

**Section 1904. Oklahoma Licensed Professional Counselors Advisory Board – Members - Meeting.**

- A. 1. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Licensed Professional Counselors Advisory Board" whose duty shall be to advise the Department on the provisions of the Licensed Professional Counselors Act, except as otherwise provided by law.
2. The Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Health with the advice and consent of the State Board of Health. Five members shall be licensed professional counselors and two members shall be lay persons who are not affiliated with any practice of counseling or delivering of health or mental health services. The Commissioner shall appoint successors for a four-year term.
3. All professional appointees shall be selected from a list of qualified candidates submitted by the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Counseling Association acting in conjunction with the executive committees of all state professional counseling associations which represent a specialty recognized pursuant to the Licensed Professional Counselors Act.
- B. Vacancies occurring in the Advisory Board shall be filled for the UN-expired term by appointment of the Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Board from a list of qualified candidates submitted within thirty (30) days of such vacancy by the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Counseling Association acting in conjunction with the executive committees of all state professional counseling associations which represent a specialty recognized pursuant to the Licensed Professional Counselors Act. Such appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the candidates' names have been submitted if possible.
- C. Any Advisory Board member may be removed by the Commissioner, after written notice, for incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, misfeasance or malfeasance in office.
- D. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary travel expenses as provided by the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.
- E. Advisory Board members shall be ineligible for reappointment for a period of three (3) years following completion of their term.
- F. The Advisory Board shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Advisory Board may provide. The advisory Board shall elect annually the following officers: A chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary. Fours members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.