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## **Recommendations of National Academy of Public Administration Panel Unanimously Adopted by Oklahoma Task Force**

WASHINGTON, DC – A report from a Panel of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), containing findings and recommendations for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC), was recently reviewed and unanimously adopted by Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment Michael Teague and the Second Century Task Force established by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin.

Secretary Teague and the Task Force convened on November 15 to review the Academy Panel report analyzing the eight components of Governor Fallin’s Executive Order seeking recommendations on the operations of the OCC, which regulates oil drilling permits and environmental assessments, tanks for storage of petroleum, enforcement of truck weight limitations, and consumer rates for electricity. The Academy was charged with examining the Commission’s performance, including efficiency and effectiveness, and making recommendations to enhance its ability to meet future challenges.

The five-member Academy Panel and its study team examined the mission, performance, staffing, funding, and structure of the OCC and made recommendations based on research and data collected from diverse sources, which included OCC commissioners and staff, stakeholders, as well as other state regulatory commissions, researchers, and associations.

The Panel made a series of observations and findings, culminating in 23 proposed recommended changes the OCC should implement to achieve its mission. The Panel found that the OCC could benefit from strengthening three critical governance and management capabilities: 1) performance measurement and management—measuring outputs to gauge efficiency and outcomes to evaluate mission accomplishment; 2) rigorous strategic planning with emphasis on the future of the industries it regulates; and 3) organizational changes to facilitate the accomplishment of its mission and future requirements. After reviewing the report, Secretary Teague and the Task Force unanimously approved its adoption.

“The importance of the OCC to the state of Oklahoma and its citizens cannot be overstated,” said Dan Crippen, Chairman of the Academy Panel. “The OCC has a broad mission and faces a number of complex challenges, including rapidly changing technologies in the energy,

transportation, and public utilities industries it regulates. Based on its findings, the Panel report offers a roadmap to transform the OCC into a more future-oriented, efficient and effective organization.”

NAPA President and CEO Teresa Gerton applauded the report as an example of the Academy’s capabilities and contributions to assisting with state challenges: “As a Congressionally-chartered non-partisan and non-profit organization with more than 900 distinguished Fellows, the Academy has the unique ability to bring nationally recognized public administration experts together to help states like Oklahoma address their challenges. We were pleased to have had the opportunity to assist Oklahoma’s Second Century Task Force by conducting this assessment and I expect that the Panel report will guide Task Force members and OCC commissioners to further strengthen the OCC’s mission performance and contribute positively to the industries and citizens of Oklahoma.”

The Academy Panel report on the OCC can be found [here](#), with the complete list of recommendations under Appendix K.

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