



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OKLAHOMA INTERCOLLEGIATE LEGISLATURE

OPINION 2016-20F

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Honorable Delegates and Members,

There has been another official legally binding opinion requested. The question submitted is “Does the Governor have the authority to appoint people to executive branch positions that aren't specifically listed in the Constitution or Statutes?”

My opinion is Yes.

I root my reasoning under Title Five, Chapter Two of the Statutes where it states that “The Governor...shall have the power to create all such positions that he or she shall deem necessary to complete the functions of the Executive Branch.” So, as long as those positions are deemed necessary, the Governor may create and appoint persons to those positions.

Respectfully,

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