment at this time," Chairwoman Kim David said after the meeting.

Commissioner Brian Bingman offered a similar "no comment," shrugging his shoulders while exiting the underground tunnel below the Will Rogers Memorial Building. David repeated the phrase when asked what the public should make of the commissioners' decision and subsequent silence.

Commissioner Todd Hiett found a few words to say.

"Tough day," Hiett said. "The vote speaks for itself."

Asked if Wreath had been told what precipitated his termination, Hiett responded: "You'd have to ask him if he knows."

As the three statewide officials tasked with regulating petroleum exploration, public utilities, and other industries hurried out of the building, Wreath stayed behind in the auditorium where dozens of OCC employees had camped out all afternoon.

"I'll say the inside part out loud," one woman told Wreath. "It's bullshit."

Others were in tears and shocked, saying they had no idea their director's job was in jeopardy until Tuesday's meeting agenda was posted Monday.

"I prayed for you all night," another woman said.

Wreath hugged her and tried to reassure his former coworkers.

"It's okay. It's okay. No fear," he said. "I've already documented things with really important people to make sure."

At one point, Wreath and a pair of employees noted the irony that the day's grave decision coincided with the arrival of new signs for the parking lot.

"I saw that when I pulled in today."



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Brandy Wreath, the director of administration for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, sits by himself minutes before a commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 30, that featured a review of his employment.

I nearly wept from that," Wreath said. "You finally have handicap parking."

Asked what the three commissioners told him about the situation when he briefly joined their executive session, Wreath replied, "They didn't say anything."

"They just said that I could resign or they would terminate me, and either way, there was the severance package that they'd do on the separation. And I said, 'I will not willingly leave my people.' I've worked too hard to be here for them, and I, you know — what's the termination going to do to me that hadn't already been done by the years?"

Wreath, who joined the agency in 2006, served as director of its Public Utility Division before being promoted to director of administration in June 2022. Since then, he said the commissioners had never reviewed his employment before.

"The way I've always operated, and I've said it to them many times, if there's anything you ever need from me that you're not getting, all you've got to do is ask," Wreath said. "And I respect these three (commissioners). There's nothing that they would need for me, as long as it's not illegal, immoral or —"

The 10 or so employees surrounding Wreath said in unison, "Unethical!"

"— I would do it for them," Wreath said.

Wreath: 'What we do is not popular'

Minutes before Tuesday afternoon's meeting began, Wreath sat by himself on the front corner of the underground auditorium's theater rows. Slowly, groups of OCC employees rose from the rear of the auditorium and assembled behind him.

"Is this the friends and family row?" one woman joked.

Wreath blushed and grew emotional.

"I love you guys," he said.

When David, Hiett, and Bingman entered the room, the four-dozen OCC employees and other observers stood. In less than a minute, the trio voted to enter executive session to review Wreath's employment — the only substantive item on the regulatory body's final meeting agenda of 2025.

"So, how was everybody's Christmas?" Wreath eventually asked to break the ice among his somberly assembled coworkers. "Anybody have good new year's plans? I don't have anything to do."

A noted Batman enthusiast who was approaching his 20-year anniversary with the Corporation Commission next year, Wreath witnessed a variety of controversies, including the securitization of 2021 Winter Storm Uri debt that remains in litigation before the Oklahoma Supreme Court. He also repeatedly drew the ire of former Commissioner Bob Anthony, who criticized administrative pay decisions under Wreath in a November 2024 dissenting opinion that alleged "a possible OCC coverup of Commissioner Hiett's misconduct."

Wreath, however, touted the employee compensation increases seen under his administration during a 20-minute professional eulogy and motivational speech he broke into during the lengthy executive session.

"I know y'all's resumes, Y'all could go make a lot more money. You're not here because it's easy. No one is here because it's easy," Wreath said. "You're here because it's hard work that someone has to do, and y'all have chosen to do it, and I've watched you do it. I've watched the field inspectors go against guys with billions saying, 'You've got to do the right thing.' I've seen our enforcement officers go out there and say, 'You've got to follow the law and get your permits and pay your taxes.'"

Wreath said he has received "death threats" while serving as director of administration for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

"What we do is not popular. I'm never surprised when someone doesn't like what we're doing because we're regulators," he said. "But y'all do it because the good guys in industry deserve for us to make sure the bad guys don't ruin their name. We're here to make sure industry can do their job and do it well."

Commissioners voted to make Jim Marshall the interim director and to pay him the same salary Wreath had made. While David made the motions to return to open session, terminate Wreath, and hire Marshall, none of the motions received a second before the commissioners voted.

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Aaron Dean Koons and Johnie Alexandra Baker
Michael James Beavers and Miya Rose Blades
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State of Oklahoma vs. Samantha Dawn Hall for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license

State of Oklahoma vs. Dylan Matthew Keriger for driving with license canceled/suspended/revoked

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State of Oklahoma vs. Havenleigh Dawn Patterson for failure to carry insurance/security verification form

State of Oklahoma vs. William L. Piper for failure to maintain insurance or security

State of Oklahoma vs. Robin Potts for driving with license canceled/suspended/revoked

State of Oklahoma vs. Bailey Alexander Rudolph for reckless driving

State of Oklahoma vs. Anna Mae Taylor for possession of controlled dangerous substance – methamphetamine

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State of Oklahoma vs. Travis Christian Wilbur for

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State of Oklahoma vs. Damian Miguel Bateast for domestic assault and battery by strangulation
State of Oklahoma vs. James Patrick Celli for domestic abuse – assault and battery resulting in great bodily injury
State of Oklahoma vs. Davis Wade Hopkins for actual physical control – second and subsequent
State of Oklahoma vs. Joshua Lavett Lacare for attempted burglary in the first degree
State of Oklahoma vs. Lester Steven McBride for domestic abuse – prior pattern of physical abuse
State of Oklahoma vs. Deborah Ann O'Dell for malicious injury to property over \$1,000
State of Oklahoma vs. Jorge K. Raneromancio Jr. for driving under the influence
State of Oklahoma vs. Leah Abigail Sanko for assault and battery upon police officer
State of Oklahoma vs. Floyd Robert Seaton for domestic abuse – prior pattern of physical abuse
State of Oklahoma vs. Booth Preston Smith for aggravated driving under the influence

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IN AND FOR
OTTAWA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF JOSEPH PHILLIP
FRY, also known as JOE P. FRY,
Deceased.

PB-2025-27
(Domiciliary probate,
Cherokee County, Kansas,
CK-2024-PR-000021)
NOTICE FOR HEARING
FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION
FOR ALLOWANCE,
DETERMINATION OF
HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND
DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Vicki Ann Bradley, Executor of the Estate of Joseph Phillip Fry, a/k/a Joe P. Fry, deceased, having filed in this Court her Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determination of Heirship, Distribution of Estate,

and Final Discharge of said Executor, the hearing of same has been set by the Court for the 22 day of January, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at Courtroom 3, of the Ottawa County District Court, Miami, Oklahoma. All persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of said Joseph Phillip Fry, deceased, determined, and said estate be distributed to the heirs, legatees, and devisees thereof, and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED: 11/30/25

/s/ R. Matt Whalen
Judge

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF DELAWARE COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF BEVERLY ANN
COX, DECEASED

Case # PB-2025-74
NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order of the District Court of Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, made on the 21 day of October, 2025, in the Matter of the Estate of Beverly Ann Cox, Deceased, the undersigned, as Personal Representative of the estate of said deceased, will sell at public or private sale, to

the highest bidder, subject to confirmation by said Court, on or after, the 26th day of December, 2025, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Beverly Ann Cox, Deceased, at the time of her death and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law, or otherwise, acquired in and to all that certain real property, situate, lying and being in the County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma described as follows, and upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

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Offers must be in writing and may be delivered to the undersigned personally or filed with the Court with a copy to the attorney for the Personal

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Dated this 18th day of November, 2025.

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