

Urban Forestry Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2026

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, February 11, 2026, 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, February 06, 2026 at 10:09 am.

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

Members Absent: Justin Scott.

Staff Present: Leigh Martin, Ken Bryan, Shain Armstrong, and Ava Zrenda.

2. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Dena Blecker, seconded by Ed Cunliff to approve meeting minutes from January 14, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Introduction of Guests.

Taylor Wilson and Mike Scharrer, citizens.

4. 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 January 2026.

5. Discussion of Arbor Week Planning.

Leigh Martin gave an update on the Arbor Week events and gave information about volunteer events.

6. Discussion of Urban Forestry Commission Goals.

1. Leigh Martin and Zach Paty have been in contact with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful and they are donating five trees that must be planted near Route 66.
2. Lugene Jones contacted a sophomore in Tennessee regarding a program about rural fire prevention. She will send the information out, if needed.

7. Judging of the Arbor Day Art Contest Entries.

The Committee members were given ballots and asked to judge artwork based on "Trees in our town" from fifth graders in Edmond Public Schools.

8. Citizen Comments.

Mike Scharrer asked about the education program at the Nature Preserve and asked for more information regarding tree planting along Route 66. He also stated that the signage is missing from the Arboretum.

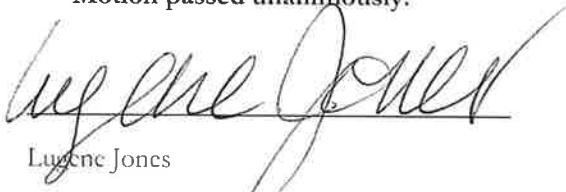
9. Comments from the Urban Forestry Commission Chair and Members.

None.

10. Adjournment.

Motion made by Ed Cunliff, seconded by Dena Blecker to adjourn the Urban Forestry Commission meeting at 5:04 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Eugene Jones

Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission

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Kurt Atkinson

Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission