



MINUTES OF MEETING
10:00 A.M. Friday, January 9, 2026
INCOG LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
WILLIAMS TOWER II,
2 WEST SECOND STREET
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

A meeting of CTAG was held on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., 2 West 2nd Street in the INCOG Large Conference Room, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, the agenda was posted with the Tulsa County Clerk on January 6, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Rich Brierre – INCOG	Alex Adkins
Mike Carter – Sand Springs	Scott Adkins
John Fothergill – Tulsa County	Leslie Blair
Gerald Haury – Mannford	LaDonna Brewer
Dan Patton – Broken Arrow	Rich Brierre
Julie Stevens – Owasso	Tiyahna Garrett
Shane Stone – Tulsa	Jared Hurst
David Tillotson – Glenpool	Clint Johnson
	David Weatherford

Call to Order

Acting Chair Mike Carter called the meeting to order, and quorum was declared.

Introductions

The Chair asked that everyone introduce themselves and state what entity they represent.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting dated December 5, 2025

A motion was made by Mr. Brierre and seconded by Mr. Tillotson that the minutes from December 5, 2025 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Tulsa Regional Chamber Report

Tiyahna Garrett provided an overview of the Tulsa Regional Chamber OneVoice priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Key areas of focus include monitoring tax reform proposals, protecting economic development incentives, and defending against potential property and income tax changes. A OneVoice priority is ensuring site readiness and maintaining an inventory of attractive, development-ready properties. Additional priorities include protecting and potentially funding existing film and music incentives passed last session, monitoring proposed changes to the Quality Jobs Act that could impact workforce efforts, and supporting overall economic development initiatives.

Ms. Garrett also noted the upcoming Legislative Briefing Breakfast scheduled for February 6, featuring House and Senate Leadership.

OML Report

Leslie Blair reported that bill filings are still in early stages, with approximately 300 bills filed out of an estimated 3,000-5,000 expected once session begins. OML supports SB 1288 by Senator Gillespie, which would provide infrastructure funding for political subdivisions. Rather than supporting individual proposals, Ms. Blair indicated general support for multiple water, wastewater, housing, and infrastructure funding bills currently filed, recognizing these will likely depend on available one-time funds.

OML also supports legislation amending the governmental sales tax exemption to include public trusts where a municipality is the beneficiary, emphasizing that this is a clarification and streamlining effort with no anticipated impact on the state budget.

Discussion ensued on proposed Open Meetings Act legislation by Senator Guthrie. While many entities already follow similar practices, concerns were raised about imposing uniform requirements across different types of governing bodies. OML is working on alternative language and continues conversations with legislators to assess viability and potential amendments. A related bill by Senator Mann using permissive “may” language was noted, though it may be viewed as insufficient by proponents.

Planning and zoning legislation was also discussed. Municipal attorneys expressed strong opposition to “loser pays” provisions. We are exploring compromise language, including statutory clarification of existing case law, to demonstrate good-faith efforts while continuing to oppose unfavorable provisions.

On Property tax issues, it was noted a coalition of organizations forming to challenge a proposed ballot initiative in court due to concerns about unclear and problematic language.

Ms. Blair mentioned upcoming OML regional meetings scheduled in Collinsville, Talala, Goldsby, and Gage.

Discussion of 2026 issues and slate

Alex Adkins provided an overview of the upcoming legislative session and bill activity. Of approximately 3,000 bills filed, fewer than 500 are currently active and relevant. She reported that tracking lists will be developed and distributed once the bill volume narrows further.

The legislative session will begin on February 2nd at noon with the State of the State address. Bills must pass out of committee by March 5th, after which any bills not heard in committee will be considered dead, significantly reducing the number of active bills.

Ms. Adkins provided an update on the CTAG slate. Senate Bill 1288 has been filed by Senator Gillespie and addresses parity issues which relates to the Emergency Management Disaster Relief Matching Fund providing for cost sharing of federal matching requirements. She noted the bill language is concise and narrowly tailored. A companion bill is expected to be filed by Representative Waldron; while it has not yet been officially filed, the language has been reviewed and approved.

Ms. Adkins advised that the upcoming session is expected to include significant legislative activity related to property tax, income tax, ad valorem taxes, property insurance, and budget matter. It was noted that this is an election year, and the session is expected to be highly politicized. While legislative leadership has expressed interest in an early adjournment, that timing remains uncertain.

Discussion ensued regarding the anticipated increased legislative attention regarding data center development, including potential legislation related to utility rates and nondisclosure agreements (NDAs).

Discussion of challenges related to statutory public notice requirements, particularly newspaper publication. Potential legislative solutions including good-faith exception allowing web posting to satisfy notice requirements when newspaper publication errors occur. Additional legislative issues discussed included fingerprinting requirements for citation arrests, abandoned property legislation, stop-and-identify proposals, tort reform, labor relations, data privacy, and limitations on governmental advocacy.

Announcements – The annual Elected Officials Reception will be Wednesday, January 21st, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Williams Lodge at the Gathering Place.

Adjournment – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.