



**Board of Directors Meeting
January 4, 2023**

Minutes

I. MEETING CONVENED

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met at 12:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at the OML Office located at 201 NE 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105** and virtually via Zoom. President Ray Poland called the meeting to order at 11:59 p.m.

Officers and Directors present were:

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

Directors:

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| District 1 | Michael Hart, City Administrator, Commerce (via Zoom) |
| 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 |
| District 8 | Nikki Lloyd, Mayor, Bethany |
| District 9 | Kimberly Meek, City Manager, Duncan |
| District 10 | Mike Brown, Mayor, Weatherford (via Zoom) |
| District 11 | Kelly Parker, Mayor, Alva |
| Towns East | Karl Burkhardt, Town Administrator, Stonewall |
| Towns West | Craig Parham, Mayor, Amber |
| Broken Arrow | Michael Spurgeon, City Manager, Broken Arrow Alt. |
| Oklahoma City | Craig Freeman, City Manager, Oklahoma City |
| Norman | Larry Heikkila, Mayor, Norman |

Officers and Directors absent:

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| District 4 | Cody Holcomb, City Manager, Ada |
| Broken Arrow | Debra Wimpee, Mayor, Broken Arrow |

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Lauren Schueler, Council Member, Norman Alt.
G.T. Bynum, Mayor, Tulsa
Jed Cochran, Chief of Intergovt. Affairs, Tulsa, Alt.
Darrell Davis, Mayor, Edmond

Staff Present:

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| Executive Director | Mike Fina |
| Chief of Staff | Nancee Morris |
| General Counsel | Daniel McClure |
| Associate General Counsel | Christian Rhinehart |
| Director of Communications | Leslie Blair |
| Director of Programs | Adrienne Covington Graham |
| Executive Assistant | MJ Barton |

Guests:

Lawton Stan Booker, Mayor, Lawton

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action to accept and approve items on the Consent Agenda.
 - a) Minutes of the December 2022 meeting.
 - b) Financial statements for December 2022.
 - c) Monthly check ledgers for December 2022.

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

Yes Votes: M. Hart, D. Elam, S. White, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, M. Spurgeon, C. Freeman, 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 welcomed Will Joyce, Mayor of Stillwater and Joyce Calvert, Mayor of Glenpool to the board.

No formal action taken

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina updated the board of upcoming tribal and broadband events in January and Congress of Mayors in February.

No formal action taken.

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

- A. **INFORMATION:** Support using the Arkansas legislation regarding the Oklahoma Home-based Business Fairness Act as a compromise to Sen. Bergstrom's proposed SB 46, authorizing the use of residential homes for certain businesses and allowing municipalities to set their own regulation standards for home-based businesses.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- B. **INFORMATION:** Support creating a fund collected from aggregate taxation revenue. This fund would be something that counties in Oklahoma could opt into and would split revenue between counties and municipalities based on a percentage founded via population.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- C. **INFORMATION:** Support amending Title 53, Section 154 of the Oklahoma State Statutes which sets the standard rates for government tort claims. The amendment would raise the caps set in place.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- D. **INFORMATION:** Support amending Title 51, Section 24A.7 of the Oklahoma State Statutes that sets the parameters for what is and is not considered confidential under the Oklahoma Open Records Act. The amendment would give discretion to each municipality to determine whether a personnel record is confidential in nature or not.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- E. **INFORMATION:** Support amending Title 11, Section 27-104 of the Oklahoma State Statutes which lays out the framework for being a municipal judge in the state of Oklahoma. The amendment would create a certification program that will be managed by the Oklahoma Municipal Judges Association and will follow recommendations from the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- F. **INFORMATION:** Support the creation of an unfunded mandate bill that would make it unlawful for the State to implement any unfunded mandate upon any political subdivision unless a specific appropriation is made to fully reimburse the political subdivisions at the time of the unfunded mandate.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- G. **INFORMATION:** Oppose amending Title 11, Section 45 et seq. of the Oklahoma State Statutes to allow a preemption on municipalities ability to create a Comprehensive Plan.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- H. **INFORMATION:** Oppose SB 15 by Sen. Casey Murdock that prohibits any governmental entity entering into a contract with a company for the purchase of goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

D. McClure discussed State Issues (A-H). R. Poland asked for questions. With no further discussion, a motion was made by K. Parker with a second by M. Spurgeon to approve the recommendations as presented.

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

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding President Poland's recommendation for the District 8 board seat.

President Poland asked for questions. With no further discussion a motion was made by M. Hart with a second by M. Spurgeon to approve Nikki Lloyd, Mayor of Bethany, for the District 8 board seat.

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

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

5. Discussion and possible action to create OML advisory commissions to provide additional leadership opportunities for members (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina informed the board on plans to create advisory councils.

No formal action taken.

6. Update on the upcoming Congress of Mayors (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina informed the board of the leadership positions for the upcoming MCO Congress of Mayors.

No formal action taken.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if requested):

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no further business, R. Poland adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Mike Fina, Executive Director