



**Board of Directors Meeting  
April 5, 2023**

**Minutes**

**I. MEETING CONVENED**

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at the OML Office located at 201 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105** and virtually via Zoom. President Ray Poland called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Officers and Directors present were:

President	Ray Poland, Mayor, Jones
Vice President	Pam Polk, City Manager, Collinsville
Past President	Kim Peterson, Mayor, Guymon

Directors:

District 1	Michael Hart, City Administrator, Commerce
District 2	Dwayne Elam, City Manager, Wagoner (via Zoom)
District 3	Scotty White, Mayor, Poteau
District 5	William Joyce, Mayor, Stillwater
District 6	Joyce Calvert, Mayor, Glenpool
District 7	Homer Nicholson, Mayor, Ponca City (via Zoom)
District 8	Nikki Lloyd, Mayor, Bethany
District 10	Mike Brown, Mayor, Weatherford
District 11	Kelly Parker, Mayor, Alva
Towns West	Craig Parham, Mayor, Amber
Towns East	Karl Burkhardt, Town Administrator, Stonewall
Broken Arrow	Debra Wimpee, Mayor, Broken Arrow
Oklahoma City	Craig Freeman, City Manager, Oklahoma City
Norman	Larry Heikkila, Mayor, Norman
Tulsa	Jed Cochran, Chief of Intergovt. Affairs, Tulsa, Alt.

Officers and Directors absent:

District 4	Cody Holcomb, City Manager, Ada
District 9	Kimberly Meek, City Manager, Duncan
Broken Arrow	Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Norman	Lauren Schueler, Council Member, Norman Alt.

Tulsa  
Edmond

G.T. Bynum, Mayor, Tulsa  
Darrell Davis, Mayor, Edmond

Staff Present:

Executive Director	Mike Fina
Chief of Staff	Nancee Morris
General Counsel	Daniel McClure
Associate General Counsel	Christian Rhinehart
Legislative Liaison	Thomas Lewis
Director of Communications	Leslie Blair
Executive Assistant	MJ Barton
Outreach Specialist	April Bradbury
Accounting Manager	Cathy Pulver

Guest:

Tribal-Municipal Affairs Specialist                      Kathleen Elliott

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration and action to accept and approve items on the Consent Agenda.
  - a) Minutes of the March 2023 meeting.
  - b) Financial statements for March 2023.
  - c) Monthly check ledgers for March 2023.

R. Poland asked for questions. With no further questions a motion was made by C. Parham with a second by M. Hart to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Yes Votes:** C. Parham, M. Hart, D. Elam, S. White, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, N. Lloyd, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Heikkila, K. Peterson, P. Polk, R. Poland.

**No Votes:** None.

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

**IV. BUSINESS AGENDA**

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Ray Poland, OML President). President Poland informed the board of their trip to Washington DC with Mayor Kim Peterson and Executive Director Mike Fina where they were joined with Melinda Grantham of JTS Financial. They met with 3 congressional delegates: Bice, Mullen, and Langford. Had several good meetings.

No formal action taken.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina informed the board of the upcoming Southern Municipal Conference inviting board members to attend if they are able. The Broadband office has hired an executive director. Director Fina reported on OML staff changes. OML employee MJ Barton's last day is today, April 5, 2023. OML employee Cathy Pulver will be retiring after 22 years. This will be her last OML staff meeting. Discussed how well things are going with the partnerships we are forming with the tribes.

No formal action taken.

3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Daniel McClure, General Counsel).

- A. **INFORMATION:** Support the amendment of SB 155 by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) and Rep. Ken Luttrell (R-Ponca City) allows retail spirits licensees to operate within a city or town with less than two (200) people if such licensees are located within two (2) miles of the city limits of a city or town with a population in excess of twenty thousand to redirect authority back to municipalities.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- B. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 116 by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Danny Williams (R-Seminole) creates a one thousand (1,000) feet setback requirement from any religious organization for medical marijuana commercial grower facilities. The bill provides that facilities already licensed and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of a religious organization or located in an area in which a place of worship is established at a later date shall not be barred from license renewal.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- C. **INFORMATION:** Support negotiation of including language regarding local control on HB 2452 by Rep. Suzanne Schreiber (D-Tulsa) and Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) prohibits local governing authorities from promulgating local regulations that permit or require a license of family childcare homes to exceed or limit the capacity provided by the license granted to the family childcare home licensee by DHS.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- D. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2150 by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) adds municipal road construction to the list of exemptions of the Fair Pay for Construction Act. Effective November 1, 2023, any and all current retainage shall be returned to the contractor.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- E. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2857 by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Grant Green (R-Wellston) allows a supplier that is or has been operating under a franchise granted by the voters of a municipality may continue to collect related voter approved franchise fees until such legal actions and uncertainties have been resolved, provided that during such period such collections shall be place in escrow if legal actions have commenced or reasonable legal uncertainty exists related to the status of expiration, extension, or renewal of a franchise agreement.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- F. **INFORMATION:** Support on-going negotiations regarding HB 2398 by Rep. Neil Hays (R-Muskogee) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) amends Worker's Compensation in 85A O.S. Section 13 authorizing mental injury or illness as a compensable injury, without a physical injury, for a first responder who suffers post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after responding to an emergency.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- G. **INFORMATION:** Support amending language of HB 2373 by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) amends Section 154 of Title 51 by increasing the limits of liability of the Governmental Tort Claims Act.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- H. **INFORMATION:** Oppose any amendments to HB 2089 by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) provides that municipal zoning decisions are legislative in nature and valid unless the challenging party proves the ordinance lacks a substantial relation to the public health, safety, or general welfare of the public in light of objective and relevant facts, or if the decision constitutes an unreasonable, arbitrary exercise of police power. If the validity of a challenged zoning ordinance or zoning decision is fairly debatable, in light of objective and relevant facts, the legislative judgment of the municipality must stand.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- I. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2134 by Rep. John George (R-Newalla) and Sen. Grant Green (R-Wellston) modifies the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) allowing the Board to have the power to set an unfair labor practice matter for hearing, take evidence and decide the questions presented.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- J. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2135 by Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) and Sen. Grant Green (R-Wellston) creates the Oklahoma Right to Drive Act.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- K. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2191 by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Todd Gollihare (R-Kellyville) prohibits the taking of private property or damaged by a condemning authority unless the taking or damage is necessary for public use and with just compensation.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- L. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2287 by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) and Sen. Greg McCortney (R-Ada) creates the position of a Public Access Counselor in the Office of the Attorney General. Any person whose request to inspect or copy a public record is denied by a public body, except the Legislature and committees, commissions, and agencies thereof, may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor not later than sixty (6) days after the date of the final denial.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- M. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2161 by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) requires at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members, staff, employees or seats of any government committee, board, agency, department, office, or entity that investigates law enforcement officer misconduct, influences the conduct of or certifies law enforcement officer misconduct investigations, recommends disciplinary actions for law enforcement officer misconduct or imposes discipline for law enforcement officer misconduct must be law enforcement officers certified by the CLEET and who are of any rank and who are from the same department or agency as the law enforcement officer who is the subject of the investigation or disciplinary action.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- N. **INFORMATION:** Support HB 2259 by Rep. Danny Sterling (R-Tecumseh) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) establishes a court cost compliance program beginning November 1, 2023. The purpose of the program shall assist county sheriffs and the courts of this state with the collection of fines, costs, fees, and assessments associated with cases in which a warrant has been issued and the case has been referred to the court cost compliance program.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- O. **INFORMATION:** Support Tulsa proposed language on SB 1099 by Pro Tempore Greg Treat (R-OKC) and Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) amends the time frame for an application to be processed on a nondiscriminatory basis established by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 1.6003 (c).

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

McClure discussed State Issues (A-O). R. Poland asked for questions. With no further discussion, a motion was made by M. Hart with a second by S. White to approve the recommendations as presented.

**Yes Votes:** M. Hart, S. White, D. Elam, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, N. Lloyd, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Heikkila, K. Peterson, P. Polk, R. Poland.

**No Votes:** None.

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

4. Update on Tribal Outreach by Dr. Kathleen Elliott. Dr. Elliott shared *Killers of the Flower Moon* will be released at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Tribal Symposium Conference in Choctaw; everyone is invited to attend this event. Dr. Elliott is requesting if you know anyone that has a mental health / tribal influence, please email contact information to her. Dr. Elliott is looking to create a panel for a future symposium.
5. Update on OML advisory councils (Mike Fina, Executive Director). TABLED
6. Discussion regarding the Executive Director's performance process (Ray Poland, OML President) President Poland discussed with the board the executive director performance evaluations will be emailed to them by OML Chief of Staff, Nancee Morris.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if requested):**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

1. There being no further business, R. Poland adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

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Mike Fina, Executive Director