

# Oklahoma State Senate

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## REVISED MEETING NOTICE

September 17, 2021

### Business, Commerce and Tourism

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**SUBJECT:** REVISED Business, Commerce and Tourism Meeting

**DATE:** **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

**TIME:** **09:30 AM**

**LOCATION:** Senate Room 230, State Capitol Building

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#### AGENDA:

9:30am

IS-2021-52 Economic benefits of cultural tourism - National Civil Rights Trail

Senator Matthews

1. Opening remarks - Senator Matthews
2. Progress update 13 original Blacks towns initiatives - Trait Thompson & Larry O'Dell, Oklahoma Historical Society
3. Opportunities for tourism and visitor expansion - Oklahoma Department of Tourism
4. Economic impact from other states connected to the Civil Rights Trail - Senator Matthews
5. Current tourism attractions from some of the 13 original Black towns - Dr. Donnie and Shirley Nero, Black Educators Museum, Clearview, OK; Frances Shelton, Mayor, Boley, OK; report on Smithsonian grant, Karen Ekuban, Boley, OK
6. Questions and Conclusion

1:30pm

IS-2021-33 Enhancing economic opportunity and quality of life of Oklahomans with disabilities through transportation and

workforce development

Senator Boren

7. Opening remarks - Senator Boren

Part I: Problems and Solutions

8. Melinda Freundt, Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services

9. Olivia Hook, Manager of Development, Oklahoma Transit Association

10. Kendra McGeady, Director of Transit, Grand Gateway Economic Development Association

Part II: Funding Opportunities

11. Jared Schwennesen, Multi-Modal Division Manager, Oklahoma Department of Transportation

12. Questions and Conclusion

13. Other business

**Senator James Leewright, Chair**  
**Senator Bill Coleman, Vice Chair**

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