



**Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 2023**

Minutes

I. MEETING CONVENED

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at the OML Office located at 201 NE 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105** and virtually via Zoom. President Pam Polk called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

Officers and Directors present were:

President	Pam Polk, City Manager, Collinsville
Vice President	Scotty White, Mayor, Poteau
Past President	Kim Peterson, Mayor, Guymon
<u>Directors:</u>	
District 1	Michael Hart, City Administrator, Commerce
District 3	Leah Savage, City Manager, Hugo
District 5	William Joyce, Mayor, Stillwater
District 6	Joyce Calvert, Mayor, Glenpool
District 8	Nikki Lloyd, Mayor, Bethany
District 9	Kimberly Meek, City Manager, Duncan
District 10	Mike Brown, Mayor, Weatherford
District 11	Kelly Parker, Mayor, Alva
Towns East	Karl Burkhardt, Town Administrator, Stonewall (Zoom)
Towns West	Craig Parham, Mayor, Amber
Broken Arrow	Debra Wimpee, Mayor, Broken Arrow (Zoom 12:39 p.m.)
Broken Arrow	Michael Spurgeon, City Manager (Zoom)
Oklahoma City	Craig Freeman, City Manager, Oklahoma City
Tulsa	Jed Cochran, Chief of Intergovt. Affairs, Tulsa, Alt.
Edmond	Barry K. Moore, Councilmember

Officers and Directors absent:

District 2	Dwayne Elam, City Manager, Wagoner
District 4	Cody Holcomb, City Manager, Ada
District 7	Homer Nicholson, Mayor, Ponca City
Tulsa	G.T. Bynum, Mayor, Tulsa
Edmond	Darrell Davis, Mayor, Edmond
Norman	Larry Heikkila, Mayor, Norman
Norman	Lauren Schueler, Council Member, Norman Alt.

Staff Present:

Executive Director	Mike Fina
Chief of Staff	Nancee Morris
Associate General Counsel	Christian Rinehart
Legislative Liaison	Thomas Lewis
Director of Communications	Leslie Blair
Outreach Specialist	April Bradbury
Administrative Assistant	Kay Edwards

Guest:

Mayor	Jason Dockins, North Enid
Mayor	Missy Wilkinson, Jones
Mayor	Brett Shaw, Morrison
Mayor	Stan Booker, Lawton
Guest	Keith Robinson, Glenpool

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action to accept and approve items on the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Minutes of the August 2023 meeting.
 - b. Financial statements for June 2023.
 - c. Monthly check ledgers for June 2023.
2. Consideration and possible action on items removed from the Consent Agenda.

President Polk asked for questions. With no further questions a motion was made by C. Parham with a second by J. Calvert to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Yes Votes: M. Hart, L. Savage, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, N. Lloyd, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, M. Spurgeon, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White, P. Polk.

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

IV. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina discussed his trip to NLC in Colorado. Take away from discussions with other directors was that OML is doing a great job. Briefly discussed July being a calm month at OML. August is the start of legislative efforts for the new season.

No formal action taken.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Pam Polk, OML President)
President Polk discussed the progress the OML staff were making with the conference. President Polk stated she looks forward to seeing everyone at the Thursday banquet.

No formal action taken.

3. OML Board Member Orientation and Responsibilities (Mike Fina, Executive Director)
Director Fina introduced new board members Leah Savage, City Manager of Hugo and Barry Moore, Councilmember of Edmond to the board and guests. Board members were given time to share encouraging words. Director Fina and the board reviewed the OML governance book.

No formal action taken.

4. LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Leslie Blair, Director of Communications)
L. Blair presented the legislative report. President Polk asked for questions.

A motion was made by K. Parker with a second by M. Hart to approve the following recommendations.

A. INFORMATION: Continue to prioritize HB2108 by Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) provides a definition for "public health emergency" to mean an occurrence of imminent threat of an illness or health condition that poses a high probability of a large number of deaths or serious or long-term disabilities in the affected population, or widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses a significant risk of harm to a large number of people in the affected population, for which the Governor or an elected official or officials of a political subdivision are authorized by law to declare an emergency.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

B. INFORMATION: Continue to prioritize HB2234 by Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) requires resellers to obtain a separate sale for resale exemption permit issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) in order to make use of the sales for resale sales tax exemption.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

C. INFORMATION: Continue to prioritize HB2362 by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) directs the governing body of each municipality that requests the biennial agreed-upon-procedures engagement to determine the establishment of policies related to adjustments, write-downs, or write-offs for various receivables due to the municipality and/or the utility-related trust and select a sample of adjustments to test for adherence to policies and for appropriate supporting documentation

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

D. INFORMATION: Continue to prioritize SB108 by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) gives authority to the court to order a person to complete a substance abuse assessment and evaluation and a diversion program if they are found guilty of misdemeanor for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

Carryover Bills from the 2023 Legislative Session that OML Will Continue to Support.

E. INFORMATION: Continue to support HB1051 by Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) requires any political subdivision to keep confidential any Geographic Information System (GIS) files or paper maps it receives following a request for said files or maps from a utility.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

F. INFORMATION: Continue to support HB2136 by Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Blake Stephens (R-Tahlequah) authorizes the governing body of a city or town to authorize the concealed carry of handguns into any structure, building or office space, except those places listed in paragraph 2 of this subsection, which is owned or leased by a city or town.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

G. INFORMATION: Continue to support HB2230 by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) requires payment to an individual for any item sold that is listed or has components of items listed in subsection C of this section shall be delayed for a minimum of fifteen (15) days from the date of sale.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

H. INFORMATION: Continue to support SJR11 by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) allows the Legislature to enact or amend by statute provisions related to sex offenders if such provisions are rationally related to protecting the public from sex-based crimes.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.
Carryover Bills from the 2023 Legislative Session that OML Will Continue to Oppose

I. INFORMATION: Oppose HB1967 by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) and Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) authorizes any county to levy a sales tax of not to exceed one percent (1%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.
Member Generated Legislative 2024 Requests – Priority

J. INFORMATION: Prioritize legislation that would require annual certificate of compliance from municipalities to OMMA for any renewal of a marijuana dispensary, grower, or processor license.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

K. INFORMATION: Prioritize legislation amending O.S. 63 Section 683.24 which governs the civil disaster relief matching fund. Amendments would relieve municipalities from carrying funding for disaster response for years after the event.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

L. INFORMATION: Prioritize legislation amending O.S. 11 Section 17-301 to ensure compliance and mitigate the effect of bills that would place large unfunded mandates on municipalities.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

M. INFORMATION: Prioritize legislation amending O.S. 69 Section 1208 that would allow for the installation of cameras or other public safety equipment to be installed on State highways.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.
Member Generated 2024 Legislative Requests - Support

N. INFORMATION: Support legislation amending O.S. 2 Section 15-68 which governs county commissioner elections. Amendments would be made to: election dates, ballot format, and the supervision of the elections.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

O. INFORMATION: Support legislation allowing for code enforcement officials to regulate mere vacant buildings as they constitute and lead up to the dilapidation of property and the cause of community health, safety and welfare issues.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

P. INFORMATION: Support legislation amending O.S. 68 Section 1356 to allow public trust projects to have the same tax-exempt status as that of municipalities.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

Q. INFORMATION: Support legislation amending how Rural Fire Districts receive notice concerning municipal annexation.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.
Proactive Approaches to Legislative Issues in the 2024 Session

R. INFORMATION: Support legislation amending the Collective Bargaining dispute process.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

S. INFORMATION: Support legislation creating a municipal PTSD proposal.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

T. INFORMATION: Support legislation repealing HB 1965 by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) that authorizes electric, telecommunications, and broadband providers to utilize existing electrical utility easements to provide or expand access to broadband services.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

U. INFORMATION: Support legislation that removes partisanship from municipal bidding requirements. ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

Yes Votes: M. Hart, L. Savage, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, N. Lloyd, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White, P. Polk.

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the development of an OML Investment Pool for Oklahoma Municipalities. (Mike Fina, Executive Director)
Director Fina informed the board of the recent meeting with VML to discuss their investment pool. Christian Rinehart, Associate General Counsel, reported that the next step will be to create an interlocal. After further discussion a motion was made by K. Parker and second by W. Joyce to approve to proceed.

Yes Votes: M. Hart, L. Savage, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, N. Lloyd, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, M. Spurgeon, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White, P. Polk.
No Votes: None.
All voted yes. Motion Carried.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding standardizing benchmarking metrics and how OML can potentially assist. (Mike Fina, Executive Director, Stan Booker, Mayor, Lawton)
S. Booker provided a presentation to the board. He requested a committee be formed to move the plan forward. After further discussion a motion was made by K. Parker and seconded by Will Joyce to form a committee and move forward with the project.

Yes Votes: M. Hart, L. Savage, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, N. Lloyd, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White, P. Polk.
No Votes: None.
All voted yes. Motion Carried.

7. Update on OML Annual Conference. (Mike Fina, Executive Director)
Director Fina provided conference and expo numbers, stating this year is looking to be bigger than ever. Staff are doing a great job and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in OKC this year.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if requested):

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Polk adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Mike Fina, Executive Director