



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 3, 2016
MINUTES**

I. MEETING CONVENED:

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at the OML offices located at 201 N.E. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK. President Brown called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Officers and Directors present were:

President	Mike Brown, Mayor, Weatherford
Vice President	Bill Shewey, Mayor, Enid
Immediate Past President	James Couch, Oklahoma City, City Manager

Directors:

District 1	Elaine Carr, Mayor, W Siloam Springs
District 2	Jason Nichols, Mayor, Tahlequah
District 3	Jeff Shockley, Mayor, Poteau
District 4	JD Spohn, City Manager, Ardmore
District 5	Beverly Rodgers, Mayor, Holdenville
District 6	Michael Phillips, Councilmember, Sand Springs
District 7	Homer Nicholson, Mayor, Ponca City (arrived at 12:55 p.m.)
District 8	Randy Ross, Mayor, Choctaw
District 9	Fred Fitch, Mayor, Lawton
District 10	Jason Hulin, Councilmember, Clinton
District 11	Richard Chapman, Mayor, Gage
Towns	Dennis Heath, City Manager, Stonewall
Broken Arrow, Alternate	Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Norman	Cindy Rosenthal, Mayor (left at 1:55 p.m.)
Tulsa	Jim Twombly, City Manager, Tulsa

Officers and Directors Absent:

Broken Arrow	Craig Thurmond, Mayor
Tulsa	Dewey Bartlett, Jr. Mayor, Tulsa
Oklahoma City	Mick Cornett, Mayor, Oklahoma City
Oklahoma City	Michael Stonecipher, Councilmember, OKC
Norman, Alternate	Greg Jungman, Mayor Pro Tem, Norman

Guests Present:

Contract Lobbyist
Cassandra Patterson
LaDonna Sinning
Lindsey Bradley
Dr. Terry Cline

Shawn Lepard
UCO Mentee to Director
Arledge & Associates
Arledge & Associates
OSDH

Staff Present:

Executive Director
Executive Assistant
General Counsel
Director of Governmental Relations
Program Manager

Carolyn Stager
Nancee Morris
Sue Ann Nicely
Missy Dean
Cheryl Adams

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments.

III. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Consideration and action to accept and approve items on the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Minutes of the January 2016 meeting
 - b. Financial statement for January 2016
 - c. Monthly check ledger for January 2016
2. Consideration and possible action on items removed from the Consent Agenda.

President Brown asked for questions. With no questions a motion was made by D. Heath with a second by M. Spurgeon to approve the consent agenda as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

IV. BUSINESS AGENDA:

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (President Mike Brown)
President Brown thanked Carolyn Stager and Missy Dean for their efforts at the capitol and ensuring that cities and towns voices were being heard.

No formal action was taken.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Carolyn Stager, Executive Director)
 - Director Stager updated the Board on OML activities during the month of January. A summary report of Ms. Stager's activities is attached.

No formal action was taken.

3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Missy Dean, Director of Governmental Relations)

STATE ISSUES

- A. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 58 and HB 3146 which allows municipalities' the ability to create a limited municipal criminal court of record for prosecution of DUI offenses.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Spurgeon and seconded by M. Phillips to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- B. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 3022 that creates the "No Jail for Paint Act" prohibiting municipalities from adopting any ordinance creating a criminal offense or imposing a criminal fine or penalty for failure of a property owner to maintain or clean the structure or exterior of property.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by J. Couch and seconded by H. Nicholson to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R.

Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- C. **INFORMATION:** Support HB 2925, SB 1251 and SB 1301 which creates E-fairness in the State of Oklahoma.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by F. Fitch and seconded by R. Ross to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- D. **INFORMATION:** Support HB 3126 which is the 9-1-1 reform and funding bill. This bill will improve transparency and accountability for 9-1-1 fees. Provides state coordination for improved 9-1-1 service delivery. Replaces funding being lost due to the drop in landlines. Increase the wireless fee from .50 cents to .75 cents.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by H. Nicholson and seconded by M. Phillips to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- E. **INFORMATION:** Oppose SB 1289 which prohibits municipalities and counties from enacting regulations not in conformity with state statutes.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by C. Rosenthal to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- F. **INFORMATION:** Support HB 2446 which defines beneficial uses of bodies of water as a compelling state interest.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by M. Spurgeon to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- G. **INFORMATION:** Oppose SB 1563 which amends the process for recall of municipal officials requiring only 15% of voters who can recall a candidate and does not allow the recalled official to run.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by F. Fitch and seconded by M. Spurgeon to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- H. **INFORMATION:** Support HB 2451 which amends the population threshold that will allow county commissioners to assist with repair or maintenance

of streets if a municipality has passed a sales tax with proceeds earmarked for transportation needs.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by F. Fitch to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- I. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 1275 which creates the Task Force for the Study of the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code to review state and local sales tax rates, exemptions Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, impact of Congressional action on nexus and other matters the Task Force deems relevant.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by C. Rosenthal to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- J. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 1282 which directs the Oklahoma Tax Commission to enhance agency efforts to discover and reduce fraud and abuse of sales tax.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by D. Heath and seconded by F. Fitch to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- K. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 1484 which lowers the state sales tax rate to 3.75% and directs the Oklahoma Tax Commission to develop a comprehensive and detailed list of services subject to sales tax in other states.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by M. Spurgeon to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

- L. **INFORMATION:** Support HJR 1058 which increases the tax on each pack of cigarettes by \$1.50. Additional revenue will go to fund teacher salary increases, health care insurance and the University Hospitals Authority for pediatric cancer treatment and research.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by J. Twombly to approve the recommendation as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

4. Dr. Terry Cline, Commissioner of Health at the Oklahoma State Department of Health presented a bill to the board that would raise the state's cigarette tax by \$1.50 per pack.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by F. Fitch to support the bill.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

5. C. Stager presented to the board a request to vote to allow Tony Davenport to continue to be the OML appointee for the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement Board.

After further discussion a motion was made by F. Fitch and seconded by M. Phillips to approve the request.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

6. Stager presented to the board the request to approve a joint resolution among OML, MESO, CMAO, OMCTFOA and MCO to support education and a comprehensive tax reform but opposing the proposed state penny sales tax increase.

After further discussion and a motion was made by H. Nicholson and seconded by F. Fitch to approve the request. C. Rosenthal asked for a friendly amendment to revise one sentence within the resolution which was accepted by Mr. Fitch and Mr. Phillips. (See the attached revision)

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

7. L. Sinning of Arledge & Associates presented the board with the OML Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for June 30, 2015 and 2014 for their approval.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by E. Carr to approve the report as presented.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, C. Rosenthal, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

ABSTAINED: R. Ross

Motion carried.

8. J. Twombly, Chair of the OML Reserve Fund Committee gave an update to the board regarding the progress of the committee and reported that the committee would be meeting again March 2, 2016.

No formal action was taken.

9. C. Adams, OML Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the 2016 OML Building improvements.

No formal action was taken.

10. C. Stager requested the board approve former OML employee Belinda McClure's application to begin receiving her OkMRF retirement pension.

After further discussion a motion was made by M. Phillips and seconded by M. Spurgeon to approve the request.

YES VOTES: E. Carr, J. Nichols, J. Shockley, J Spohn, B. Rodgers, M. Phillips, H. Nicholson, R. Ross, F. Fitch, J. Hulin, R. Chapman, D. Heath, M. Spurgeon, J. Twombly, J. Couch, B. Shewey, M. Brown

NO VOTES: none

All voted yes. Motion carried.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. No executive session was requested.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Director Stager informed the board of Jeanne Tramel's worsened condition and let them know a card was being circulated.
2. E. Carr informed the board that her husband, Rodney, had been diagnosed with severe form of arthritis and was undergoing treatment.
3. Director Stager told the board that Leadership Oklahoma was currently taking applications for the upcoming Class and to let her know if any were interested in applying.

4. M. Phillips reported that he attended the Oklahoma Policy Institute event this week and found it to be informative. He also told the board that Mayor Cindy Rosenthal, Norman did an outstanding job as a panelist during the event.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Carolyn Stager, Executive Director