



Board of Directors Meeting August 3, 2022

Minutes

I. MEETING CONVENED

The Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors met at 12:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at the OML Office located at 201 NE 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105** and virtually via GoToMeeting. President Kim Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:46 p.m.

Officers and Directors present were:

President

Kim Peterson, Mayor, Guymon

Vice President

Ray Poland, Mayor, Jones

Directors:

District 1

Michael Hart, City Administrator, Commerce

District 2

Dwayne Elam, City Manager, Wagoner

District 4

Cody Holcomb, City Manager, Ada

District 5

Buck Day, City Manager, McCloud

District 6

Pamela Polk, City Manager, Collinsville

District 7

Homer Nicholson, Mayor, Ponca City

District 8

Matt White, Mayor, El Reno

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

Towns West

Craig Parham, Mayor, Amber

Oklahoma City

Craig Freeman, City Manager, Oklahoma City

Broken Arrow

Debra Wimpee, Mayor, Broken Arrow (via zoom 1:15)

Tulsa

Jed Cochran, Chief of Intergovt. Affairs, Tulsa, Alt.

Norman

Larry Heikkila, Mayor, Norman

Officers and Directors absent:

Past President	Randy Ross, Mayor, Choctaw
District 3	Stephen Brinlee, Mayor, Wilburton
Broken Arrow	Michael Spurgeon, City Manager, Broken Arrow Alt.
Tulsa	G.T. Bynum, Mayor, Tulsa
Norman	Lauren Schueler, Council Member, Norman Alt.
Edmond	Darrell Davis, Mayor, Edmond

Staff Present:

Executive Director	Mike Fina
Chief of Staff	Nancee Morris
General Counsel	Daniel McClure
Associate General Counsel	Christian Rhinehart
Programs Director	Adrienne Covington-Graham
Director of Communications	Leslie Blair
Conference/Program Manager	Sarah Lingenfelter

Guests:

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and action to accept and approve items on the Consent Agenda.
 - a) Minutes of the June 2022 meeting.
 - b) Financial statements for June and July 2022.
 - c) Monthly check ledgers for June and July 2022.

K. Peterson asked for questions. With no further questions a motion was made by K. Parker with a second by M. Brown to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Yes Votes: M. Hart, D. Elam, C. Holcomb, B. Day, P. Polk, H. Nicholson, M. White, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Heikkila, K. Peterson, R. Poland.

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

IV. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Kim Peterson, OML President). President Peterson stated the MCO Summer Conference went very well and that OML is on track for the annual conference.

No formal action taken

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mike Fina, Executive Director). Director Fina informed the board that the City of Edmond will now have a seat on the board. He also updated the board on how the relaunched Direct Outreach program is going and the Legislative District meetings. He reminded the board of the upcoming Krebs dinner and invited them to attend. Director Fina also requested nominations for the awards for the annual conference.

No formal action taken.

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

- a. **INFORMATION:** Support and make priority the legislative intent to propose that the Sex Offender Registration and Notice of Duty to Register laws be standardized, regardless of conviction date, based on the "level" and whether he/she is designated as Aggravated and/or Habitual.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- b. **INFORMATION:** Support looking at different options that would allow municipalities to diversify municipal funding; mainly focusing on ad valorem taxation.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- c. **INFORMATION:** Support amending 69 O.S. 1401 to require utilizes that have placed or working in the public right of way of any highway or road owned by the State, a county, or a municipality to be required to place on file with that jurisdiction a map or GIS file that describes the asset and the approximate location to assist with planning and avoid major utility conflict and disruption of services. This should allow for a limit of liability for the utility. This information shall also be exempted from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- d. **INFORMATION:** Support amending 10A O.S. 2-8-224 to correct the issue created by the passage of HB 3315 eliminating municipal enforcement and ordinances related to underage tobacco use and possession. The language in the statute needs to be amended to return authority to municipalities to enact and enforce ordinances related to tobacco and cape but limit the penalties to that desired HB 3315 of the 2022 Oklahoma Legislative Session.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- e. **INFORMATION:** Support amending 68 O.S. 3129 to allow for procedures outlined in subsection B to apply for all property in the amount of the tax liability and abatement.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- f. **INFORMATION:** Support amending 2 O.S. 11-93 so that any item on the restricted list would not be eligible for cash payment. These payments would be only after 15 days and by check after providing proof of identity.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- g. **INFORMATION:** Support amending 21 O.S. 1277 and/or 21 O.S. 1290.22 to prohibit the carry of an un-holstered pistol, or any shotgun or rifle into any business that has signage posted. Also, prohibit carry of such weapons into large public events or parks when a municipality has passed an ordinance over such areas that they deem necessary for the safety of event participants and signage has been posted.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- h. **INFORMATION:** Support amending statute changes that State Questions 780 and 781 created by closing the loophole currently being exploited by drug dealers and will provide incentive for serial offender to seek treatment through drug court.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

- i. **INFORMATION:** Support amending Title 27, Section 12 of the Oklahoma State Statutes that places a cap on fees to not exceed more than 25% of the judgement on the municipality and any interest due for the owner shall accumulate at 3% per year, not compounded, and shall only accrue when the owner has a written opinion or order from the court finding the owner has been successful with their action.

ACTION REQUEST: OML Board of Directors approve the recommendation.

D. McClure discussed State Issues A-I. K. Peterson asked for questions. With no further discussion, a motion was made by K. Meek with a second by P. Polk to approve the recommendations as presented.

Yes Votes: M. Hart, D. Elam, C. Holcomb, B. Day, P. Polk, H. Nicholson, M. White, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Heikkila, K. Peterson, R. Poland.

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendation of individual to fill OMSC board seat (Homer Nicholson, OMSC Chair, Mayor, Ponca City).

K. Peterson asked for questions. With no further questions, a motion was made by M. White with a second by M. Brown to approve the recommendation of R. Poland to fill the vacant OMSC board seat.

Yes Votes: M. Hart, D. Elam, C. Holcomb, B. Day, P. Polk, H. Nicholson, M. White, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Heikkila, K. Peterson, R. Poland.

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

5. Discussion and possible action on authorization of OML staff to intervene on Oklahoma Corporation Commission Case Number PUD2022-000073 to author letter or take other necessary action as necessary for municipal interests in regards to franchise fees and winter storm bond securitization. (Daniel McClure, General Counsel).

K. Peterson asked for questions. With no further questions, a motion was made by M. White with a second by R. Poland to authorize OML staff to intervene on Oklahoma Corporation Commission Case Number PUD2022-000073.

Yes Votes: M. Hart, D. Elam, C. Holcomb, B. Day, P. Polk, H. Nicholson, M. White, K. Meek, M. Brown, K. Parker, K. Burkhardt, C. Parham, C. Freeman, J. Cochran, L. Heikkila, K. Peterson, R. Poland.

No Votes: None.

All voted yes. Motion Carried.

6. Update on OML Annual Conference. (Sarah Lingenfelter, Conference Manager)
S. Lingenfelter updated the board on the conference attendee and vendor numbers. Also reminded the board to reach out to staff for hotel reservations.

No formal action taken.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve OML strategic plan. (Michael Hart, City Administrator of Commerce). M. Hart updated the board on the OML Strategic Plan. K. Peterson asked for questions. With no further discussion, a motion was made by M. White with a second by H. Nicholson to approve the OML Strategic Plan with amendments.

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

No Votes: None.
All voted yes. Motion Carried.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if requested):

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. President Peterson stated this would be his last board meeting as the OML President, He thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no further business, K. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.



Mike Fina, Executive Director