



**Board of Directors Meeting  
May 3, 2023**

**Minutes**

**I. MEETING CONVENED**

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at the OML Office located at 201 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105** and virtually via Zoom. President Ray Poland called the meeting to order at 12:03 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 (via Zoom)
District 3	Scotty White, Mayor, Poteau
District 4	Cody Holcomb, City Manager, Ada
District 5	William Joyce, Mayor, Stillwater
District 6	Joyce Calvert, Mayor, Glenpool
District 7	Homer Nicholson, Mayor, Ponca City (via Zoom)
District 9	Kimberly Meek, City Manager, Duncan (via Zoom) (left 12:26 pm)
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:**

District 8	Nikki Lloyd, Mayor, Bethany
Norman	Lauren Schueler, Council Member, Norman Alt.

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Edmond

G.T. Bynum, Mayor, Tulsa  
Darrell Davis, Mayor, Edmond

Staff Present:

Executive Director	Mike Fina
Chief of Staff	Nancee Morris
General Counsel	Daniel McClure
Director of Communications	Leslie Blair
Outreach Specialist	April Bradbury

Guest:

Broken Arrow	Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Tribal-Municipal Affairs Specialist	Kathleen Elliott
Mayor	John Brown, McAlester
Spouse	Kelly Poland
JTS	Melinda Grantham

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

R. Poland asked for questions. With no further questions a motion was made by C. Parham with a second by M. Hart to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Yes Votes:** C. Parham, M. Hart, D. Elam, S. White, C. Holcomb, W. Joyce, J. Calvert, H. Nicholson, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, D. Wimpee, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Heikkila, 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 the Southern Municipal Conference was a great meeting. This will be President Poland's last meeting. Vice president Pam Polk will take over as president.

No formal action taken.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina informed the board of President Ray Poland staying connected with OML in the

capacity of outreach with the tribal events. Director Fina attended the NLC in April and enjoyed the event. Wants to participate more with the Southern Municipal Conference. Next event will be in West Virginia and would be worth it to attend. The former mayor of Fort Worth, Betty Price, was a phenomenal speaker and it would be great if we could get her to Oklahoma. The Broadband office has hired Mike Sanders as Executive Director. Friday's Tribal Symposium in Lawton focused on Public Safety. After today OML will have our first female board president, Pam Polk.

No formal action taken.

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

- A. **INFORMATION:** Oppose HB 1792 by Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) creates the Oklahoma Crime Reclassification Act of 2023. The bill establishes a classification for all felony criminal offenses provided for in the Oklahoma Statutes and sets forth maximum fines for each classification.

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

- B. **INFORMATION:** Support making amendments to HB 2053 by Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) provides if the Boards final action to approve an application is appealed, the applicant may take and use groundwater as set forth in the approval of the permit while any appeals are pending with the Board, in district court, or in the appellate courts.

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

McClure discussed State Issues (A & B). R. Poland asked for questions. With no further discussion, a motion was made by M. Hart with a second by S. White to approve the recommendations as presented.

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

**No Votes:** None.

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

4. Update regarding changes in reporting of financials to the board. (Mike Fina, Executive Director) Director Fina discusses OML is now using new process which includes Arledge for accounting. The financials we see will look slightly different but will be more streamlined. Previously the monthly financials would close on the 20<sup>th</sup> and will now close on the last day of the month so the books will be even. President Poland asked if we could have Arledge come here and explain what the new process will look like. Director Fina said yes, they could.

No formal action taken.

5. Discussion and possible action to nominate and elect the OML Vice-President to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of the election year. (Ray Poland, OML President)

President Poland nominated the vice president Pam Polk to fill the president seat for the remainder of the year. President Poland also nominated the Scotty White to fill the vice president seat for the remainder of the year.

A motion was made by K. Peterson with a second by J. Calvert to approve the recommendations as presented.

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

**No Votes:** None.

**All voted yes. Motion Carried.**

6. Update on OML advisory councils (Mike Fina, Executive Director)

Director Fina informed the board of the changes within the districts for this program. There are an average of 110 municipalities per district. We will officially launch this at the annual conference. The issues we discuss here at our monthly meetings and over at the capitol will be brought to the advisory committees and will assist in educating the municipal officials of legislative concerns. This will make what we do at the capitol even stronger.

No formal action was taken.

7. Discussion regarding the timeline of the Executive Director's performance evaluation process (Pamela Polk, OML Vice-President) President Polk shared the timeline of this Friday as the deadline to turn in the Executive Director evaluations.

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

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

1. There being no further business, P. Polk adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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Mike Fina, Executive Director