

Urban Forestry Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 08, 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, April 08, 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, April 03, 2026 at 7:56 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None.

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

2. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Ed Cunliff, seconded by Dena Bleeker to approve meeting minutes from March 11, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Introduction of Guests.

John Harkess and Mike Scharrer, Edmond 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 March 2026.

5. Review of 2026 Arbor Week Celebration.

Leigh Martin gave an update regarding multiple activities and recognitions of the 2026 Arbor Week.

- Trees in our town artwork display at Edmond History Museum
- Multiple City Council Presentations
- Arbor Day Art Show reception
- Twenty Scavenger Hunt stations around Edmond
- Twenty-nine trees planted at the Edmond Senior Center

6. Presentation of the Unified Development Code by Becca Smith, Planning Department.

Becca Patrick, City Planner, gave an overview presentation and update to the Unified Development Code with more of a focus on the Landscape Standards Section.

7. Discussion and Consideration of Urban Forestry Commission Officer Nominations.

Motion by Stefanie Harris and seconded by Dena Bleeker to nominate Lugene Jones as Chair and Kurt Atkinson as Vice-Chair.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion of Urban Forestry Commission Goals.

1. Jesse Benne, Edmond Fire Marshall, will be at the May Urban Forestry Commission meeting to discuss Fire Prevention.
2. Other goals are currently on hold.

9. Citizen Comments.

None.

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

None.

11. Adjournment.

Motion made by Dena Bleeker, seconded by Ed Cunliff to adjourn the Urban Forestry Commission meeting at 5:40 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.



Eugene Jones

Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission



Kurt Atkinson

Co-Chairperson, Urban Forestry Commission