



The Unified Voice of Oklahoma Cities and Towns

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 19, 2022

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED:

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, virtually via GoToMeeting. President Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Officers and Directors present were:

President	Kim Peterson, Vice Mayor, Guymon
Vice President	Ray Poland, Mayor, Jones
Past President	Randy Ross, Mayor, Choctaw
<u>Directors:</u>	
District 1	Michael Hart, City Administrator, Commerce
District 3	Stephen Brinlee, Mayor, Wilburton
District 7	Homer Nicholson, Mayor, Ponca City
District 10	Mike Brown, Mayor, Weatherford
District 11	Kelly Parker, Mayor, Alva
Towns East	Karl Burkhardt, Town Administrator, Stonewall
Broken Arrow	Debra Wimpee, Mayor, Broken Arrow
Oklahoma City	Craig Freeman, City Manager, Oklahoma City
Tulsa	Jed Cochran, Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs, Tulsa, Alt.
Norman	Breea Clark, Mayor, Norman

Officers and Directors absent:

District 2	Dwayne Elam, City Manager, Wagoner
District 4	Cody Holcomb, City Manager, Ada
District 5	Buck Day, City Manager, McLoud
District 6	Pamela Polk, City Manager, Collinsville
District 8	Matt White, Mayor, El Reno
District 9	Kimberly Meek, City Manager, Duncan
Tulsa	G.T. Bynum, Mayor, Tulsa

Towns West

Vacant

Staff Present:

Executive Director	Mike Fina
Deputy Director/General Counsel	Sue Ann Nicely
Director of Operations	Nancee Morris
Deputy General Counsel	Daniel McClure
Membership Services Assistant	Amanda Baker
Associate General Counsel	Christian Rhinehart
Conference and Programs Manager	Sarah Lingenfelter
Programs Director	Adrienne Covington-Graham

Guest:

Mayor Craig Parham, Amber
Mayor Scotty White, Poteau

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action to accept and approve items on the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting
 - b. Financial statements for December 2021
 - c. Monthly check ledgers December 2021

President Peterson asked for questions. With no further questions, a motion was made by R. Ross with a second by R. Poland to approve the consent agenda as presented.

YES VOTES: M. Hart, S. Brinlee, H. Nicholson, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Clark, R. Ross, R. Poland, K. Peterson.

NO VOTES: None.

All voted yes. Motion carried.

II. BUSINESS AGENDA:

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Kim Peterson, OML President) President Peterson thanked OML staff, Director Fina and the OML Board for all their hard work and hoped that everyone had a great Christmas. President Peterson reported that 2022 is going to be a great year. He is excited about OML assisting municipalities to get their ARPA funding. He reported that he is expecting great things with this legislative session and as the session starts he would like OML Board members to reach out to Daniel McClure when they are in town for some lobbying at the capitol. He thanked Sue Ann for all that she has done for OML in her 36 years of service and said that her knowledge and wisdom will be missed.

No formal action taken

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mike Fina, Executive Director) Director Fina started off with an apology to the City Managers that are on the board, for picking a day when CMAO has their Winter Conference. He reported that OML and MHS have a booth set up at the CMAO conference. He discussed the final rule regarding ARPA funding as well as revenue loss. He reported that he is excited to have OML's new Programs Manager, Adrienne Covington-Graham and OML's new Communications Director, Leslie Blair (Please see ED Report for further information and details).

No formal action taken.

3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Daniel McClure, Deputy General Counsel). D. McClure presented the board with an update on the Legislative Committee's 2022 Legislative priorities and their efforts as they are prepared for the 2022 Legislative Session.

- A. INFORMATION:** Support SB1177 by Sen. Simpson which indicates that veterans declared disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs have their disability rating listed on their state issued identification.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- B. INFORMATION:** Monitor SB1094 by Sen. Merrick which preempts municipalities from regulating the flying of flags within their municipalities.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- C. INFORMATION:** Oppose SB 1109 by Sen. Rogers which prevents the use of unmarked police cars in traffic stops.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- D. INFORMATION:** Oppose SB1214 by Rep. Standridge which requires municipalities to disclose the risk factors of mask wearing and/or medical device use when they are requiring the use of said face masks and/or medical devices within the municipal limits.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

E. INFORMATION: Support language by Sen. Rader which requires smaller municipalities to have their municipal candidates disclose any campaign contributions totaling over \$1,000.00

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

F. INFORMATION: Support language proposed by OHA which allows public bodies to hold executive session for governance self-evaluation.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

G. INFORMATION: Support SB1182 by Rep. Carol Bush which prevents counties from having dual regulation in municipal boundaries.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

After further discussion, a motion was made by R. Ross and seconded by M. Brown to approve the Legislative Committee's recommendations as presented.

YES VOTES: M. Hart, S. Brinlee, H. Nicholson, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Clark, R. Ross, R. Poland, K. Peterson.

NO VOTES: None.
All voted yes. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the nominees presented by President Peterson for the Towns West board seat vacancy (Kim Peterson, OML President).

- Craig Parham, Mayor, Amber

After further discussion, a motion was made by S. Brinlee and seconded by H. Nicholson to approve of the new Towns West OML Board Member, Craig Parham, Mayor, Amber.

YES VOTES: M. Hart, S. Brinlee, H. Nicholson, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Clark, R. Ross, R. Poland, K. Peterson.

NO VOTES: None.
All voted yes. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action to replace Sue Ann Nicely as the OkMRF pension authorized agent upon her retirement to Christian Rinehart (Nancee Morris, Director of Operations).

After further discussion, a motion was made by K. Parker and seconded by M. Hart to approve the replacement of Sue Ann Nicely upon her retirement, to Christian Rinehart as the new OkMRF pension authorized agent.

YES VOTES: M. Hart, S. Brinlee, H. Nicholson, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Clark, R. Ross, R. Poland, K. Peterson.

NO VOTES: None.
All voted yes. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to appoint a new member to sit on the OML Facility Committee due to the resignation of Todd Finley (Mike Fina, Executive Director). President Peterson recommended Craig Parham, Mayor of Amber to replace Todd Finley on the Facilities Committee.

After further discussion, a motion was made by S. Brinlee and seconded by R. Poland to approve President Peterson's recommendation, to replace Todd Finley with Craig Parham as the new Facilities Committee Member.

YES VOTES: M. Hart, S. Brinlee, H. Nicholson, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Clark, R. Ross, R. Poland, K. Peterson.

NO VOTES: None.
All voted yes. Motion carried

7. Discussion and approval of OML employee Sue Ann Nicely to begin receiving her OkMRF retirement pension as of February 1, 2022 (Mike Fina, Executive Director).

After further discussion, a motion was made by R. Ross and seconded by H. Nicholson to approve of Sue Ann Nicely receiving her OkMRF retirement pension as of February 1, 2022.

YES VOTES: M. Hart, S. Brinlee, H. Nicholson, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Clark, R. Ross, R. Poland, K. Peterson.

NO VOTES: None.

All voted yes. Motion carried

8. Consider and approve a lump sum payment of the OkMRF retirement pension to OML former employee Kay Hunt (Mike Fina, Executive Director).

After further discussion, a motion was made by K. Parker and seconded by R. Ross to approve the lump sum payment from OkMRF retirement pension to Kay Hunt.

YES VOTES: M. Hart, S. Brinlee, H. Nicholson, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Clark, R. Ross, R. Poland, K. Peterson.

NO VOTES: None.

All voted yes. Motion carried

9. Discussion and approval of former OML employee Mary A. Cook to begin receiving her OkMRF retirement pension as February 1, 2022 (Mike Fina, Executive Director).

After further discussion, a motion was made by C. Freeman and seconded by R. Poland to approve of Mary A. Cook receiving her OkMRF retirement pension as of February 1, 2022.

YES VOTES: M. Hart, S. Brinlee, H. Nicholson, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Clark, R. Ross, R. Poland, K. Peterson.

NO VOTES: None.

All voted yes. Motion carried

10. Update on upcoming Congress of Mayors (Sarah Lingenfelter, Conference and Programs Manager). S. Lingenfelter discussed the upcoming 11th annual Congress of Mayors and reported that members can sign up online, they can pick their committee they want to serve on and there is no cost. Additionally, she encouraged the Board Members to get their City Managers and town/city councils involved.

No formal action taken.

11. Update from the Strategic Planning Committee (Breea Clark, Mayor, Norman). B. Clark reported that their first meeting went great, they zeroed in on a couple of items for the strategic planning. She said they need Board Members to engage because this is a strategic plan for OML. She said they will be sending a survey out soon and encouraged all other board members to participate. She expressed how important it is to have the OML Board's feedback for the strategic plan process.

No formal action taken.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if requested):

V. NEW BUSINESS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

1. With no further action to be taken the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 a.m.

Mike Fina, Executive Director