

Urban Forestry Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2025

1. Call to Order of the Urban Forestry Commission

Co-Chairperson Lugene Jones called the regular meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission to order at 4:30 PM, Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in Main Street Conference Room A at the City Hall (22 E Main St) in Edmond, Oklahoma. The agenda for this meeting was posted in the City Hall Breezeway, December 05, 2025 at 9:31 am.

Members Present: Co-Chairs Lugene Jones and Kurt Atkinson, Ed Cunliff, Dena Bleeker, Stefanie Harris, and Esen Yildirim, Youth Member.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leigh Martin, Shain Armstrong, Ken Bryan, and Zach Paty.

2. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes

Correction to minutes needed, Esen Yildirim was named under guests, and he is a member of the commission.

Motion made by Ed Cunliff, seconded by Kurt Atkinson to approve meeting minutes with correction made from November 12, 2025.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Introduction of Guests.

Taylor Wilson – Edmond Citizen.

Reyna Behl – Marketing

Katy King – City Council's office

AJ Krieger – City Manager

4. Discussion of Suggested Updates to the Urban Forestry Commission Ordinance Found in Section 2.92 of the Edmond Municipal Code.

Katy King presented the Commission's Ordinance and asked what changes they would like to make to be sure that it is up to date with other ordinances. There were suggestions including updating the definition and responsibilities of the youth member and possibly expanding to include other projects the Urban Forestry Department oversees.

5. Urban Forestry Progress Report.

Leigh Martin discussed updates to the activity report template and gave an overview of information in the Urban Forestry Activity Reports from November 2025.

6. Consideration of Approval of Alternatively Qualified Professional (AQP) Renewal Application.

The Commissioner went over application for Jed Pitzer with Pitzer's Lawn Management.

Motion made by Ed Cunliff, seconded by Stefanie Harris to approve the application.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion of Arbor Week Planning.

Leigh Martin discussed the upcoming Arbor Week ideas. Arbor Week Planning will start beginning of 2026.

8. Discussion of 2025 Urban Forestry Commission Goals.

- Connect tree planting efforts with the Route 66 Centennial celebration.
- Develop an education campaign on Firewise land management practices.
- Partner with a nonprofit to obtain funding and support for Urban Forestry Commission projects.
- Plan potential educational programming for the Charles D. Lamb Nature Preserve.

9. Citizen Comments.

Taylor Wilson, Edmond Citizen, asked if easement holders must give notice. Ken Bryan stated to call the Planning Department.

10. Comments from the Urban Forestry Commission Chair and Members.

Lugene Jones stated that it has been a great year and she is very proud of this group.

11. Adjournment.

Motion made by Dena Bleeker, seconded by Ed Cunliff to adjourn the Urban Forestry Commission meeting at 5:27 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.



Lugene Jones

Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission



Kurt Atkinson

Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission