



**Board of Directors Meeting  
March 6, 2024**

**Minutes**

**I. MEETING CONVENED**

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at the OML Office located at 201 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105 and virtually via Zoom.** President Pam Polk called the meeting to order at 2:11 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

Directors:

District 1, Michael Hart, City Administrator, Commerce  
District 4, Danny Delay, City Manager, Atoka  
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  
Towns East, Karl Burkhardt, Town Administrator, Stonewall  
Towns West, Craig Parham, Mayor, Amber  
Broken Arrow, Debra Wimpee, Mayor  
Oklahoma City, Craig Freeman, City Manager  
Tulsa Jed Cochran, Government Relations Representative, Alternate  
Norman, Lauren Schueler, Council Member (via Zoom)  
Edmond, Barry K. Moore, Councilmember

Officers and Directors absent:

District 2, Dwayne Elam, City Administrator, Wagoner  
District 3, Leah Savage, City Manager, Hugo  
District 9, Stan Booker, Mayor, Lawton  
District 11, Kelly Parker, Mayor, Alva  
Tulsa, G.T. Bynum, Mayor  
Norman, Larry Heikkila, Mayor  
Edmond, Darrell Davis, Mayor

OML Staff Present:

Executive Director, Mike Fina  
Deputy Director, Nancee Morris

Associate General Counsel, Christian Rinehart  
Director of Communications & Legislative Affairs, Leslie Blair  
Legal Assistant, Megan Buchanan  
Outreach Specialist, April Bradbury  
Accounting Assistant, Emily Hooge

Guests present were:

Broken Arrow, Michael Spurgeon, City Manager  
OML Representative, Ray Poland, Tribal-Municipal Affairs Specialist  
North Enid, Jason Dockins, Mayor  
McAlester, John Browne, Mayor  
Attorney, Margaret Love, Love Law Firm  
Robert Johnston (via Zoom)

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration and action to accept and approve items on the Consent Agenda.
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President Polk asked for any questions. After there being no discussion J. Calvert motioned to approve as is with a second from K. D. Wimpee.

**Yes Votes:** M. Hart, D. Delay, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, N. Lloyd, M. Brown, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Schueler, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White, P. Polk

**No Votes:** None

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

**III. BUSINESS AGENDA**

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

President Polk shared with the board Stan Booker's wife's funeral will be Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Last week President Polk took a trip to Washington, DC with Executive Director Fina and D. Wimpee. OML received an award for being one of the 10 founding members.

No formal action taken.

2. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Mike Fina, Executive Director)

Director Fina stated last week's trip was very good. Heard from Secretary of transportation Pete Buttigieg while in DC.

Attended a tribal even in Bartlesville with Ray Poland.

Went to Ada to the Chickasaw Nation for a Tribal Symposium. Governor Anoatubby spoke for over an hour about sovereignty. This was one of the best symposiums we've had yet. The Muscogee Nation Symposium is being rescheduled.

The Legislative Reception is this afternoon at 4:30 pm; everyone is encouraged to attend.

The 2024 Annual Conference & Expo theme is *Municipal Stars: Lights, Camera, Action!*

No formal action taken.

3. **LEGISLATIVE REPORT** (Leslie Blair, Director of Communications & Legislative Affairs) L. Blair presented the legislative report. A motion was made by M. Brown with a second by S. White to approve the following recommendations.

- A. **INFORMATION:** Oppose the one percent increase to municipalities in SB 102 which increases law enforcement salary contributions to the Police Pension and Retirement System Police Pension and Retirement System.

**ACTION REQUEST:** OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- B. **INFORMATION:** Oppose SB 1863 which permits counties to establish districts under the Local Development Act in incorporated areas.

**ACTION REQUEST:** OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- C. **INFORMATION:** Oppose counties being able to access any additional sales tax dollars for County Economic Development Organizations in HB 4070 and SB 1807

**ACTION REQUEST:** OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- D. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 4118 which outlines requirements of Nutrient Management Plans for poultry operations to prevent state waters from coming into direct contact with poultry or poultry waste and provides for operators in compliance.

**ACTION REQUEST:** OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- E. **INFORMATION:** Support SB 1331 which allows Waste and Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Program to make loans to certain projects.

**ACTION REQUEST:** OML Board of Directors approve the recommendations.

**Yes Votes:** M. Hart, D. Delay, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, N. Lloyd, M. Brown, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Schueler, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White, P. Polk

**No Votes:** None

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** (Nancee Morris, Deputy Director)  
Deputy Director Morris gave a report on the February Financial Statement and Check Register. After brief discussion and Executive Director Fina sharing that OML has a new employee named Emily Hooge, \_\_\_\_\_ motioned to approve the February financial report with a second by K. Burkhardt.

**Yes Votes:** M. Hart, D. Delay, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, N. Lloyd, M. Brown, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Schueler, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White, P. Polk

**No Votes:** None

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

5. Update by Chairman Spurgeon regarding the Bylaws and Policy Committee. (Michael Spurgeon, Chair, Broken Arrow, City Manager)  
Everyone has 30 days to submit any questions about the bylaws. The updates we've worked on is section 5.2, page 7, Duties of a Committee. We hope to wrap this up by August. Any amendments must be given 30 days prior. Christian Rinehart stated they are looking at other league's bylaws as well.

**Yes Votes:** M. Hart, D. Delay, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, N. Lloyd, M. Brown, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Schueler, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White, P. Polk

**No Votes:** None

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if requested):**

1. **Discussion and possible action to enter into executive session with outside counsel and OML executive staff regarding a personnel issue.** A motion was made by K. Parker with a second by J. Calvert. The executive session began at 12:41 p.m.

**Yes Votes:** D. Elam, L. Savage, D. Delay, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, S. Booker, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, J. Cochran, L. Heikkila, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White.

**No Votes:** None

**Did not vote:** N. Lloyd

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

2. **Vote to convene into open session and possible actions related to items discussed.** At 12:55 p.m. a motion was made by B. Moore with a second by D. Elam to convene into open session with possible actions related to items discussed.

**Yes Votes:** D. Elam, L. Savage, D. Delay, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, S. Booker, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, L. Heikkila, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White.

**No Votes:** None

**Did not vote:** N. Lloyd

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

3. **Discussion and possible action to enter into executive session with OML executive staff regarding a personnel issue.** At 1:00 p.m. a motion was made by K. Parker to go into executive session with the executive team and to exclude board member Nikki Lloyd. S Booker requested to amend the motion by adding "after the discussion in executive session, the board would determine if board member Lloyd would be brought into executive session to be informed of the content." The amended motion was accepted by K Parker.

**Yes Votes:** D. Elam, L. Savage, D. Delay, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, S. Booker, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, J. Cochran, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White.

**No Votes:** L. Heikkila

**Did not vote:** N. Lloyd

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

4. **Vote to convene into open session and possible actions related to items discussed.** At 1:15 p.m. K. Peterson made a motion to convene back into open session with possible actions related to items discussed with a second from B. Moore.

**Yes Votes:** D. Elam, L. Savage, D. Delay, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, S. Booker, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, L. Heikkila, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White.

**No Votes:** None

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

**V.**      **NEW BUSINESS**

1. B Moore provided an update to the board regarding the progress of the Personnel Committee.

No formal action taken.

2. A motion was made by B. Moore and seconded by D Elam to move to authorize the executive director to negotiate on behalf of OML as discussed in executive session with relation to Item IV - 1.

**Yes Votes:** D. Elam, L. Savage, D. Delay, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, S. Booker, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, D. Wimpee, L. Heikkila, B. Moore, K. Peterson, S. White.

**No Votes:** None

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

**VI.**      **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, S. Booker motioned to adjourn with a second from K. Peterson at 1:16 p.m.

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Mike Fina, Executive Director