

DOWNTOWN LAWTON ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MAY 05, 2026

Minutes of the Downtown Lawton Architectural Review Committee special meeting held May 05, 2026, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The agenda for the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Evan Watson.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT Evan Watson
 Jesse Cross*
 Darren Medders
 John Purcell
 Allee Passmore

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Christine James, Planning Director
 Kameron Good, Senior Planner
 Christina Ryans-Huffer, Planner I
 Jennifer Wynne, Recording Secretary
 Garrett Lam, Assistant City Attorney

The meeting has established a quorum and was posted according to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. 301-314.

* Jesse Cross arrived at 1:35 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approving minutes from the special meeting on March 17, 2026.

Motion by Medders, Second by Purcell to approve the minutes from the special meeting on March 17, 2026. **Aye: Medders, Purcell, Watson **Nay:** None **Abstain:** Passmore **Motion Passed 3-0-1****

* Allee Passmore abstained as she was not present at this meeting.

2. Consider approving a Certificate of Architectural Conformance for signage for Free Bird Bail Bonds located at 607 SW C Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501 and take action as necessary.

Christy Ryans-Huffer: An application has been submitted for the signage for the new Free Bird Bail Bonds located at 607 Southwest C. The proposal is a building there. On it is 27x120 inches single sided sign with an internal LED light and then the flat acrylic case. This is within your jurisdiction to approve. We have noticed that there is signage on the window of that building, and so, because the title was generic enough to cover signage and window signs are allowed in the downtown area. You would be approving, or what you say we would make sure that that would be the compliance. So, I would be happy to answer any questions.

John Purcell: I just have a question on this because I thought before this has a sign on the window that says enter through law office door. And I thought there was some flack before when we went through this drill several years ago that you couldn't have an entrance for a bail bonds office through a lawyer 's office. Is that still valid?

Christine James: So, that's nothing the Planning Department controls.

Christy Ryans-Huffer: Yes, and I don't know. You would have to get with the Building Division or an attorney.

Evan Watson: I know there was like some issue at the time like with the Bar Association about whether or not the bar viewed the law office and the bail bonds office as sharing an office. I know that that bail bonds business, or the bail bonds business that was before this, has been in there. So, I don't exactly know what happened with all that. But I think there's consistently been a bail bonds office run out of there.

John Purcell: OK. But there's nothing in city stuff that would impact on that?

Christine James: We can't read signs for content. All we can say is that the location and the coverage. We can't read signs for content.

John Purcell: OK.

Christine James: I can't tell you that that sign says invalid.

John Purcell: Oh, OK. Well forget it.

Christine James: Yes.

Kameron Good: Presenting the elevation as it is, that would be including the windows signs as proposed.

Christine James: Yes, and then Kameron can make a note for the building official that they are already installed, and again, that should double their permit cost that that would be enforced by the Building Division. But we will give them that note if it is so approved by this board.

Evan Watson: Well, thoughts?

John Purcell: Meets all the requirements other than they put it up too early, doesn't it?

Evan Watson: Sounds like there's some penalty for that.

Motion by Passmore, Second by Medders to approve a Certificate of Architectural Conformance for signage for Free Bird Bail Bonds located at 607 SW C Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501 and take action as necessary. **Aye:** Purcell, Passmore, Watson, Medders **Nay:** None **Motion Passed 4-0**

Commissioner's Reports or Comments

None

Secretary's Report

Christine James: When is this Hatch's six months up?

Christy Ryans-Huffer: I got it on the calendar. I'll have to look.

Christine James: OK. So, we do have a note on the calendar for the awning, the outdoor seating area, and the brick on the columns. If they did something within six months, they have to bring that up. So, we do have a note on our calendar. Keep an eye on that Hatch. So, just FYI. Six months go by really fast.

Allee Passmore: Was it six though? I thought we give them longer than that.

Christine James: Maybe it was a year.

Allee Passmore: I thought it was eighteen.

Christine James: That goes by quick too.

Audience Participation

None

Adjournment

Motion by Medders, Second by Purcell to adjourn the meeting. **Aye:** Passmore, Watson, Cross, Medders, Purcell **Nay:** None **Motion Passed 5-0**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

These meeting minutes were approved by the DLARC members at their meeting on

2026-05-19

Evan Watson

Chairman

Downtown Lawton Architectural Review Committee