



**Board of Directors Meeting
January 3, 2024**

Minutes

I. MEETING CONVENED

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 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 12:00 p.m.

Officers and Directors present were:

President	Pam Polk, City Manager, Collinsville
Vice President	Scotty White, Mayor, Poteau
Past President	Kim Peterson, Mayor, Guymon (left 1:00 pm)

Directors:

District 1	Michael Hart, City Administrator, Commerce
District 2	Dwayne Elam, City Manager, Wagoner
District 3	Leah Savage, City Manager, Hugo
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 10	Mike Brown, Mayor, Weatherford
District 11	Kelly Parker, Mayor, Alva
Towns East	Karl Burkhardt, Town Administrator, Stonewall
Towns West	Craig Parham, Mayor, Amber
Broken Arrow	Debra Wimpee, Mayor, Broken Arrow
Oklahoma City	Craig Freeman, City Manager, Oklahoma City
Edmond	Barry K. Moore, Councilmember
Norman	Larry Heikkila, Mayor, Norman

Officers and Directors absent:

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

OML Staff Present:

Executive Director	Mike Fina
Deputy Director	Nancee Morris
Outreach Specialist	April Bradbury
Associate General Counsel	Christian Rinehart
Director of Communications	Leslie Blair
Director of Educ & Programs	Sarah Lingenfelter

Legislative Liaison

Megan Buchanan

Guests present were:

Broken Arrow

North Enid

Lawton

MHS / JTS Financial

OML Liaison

OK Attorney General

Healthy Minds Policy

Hall Estill

Love Law Firm

Public Trust Advisors

Public Trust Advisors

Floyd & Driver Law Firm

Michael Spurgeon, City Manager

Jason Dockins, Mayor

Stan Booker, Mayor

Melinda Grantham, Municipal Health Advocate

Ray Poland, Tribal-Municipal Affairs Specialist

Terry Simonson, Special Counsel

Jessica Hawkins, Director of Community & Systems
Initiatives

Elaine Turner, Attorney

Margarett Love, Attorney

Chris Devo

Matt Star

David Floyd

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session began at 12:02 p.m.

President Polk moved the executive session to the beginning of the meeting. The board discussed confidential communications with outside legal counsel concerning current administrative personnel matters and pending inquiries.

A motion was made by C Freeman and seconded by K Parker to return from executive session at 1:28 p.m.

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

No Votes: None

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action to accept and approve items on the Consent Agenda.

President Polk asked if anyone had questions. With no discussion K. Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented and received a second by W. Joyce.

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

No Votes: None

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

IV. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Pam Polk, OML President)

President Polk shared with the board it has been a great holiday season and welcomed everyone into the new year.

No formal action taken.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mike Fina, Executive Director).
Director Fina discussed on 1/12/24 will be the Tribal Symposium in Miami and everyone that is able to attend is welcome. Director Fina thanked Ray Poland and Karl Burkhardt for their hard work in preparation for this event.

This is an interesting year for the NLC as they are celebrating a 100-year milestone and will celebrate by travelling to various states. As Oklahoma was one of the founding states of NLC, Director Fina plans to apply to bring the NLC tour to our state.

No formal action taken.

3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Leslie Blair, Director of Communications)
L. Blair presented the legislative report. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Vice President S. White with a second by B. Moore to approve the following recommendation.

- A. **INFORMATION:** Oppose any piece of legislation that does away with municipal sales tax.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- B. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 1301 and SB 1322 that creates new criminal penalties on assault and battery against municipal, county and state officials engaged in the lawful performance of their duties.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- C. **INFORMATION:** Oppose SB 1369 requires water districts, corporations, and municipally owned utilities over 10,000 persons but below 50,000 to pay 50% of the costs and expenses for the removal and relocation of municipally owned utilities constructed in rights of way.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

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

No Votes: None

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

4. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the recommendation from the President for the District 9 board seat being Mayor Stan Booker of Lawton. After a brief discussion a motion to approve was given by H. Nicholson with a second by C. Freeman.

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

No Votes: None

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

5. Presentation on the Opioid Abatement Grants. (Pam Polk, OML President)
President Polk introduced Terry Simonson who gave a presentation on the Opioid Abatement Grants. T. Simonson and Jessica Hawkins discussed the details of who qualifies and the scheduled dates to apply. The next abatement meeting will be January 17th at 1:30 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

No formal action taken.

6. Discussion regarding the District 4 board seat. (Mike Fina, Executive Director)
Director Fina shared district 4 on the OML Board is now vacant, due to Cody Holcomb resignation from the board.

No formal action taken.

7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the Oklahoma Local Government Investment Pool Interlocal. (Public Trust Administrators & Christian Rinehart, Assoc. General Counsel)

C. Rinehart, David Floyd, and guests from Public Trust Advisors discussed the Local Government Investment Pool Interlocal document and the OML board seat for the Interlocal.

Motion to approve the Oklahoma Local Government Investment Pool by D. Elam with a second by K. Parker.

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

No Votes: None

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

8. Update on the upcoming 2024 Congress of Mayors. (Sarah Lingenfelter, Director of Education and Programs) S. Lingenfelter gave a brief update on the Congress of Mayors. This is a free event and can't wait to see everyone there.

No formal action taken.

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (if requested):** (President Polk moved the executive session to follow directly after roll call.)

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Polk adjourned the meeting at 2:09 pm.

Mike Fina, Executive Director