

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 HOUSE BILL 2244

By: Cleveland

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;
8 mandating time for questions at open meetings;
9 providing for codification; and providing an
10 effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 315 of Title 25, unless there is
14 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 There shall be a minimum mandatory time set aside for questions
16 at each meeting that is open to the public pursuant to the Oklahoma
17 Open Meeting Act as follows:

18 1. Individuals with questions at an open meeting shall receive
19 a minimum of three (3) to five (5) minutes to ask a question. The
20 public body holding the meeting reserves the right to determine
21 exactly how much time to allow for the question within the three-to-
22 five-minute time range. Following the question, a reasonable
23 response to the question shall be given;

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2. Questions asked are required to relate to an item on the current agenda for the meeting at which the person is appearing; and

3. Questions that relate to the subject matter of any executive session shall not be allowed.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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