



Oklahoma State Athletic Commission

FY 2027 Budget Hearing Presentation

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The Oklahoma State Athletic Commission serves as the official state body responsible for licensing, regulating, and overseeing all combative sports activities in Oklahoma. The Commission protects athlete welfare, enforces rules, and ensures events are conducted safely and professionally.

Founded in 1999, this agency now regulates professional boxing, bare knuckle fighting, slap fighting, mixed martial arts, kickboxing, muay thai, combat Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and entertainment wrestling.

Agency Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision: Our vision is to maintain the highest standards of safety, integrity, and fairness in all combative sports held in Oklahoma. We are committed to protecting participants and spectators, upholding strong regulatory practices, and fostering an environment where combat sports can responsibly expand and thrive.

Mission: The mission of the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission is to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of combative sports event participants and the general public through the effective regulation of combative sports in the State of Oklahoma, while fostering an environment that expands existing combative sports events and brings new events into the state.

Core Values: Safety. Integrity. Fairness. Accountability.

These principles guide our work as we regulate combative sports and protect the public.



Accomplishments

Top accomplishments for FY 2025 – FY 2026

- 1. Secured its own independent agency number and strengthened administrative autonomy**
In 2025, OSAC achieved a major structural milestone via HB 1122, by obtaining its own state agency number, separating its administrative and financial systems from the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Although OSAC has long functioned as an independent regulatory agency, this transition gave the Commission full operational and budgetary control — allowing for clearer accountability, streamlined financial processes, and greater flexibility in managing licensing, enforcement, staffing, and day-to-day regulatory functions.
- 2. Clarified definitions and regulatory framework for combative sports**
By updating these definitions and codifying them in statute, OSAC strengthened legal clarity for athletes, promoters, and other stakeholders — reducing ambiguity about what falls under their oversight.
- 3. Recognized slap fighting as a regulated combative sport and established oversight standards**
OSAC took proactive steps to clarify the legal status of slap fighting by requesting a formal opinion from the Oklahoma Attorney General. The AG determined that slap fighting meets the statutory definition of a combative sport, bringing it under OSAC’s regulatory authority. This ensured that participants in this emerging sport are protected by the same safety, medical, and licensing standards applied to all other combative sports in Oklahoma. By securing this classification, OSAC prevented unregulated events and strengthened athlete welfare and public safety in a rapidly growing sport.
- 4. Implemented regulatory safeguards and structured oversight for bare-knuckle fighting events**
OSAC expanded its regulatory framework to ensure that bare-knuckle fighting is held to consistent and enforceable safety standards. By formalizing licensing requirements, medical protocols, and event-inspection procedures specific to bare-knuckle events, the Commission ensured these contests are conducted safely, professionally, and in compliance with Oklahoma law. This achievement reinforced OSAC’s role in adapting to evolving combat-sport formats while maintaining its core commitment to athlete protection and event integrity.
- 5. Positioned Oklahoma as a national voice in combat-sports regulation through leadership roles in the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC)**
OSAC strengthened its national presence in 2025 when Administrator Diana Fletcher was elected Secretary of the Association of Boxing Commissions, the national body that unites all state, tribal, and international athletic commissions. In addition, OSAC Program Manager Heather Turner was elected Treasurer of the organization.
- 6. Implemented online credit card payment processing**
Implemented only cc payment processing, allowing all licensing and event fees to be submitted electronically for the first time. This modernization replaces the outdated cash-or-check system, speeds up application processing, improves accuracy, reduces staff workload, and provides fighters, promoters, and officials with a faster and more convenient way to complete required payments.



Analysis of Agency Challenges

	Challenge Description	Current Actions (Briefly describe how the agency is currently addressing the challenge.)	Planned Actions (Briefly describe how the agency plans to address the challenge going forward.)
1	Staffing Limit	By working overtime	We would like to hire 1 more additional staff member.
2	Budget	We are reducing staff at events & operating on a shoe string.	We would like to request additional funding since we now have our own agency number and won't be relying on help from OSDH.
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Savings & Efficiencies (Current or Planned)

Savings or Efficiency Name	Brief description of how savings were achieved	Savings in Unit of Measurement*	FY 2025 (Actual \$ Savings)	FY 2026 (Projected \$ Savings)	FY 2027 (Projected \$ Savings)
	<i>N/A – Just received our own agency #</i>				

* Hours, FTE, square feet, etc.



Agency Goals and Key Performance Metrics

Goal		Metric	FY 25 Target	FY 25 Actuals	FY 26 Target
1	Modernize Licensing & Regulatory Systems	Track online licensing.			
2	Build Highly Trained Inspectors & Officials	Track percentage of active officials that have completed annual testing.			100%
3	Attract Major National & International Promotions	Track the number of high-profile events in OK.	4	4	6
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					



Projects for FY 2026

- 1) Purchase or create a better licensing system. We are currently using excel.
- 2) Strengthen athlete safety standards but requiring blood work every 6 months instead of once a year.
- 3) Network to bring high profile events to Oklahoma.

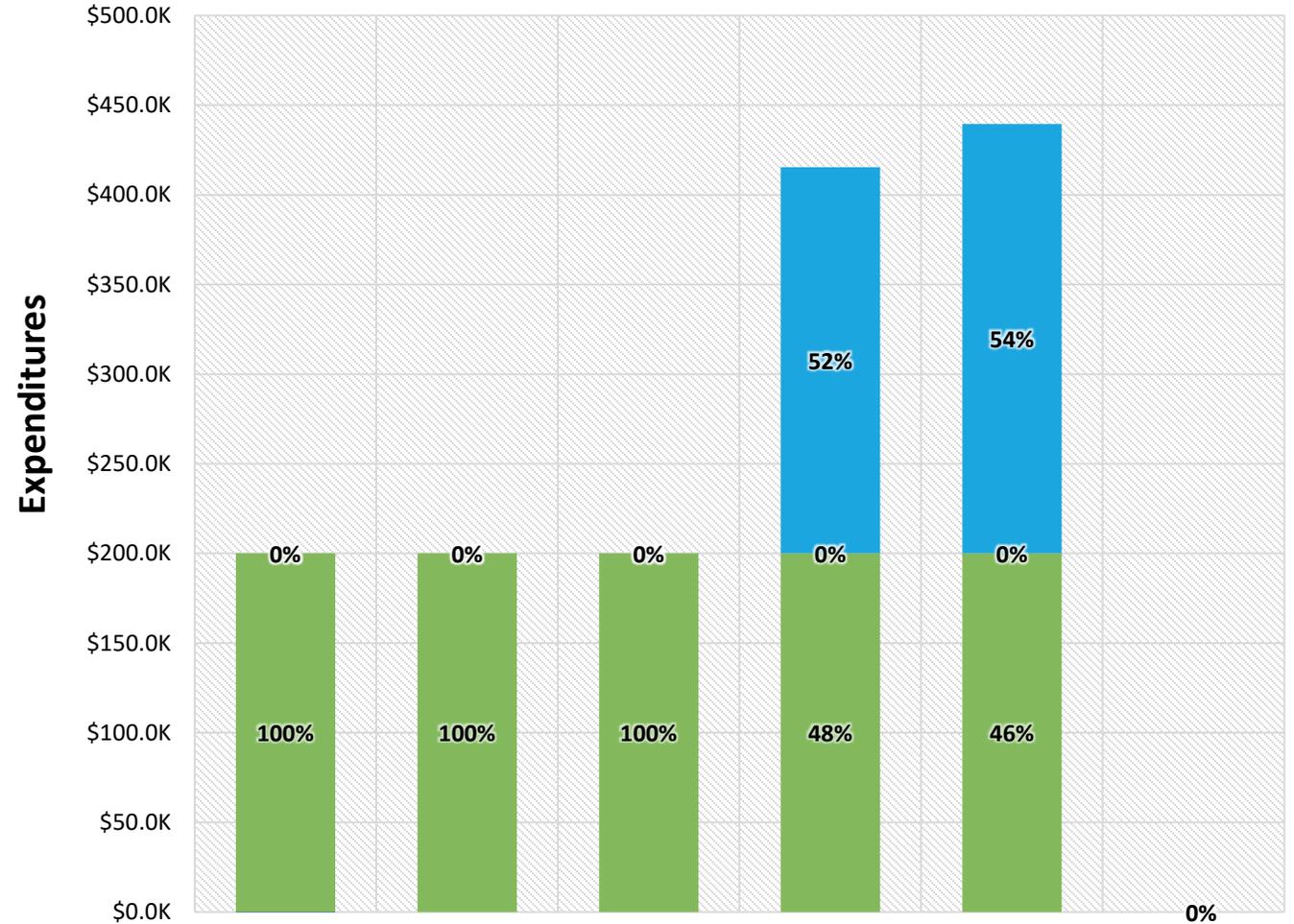


Total Historic Actual Expenditures (FY 2021-25) and Current Year Budget (FY 2026)

Explanation of Changes and Trends

OSDH controlled our budget so I am finding a hard time finding data from FY21, FY22 & FY 23. I was not the Director then. I OSAC was appropriated \$200k via OSDH for FY26.

Historic Actual Expenditures and Current Year Budget



Estimated Impact of Federal Funding Changes

<i>Program Name</i>	<i>Federal Agency</i>	<i>Description of expected change (s) (i.e. change in state match, admin costs, program requirements or client eligibility, etc.)</i>	<i>Actual FY 25 Total Federal Funding Received (\$)</i>	<i>Projected FY 26 Total Federal Funding To Be Received (\$)</i>	<i>Estimated FY 27 Total Federal Funding To Be Received (\$)</i>
N/A			\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$
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** Only list programs with federal funding that are expected to change. Refer to the agency's Federal Funds Schedule in the Budget Request document.*





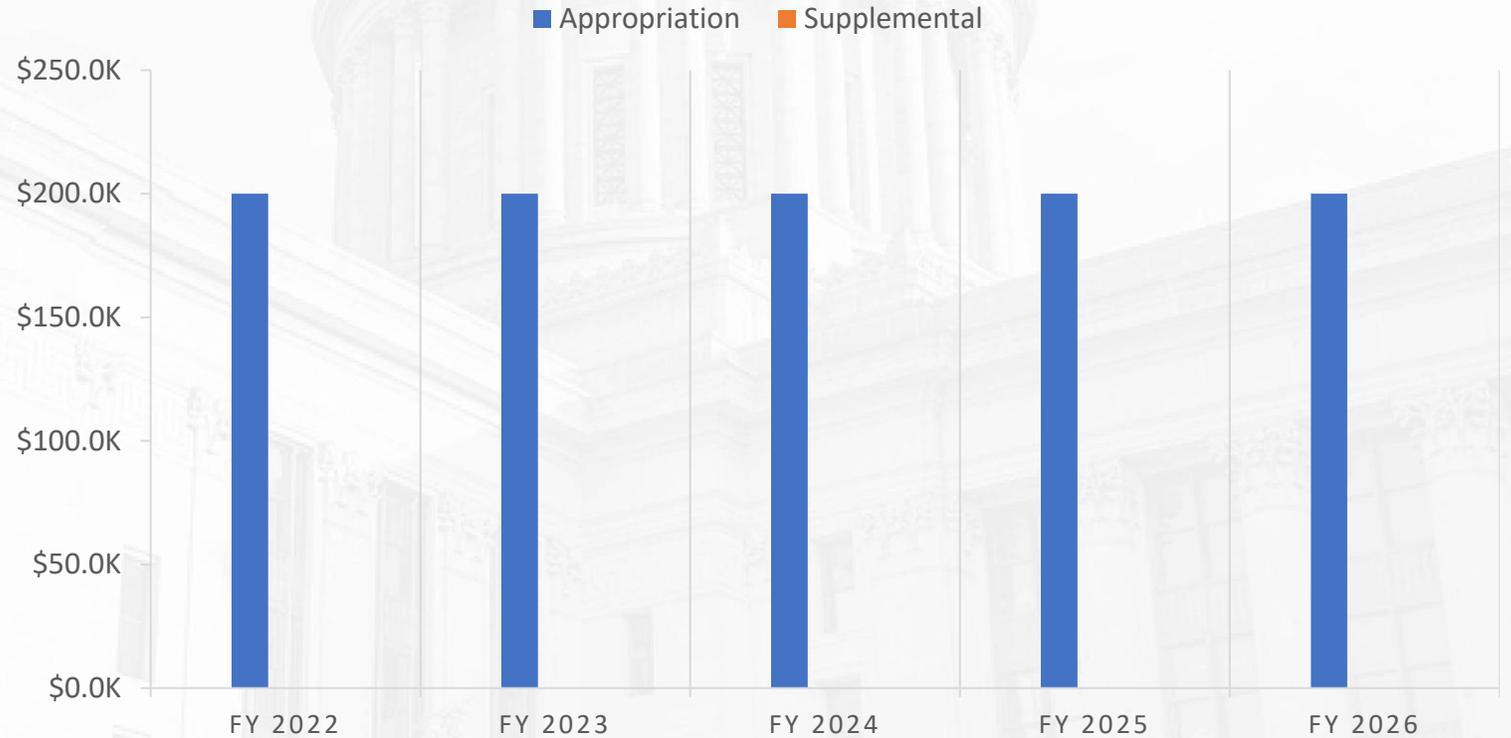
FY 2026 Budgeted Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

	FY 2026 Budgeted FTE
Total FTE	17.68
Supervisor FTE	2
Supervisors to Total FTE Ratio (%)	15.68%
Current Budgeted but Unfilled FTE	0
Current Un-Budgeted & Unfilled FTE	6

Appropriation History

Fiscal Year	Legislated Appropriation (\$) <i>(Includes supplementals and SRF/ARPA.)</i>
FY 2022	200,000
FY 2023	200,000
FY 2024	200,000
FY 2025	200,000
FY 2026	200,000

FIVE-YEAR APPROPRIATION HISTORY



**Includes Supplemental and Statewide Recovery Fund (ARPA) appropriations.*



Financial Resource Analysis

Carryover	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total appropriated carryover amount expended (\$)	\$	\$0	\$0	\$0

Historical Cash Balances	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Year End Revolving Fund Cash Balances <i>(All Revolving Funds)</i>	\$	\$206,800	\$207,951	\$241,741

Revolving Class Fund # <i>(Unrestricted only)</i>	Revolving Class Fund Name <i>(Unrestricted only)</i>	Current cash balance (\$)	Projected FY 2026 year-end cash balance (\$)
#	OSAC Revolving Fund 20000	\$150,000	\$68,750
#		\$	\$
#		\$	\$
#		\$	\$
#		\$	\$
#		\$	\$
	Total Unrestricted Revolving Fund Cash balance:	\$150,000	\$68,750



Unrestricted funds are those that are not limited by state or federal law, rule, regulation, other legally binding method, or donor restriction.

FY 2024 – 2025 Appropriation Change Review

<i>Purpose of appropriation increase or decrease</i>	<i>Amount FY 2024</i>	<i>Amount FY 2025</i>	<i>Total amount received FY 2024 - 25</i>	<i>Total amount expended by 11/1/2025</i>	<i>Included in FY 2026 approp? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If not expended fully, please explain.</i>
N/A	\$	\$	\$	\$		
	\$	\$	\$	\$		
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	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Totals	\$	\$	\$	\$		



**Do not include SRF / ARPA appropriation increases.*

FY 2026 Appropriation Change Review

<i>Purpose of appropriation increase or decrease</i>	<i>Amount of increase or decrease (\$)</i>	<i>Does this need to be included in your FY 2027 appropriation? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If not included for same purpose, please explain.</i>
N/A				
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			
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	\$			
	\$			
Total adjustment	\$			



**Do not include SRF / ARPA appropriation increases.*

Supplemental & Recurring Request Summary

	Request Name	FY 2027 Incremental Appropriation Request Amount (\$) <i>{or FY 2026 for Supplementals}</i>	Type of Request: Recurring, One-time, or Supplemental
1	Supplemental & Recurring – Hire an additional FTE and cover operating expenses.	\$300,000	Supplemental & Recurring
2		\$	
3		\$	
4		\$	
5		\$	



(1) Supplemental Budget Request

Name of Request: Cover new operating expenses and hire an additional FTE.	
Type: Supplemental	\$300,000 Amount Requested for FY 2026
<p>Since we are no longer affiliated with OSDH, we have a lot of new expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RentUtilities/PhoneContract with OMES for IT, HR, Payroll & BudgetFurnitureIT equipmentEtc. <p>We also need to hire an additional FTE.</p> <p>Our inspectors and officials need training as we have not had an official training in over 10 years.</p> <p>Additionally, we need to purchase licensing software as we are using excel.</p>	



(1) Incremental Budget Request

Name of Request: Operating Expenses & Additional FTE

Type: Recurring

Incremental Amount Requested for FY 2027
\$300,000 For a Total of \$500,000

Since we have our own agency number, we have many more expenses:

