



**Board of Directors Meeting
March 1, 2023**

Minutes

I. MEETING CONVENED

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met at 12:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 1, 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 12:00 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
District 3	Scotty White, Mayor, Poteau
District 4	Cody Holcomb, City Manager, Ada (via Zoom 12:02)
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 (via Zoom)
District 9	Kimberly Meek, City Manager, Duncan (via Zoom)
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:

Norman	Lauren Schueler, Council Member, Norman Alt.
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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

Guests:

Broken Arrow	Michael Spurgeon, City Manager, Broken Arrow Alt.
Piedmont	Kurt Mayabb, Former Mayor of Piedmont

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Yes Votes: M. Hart, D. Elam, S. White, C. Holcomb, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, N. Lloyd, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, S. Wimpee, C. Freeman, L. Heikkila, J. Cochran, 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 the American Indian Chamber of Commerce event that was attended by Director Fina, Dr. Elliott and himself, signing a joint MOU in an effort to build relationships with the Tribal Nations. He also informed the board of the upcoming Southern Municipal Conference that will be held in San Antonio.

No formal action taken.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina updated the board on previous OML events and the partnership with OMAG for future events.

No formal action taken.

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

- A. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 1095 by Sen. Green and HB 1969 by Rep. Newton which allows municipality with a population of four thousand (4,000) or less may employ a retired police officer who is more than forty-five (45) years of age and are actively receiving retirement benefits. A retired police officer employed under this subsection shall not be eligible to accrue further years of service in the System.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- B. **INFORMATION:** Support the modification of HB 2538 by Rep. Lawson that modifies investment procedures for local governments adding local government investment pools which investments consists of those items and those restrictions specified in paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- C. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 960 by Sen. Bullard which authorizes any county in this state to levy a tax upon the severance of all materials which are surface mined, not including coal, for purposes of producing aggregate within the territorial limits of the county by any lawfully recognized for-profit business entity in an amount specified in the special election called. The bill establishes procedures for the question to be presented to the voters.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- D. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2556 by Rep. McBride which authorizes the Construction Industries Board to implement the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC). The bill also repeals the Chief Executive Officer and legal advisor positions for OUBCC.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- E. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 2089 by Echols which provides that decisions as to comprehensive and master plans, zoning classifications, and planned unit developments, and as to applications for amendments, changes, modifications, revisions, or applications relating to legislative municipal procedures, in which the municipal governing body shall refrain from arbitrary and unreasonable exercises of its police powers, and must conform to the following requirements: 1) municipal

power to interfere by zoning or land use regulations with general rights of property owner is limited; 2) rezoning or land use applications shall not be denied on the sole basis of noncompliance with a comprehensive plan or master plan; 3) the notice and hearing provisions in Sections 43-104 through 43-106, are intended to provide members of the public with a right to be heard and explain how their interests are affected and bring to the attention of the governing body any objective, relevant and basic physical facts that may have been overlooked.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

F. **INFORMATION:** Oppose SB 1103 by Sen. Treat which creates the Ratepayer Protection Act of 2023. provides options for electric utilities to file certain plan notices. The bill provides for approval of certain plan subject to regulations and prohibits certain electric utilities from filing applications prior to a certain date.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

G. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 1823 by Rep. Conley which changes election dates for municipal elections to the general election dates.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

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

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

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the recommendations of the Service Fee Committee (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina updated the board on the discussion with the Service Fee Committee. Increase to service fees will be scaled over the next 5 years and Use Tax will be included in the formula.

President Poland asked for questions. With no further discussion a motion was made by N. Lloyd with a second by W. Joyce to approve changing the formula for the 2023-24 Service Fees. The base will increase \$50 per year for the next 5 years for those with an original base of \$400. Base will increase \$75 a year for the next 5 years for those with an original base of \$500 & \$550. The formula will now include the Use Tax, starting with .001 x 1% of Use Tax. The amount to multiply will increase by .001 each year for the next five years.

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

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

5. Update on OML Advisory Councils (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina updated the board on the potential structure for the advisory councils.

No formal action taken.

6. Update on Tribal outreach (Dr. Kathleen Elliott, Tribal/Municipal Affairs Specialist). Dr. Elliott updated the board on future tribal symposiums.

No formal action taken.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if requested):

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vice President Polk updated the board on an ICMA conference she recently attended.
2. M. Hart updated the board on the Public Administrator group that is designed to help those new to municipal government.
3. D. Wimpee updated the board on the March 15th Rock the Roses event in Broken Arrow.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mike Fina, Executive Director