



MOORE CHAMBER of COMMERCE

# LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2023

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The Moore Chamber of Commerce, as advocates for Moore area businesses, is dedicated to advancing policies that help grow your business and our economy. As part of the Chamber's work to pursue this effort, we inform members about issues that align or contradict and local or state candidates' alignment with the Chamber's legislative priorities.

The Moore Chamber of Commerce does not consider political party affiliation in the alignment process and does not endorse one candidate over another in any race. Furthermore, the Chamber does not financially contribute to any campaign in any way. The process used by the Chamber allows multiple candidates to be aligned for the same race. The Chamber does not attempt to sort out the truth about candidates' personalities, or the candidate's stance on non-business issues, our mission requires sole focus on what candidates for elected office say they will do regarding business issues, and what they actually do while holding office.



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# BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## **Infrastructure**

The Chamber will:

- Support statewide investments to sustain and promote growth.

## **Incentives**

The Chamber will:

- Support and maintain flexibility of local and statewide incentives for economic and community development efforts to encourage new growth and redevelopment of existing resources.
- Protect, expand, and identify valuable economic development incentives by researching best practices in other states and allow Incentive Evaluation Commission to review and propose new incentives to support emerging and existing industries to keep Oklahoma competitive.
- Support tax incentives, credits and other benefits that foster growth opportunities for Oklahoma's manufacturing ecosystem and small businesses.
- Support and protect efforts to meet housing demand to keep pace with economic development and workforce needs.
- Support the expansion of public/private partnerships.

## **Broadband/Data Privacy:**

The Chamber will:

- Support efforts to remove barriers to broadband access in Oklahoma such as ensuring that providers are reasonably charged for use of the public rights of way or the facilities within the rights of way.
- Support working together (local, county, state) to adopt common sense protections regarding data privacy

## **Innovation:**

The Chamber will:

- Support efforts to modernize county assessment procedures for Oklahoma's energy, construction, and agriculture industries.
- Support initiatives that assist cyber and technology growth, and small and minority business development.
- Support efforts to streamline, simplify, and reduce paperwork and filings required by small businesses and manufacturers.





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# EDUCATION/ WORKFORCE

## **Public Education**

The Chamber will:

- Support and maintain flexibility of local and statewide incentives for economic and community development efforts to encourage new growth and redevelopment of existing resources.
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- Support tax incentives, credits and other benefits that foster growth opportunities for Oklahoma's manufacturing ecosystem and small businesses.
- Support and protect efforts to meet housing demand to keep pace with economic development and workforce needs.
- Support the ongoing funding to enable schools to achieve targeted classroom sizes.
- Support initiatives to address the mental and behavioral health of students.

## **Career Readiness and Certification**

The Chamber will:

- Support initiatives that expand access to higher education and CareerTech programs through Oklahoma's Promise and maintain its continued funding.
- Promote collaboration among education, workforce partners and the private sector to strengthen Oklahoma's workforce pipeline and state and regional sector strategies to meet the needs of critical occupations by aligning their courses and curricula with industry-identified needs and skills.
- Address the issues of identifying, recruiting, and retaining trained workers.
- Support strategies that address job training, placement, and stability for justice-involved individuals, and incentivize second-chance employers.
- Encourage and promote the use of dislocated worker grants to assist with retaining and upskilling of all individuals seeking employment in critical occupations.
- Support educational preparation and training pipeline initiatives, including career pathways, education industry partnerships, apprenticeships, registered internships, and the development of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Communities, to encourage Oklahomans to pursue STEM careers including careers in aerospace and technology.
- Increase access and support to degree and industry endorsed skills certificate programs tied to critical occupations and support employer incentives for work-based learning programs such as apprenticeships and internships.
- Support initiatives that encourage businesses to participate in career pathways or career exploration programs that are specific to the current and future needs of Oklahoma's economy.



# Empower *your* Workforce



**Contact our Workforce and Economic Development team today to find the right training opportunities for you!**

Your business will thrive in an ever-changing economy and be better prepared for upcoming workforce and industry related trends with MNTC's customized training programs. Our programs offer skills training for nine in-demand service areas, including health, human resources, information technology, safety training, small business management and more. Through MNTC's vast network of resources, areas of interest can be pursued to the highest level, ensuring your business receives thorough, and innovative training, no matter your business size or location.

# MILITARY/PUBLIC SAFETY

## **Public Safety**

The Chamber will:

- Support legislation and funding for sentencing reform and rehabilitation programs.
- Support smart sentencing reform.
- Support efforts to make reentry and supervision improvements to reduce fines and fees, enhance workforce opportunities and increase public safety.
- Support plans to secure additional treatment (mental health/drug or alcohol, etc.)funding.
- Support empowering first responders or law enforcements officers additional training and access to mental health awareness.

## **Military**

The Chamber will:

- Support funding for the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission and Oklahoma Military Department and other efforts to protect, expand, and enhance military-related economic activity and investment at Oklahoma's military installations including active duty, Oklahoma National Guard, and Reserve components.
- Support and encourage employment and job placement of Oklahoma's National Guard, Reserve components, and veteran military personnel.
- Support initiatives that provide educational, employment and business opportunities for military families.





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# HEALTHCARE

## **Healthcare**

The Chamber will:

- Support improvements to the Insure Oklahoma! premium assistance program designed to make health insurance more affordable for small businesses while assuring the program's long-term stability and the funding source remains dedicated to Insure Oklahoma!
- Support incentives and initiatives designed to enhance medical research, improve service delivery and increase access to health care.
- Support the development of a healthy and productive workforce by eliminating barriers to the efforts of employers and communities in their promotion of positive health habits.
- Support full funding of mental health and substance abuse services to encourage and strengthen the stability of Oklahomans.



# 2023 GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SCHEDULE

January 11 - Eggs & Issues - Legislative Update  
January 24 - Eggs & Issues - Are You Ok? State of Mental Health in Oklahoma  
March 15 - Eggs & Issues  
TBA - Day at the Capitol  
May 17 - Eggs & Issues  
May 23 - Military Appreciation Luncheon  
June 20 - Legislative Summit  
July 18 - State of the City  
August 16 - Eggs & Issues - MPS Update  
October 24 - State of the Schools



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# KEY DATES & DEADLINES

**January 19, 2023**

Bill Introduction Deadline

**February 6, 2023**

First Day of Regular Session of the 59th Legislature

**February 27, 2023**

Deadline for House Bills and Joint Resolutions out of Subcommittee

**March 2, 2023**

Deadline for House Bills and Joint Resolutions out of Standing committee

**March 23, 2023**

Deadline for Third Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions in Chamber of Origin

**April 3, 2023**

Deadline for Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions out of Subcommittee

**April 7, 2023**

Deadline for Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions out of Standing committee

**April 14, 2023**

Deadline for Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions out of full A&B Committee

**April 27, 2023**

Deadline for Third Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions in Opposite Chamber

**May 26, 2023**

Sine Die Adjournment



# LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

1

Bill is introduced in House or Senate - chamber of origin (1st reading)

2

Bill is assigned to a committee.

3

Bill is heard in committee and (a) passes as is or with amendments, (b) fails by a vote of the committee, or (c) is denied a hearing.

4

Bill returns to the floor for potential amendments and engrossment (2nd reading).

5

Bill passes chamber of origin (3rd reading).

6

Bill repeats the process in the second chamber.

7

If all these steps do not occur, bill dies.

8

If bill completes process without amendment in second chamber, the bill is sent to the Governor.

9

If bill is amended in the second chamber, but its author and a majority of the chamber of origin approve the changes, the bill is sent to the Governor.

10

If the bill's author doesn't agree with the amendments, a conference committee is appointed.

11

Conferees from both chambers negotiate changes to the bill - if they reach unanimous agreement on the conference report, the report passes the House and Senate Rules Committees and receives a majority vote in both chambers, the bill is sent to the Governor. If all of these steps aren't successful, the bill dies.



# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## Oklahoma State Legislature\*

The Oklahoma Senate has 48 members, each serving a four-year term. Senators serve a staggered term, such that only half of the senate districts have elections in any election year.

### **Oklahoma State Senate**

Rob Standridge, District 15  
Darrell Weaver, District 24  
Michael Brooks, District 44  
Paul Rosino, District 45

The Oklahoma House of Representatives has 101 members, each serving a two-year term.

### **Oklahoma State House of Representatives**

Danny Sterling, State Representative, District 27  
John George, State Representative, District 36  
Mark McBride, State Representative, District 53  
Kevin West, State Representative, District 54  
Arturo Sandoval, State Representative, District 89  
Jon Echols, State Representative, District 90  
Chris Kannady, State Representative, District 91  
Forrest Bennett, State Representative, District 92  
Mickey Dollens, State Representative, District 93  
Max Wolfley, State Representative, District 95

Voting requirements: House normally requires 51 votes; 68 votes to adopt emergency clause. Senate requires 25 votes; 33 votes to adopt emergency clause.

*\*Oklahoma State Legislators that serve the zip codes of the Moore Public School System.*

## United State Federal Representatives

U.S. Senator James Lankford  
U.S. Senator Markwayne Mullin  
U.S. Congressman Tom Cole, District 4  
U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Bice, District 5



## City of Moore

Glenn Lewis, Mayor/At-Large  
Danielle McKenzie, Ward 1  
Adam Webb, Ward 1  
Mark Hamm, Ward 2  
Melissa Hunt, Ward 2  
Jason Blair, Ward 3  
Louis Williams, Ward 3

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Council Members also make up the Public Works Authority, Risk Management Board and Economic Development Authority.

Except as otherwise noted in the City Charter, all powers of the City are vested in the City Council. Among other things, the Council has power:

- To appoint and remove the City Manager;
- By ordinance to enact municipal legislation;
- To raise revenue and make appropriations, and to regulate bond elections, the issuance of bonds, sinking funds, refunding indebtedness, salaries and wages, and all other fiscal affairs of the city;
- To inquire into the conduct of any office, department, or agency of the city government, and investigate municipal affairs;
- To appoint, elect, or remove members of the Personnel Board, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and other quasi-legislative, quasi-judicial, or advisory officers and authorities;
- To grant pardons for violations of the charter and ordinances, including the remission of fines and costs;
- To regulate elections, the initiative and referendum, and recall;
- To regulate the organization, powers, duties, and functions of the municipal court;
- To create, change, and abolish all offices, departments, and agencies of the city government other than those created by the City Charter, and to assign additional powers, duties, and functions to those created by the Charter.\*

Moore City Council Meetings are held at 6:30pm the first and third Monday of every month, except for holidays. A meeting notice with agenda is on the homepage of their web site. Meetings are held at Moore City Hall, 301 N. Broadway, Moore, OK 73160.

City Council meetings are aired live on Cox Communications Channel 20. Recorded video of each City Council meeting can be found on their web site and are typically posted the following day.

*\*City of Moore via [www.cityofmoore.com/government/city-council](http://www.cityofmoore.com/government/city-council)*



## Cleveland County

Rod Cleveland, District 1  
Darry Stacy, District 2  
Rusty Grissom, District 3

Chris Amason, Sheriff  
Tammy Belinson, County Clerk  
Greg Mashburn, District Attorney  
Jim Reynolds, County Treasurer  
Douglas Warr, County Assessor  
Marilyn Williams, District Court Clerk

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By Oklahoma law, there are nine county offices where the officials responsible for the offices are elected by the eligible voters within the county. The elected officials are three county commissioners, a county clerk, a county assessor, a county treasurer, a county sheriff, a court clerk and a district attorney. The district attorney is elected by the voters from one or more counties within a district. Statutory law establishes the county or counties comprising a district.

Each elected officer serves a four year term in office. The terms stagger where every two years at the November general election there are ballots for several county offices.

Except for the county treasurer, all elected officials are sworn into office the first Monday of January following the general election held in November of the previous year. County treasurers are sworn into office the first Monday of July following the general election held in November of the previous year.\*

Cleveland County Commissioner Meetings are held at 1:00pm on every Monday of each month, except for holidays. A meeting notices with agendas are available at [www.clevelandcountyoak.com/Agendacenter](http://www.clevelandcountyoak.com/Agendacenter).

General Election for County Officers is held in November of scheduled Election Year.

- Commissioner - District 1 - 2026 & 2030
- Commissioner - District 2 - 2024 & 2028
- Commissioner - District 3 - 2026 & 2030
- Assessor - 2026 & 2030
- Treasurer - 2026 & 2030
- County Clerk - 2024 & 2028
- Sheriff - 2024 & 2028
- Court Clerk - 2024 & 2028
- District Attorney - 2026 & 2030

*\*Duties and Responsibilities of Elected Officials, Published May 2020, by Notie H Lansford, Jr. OSU Extension*



# MOORE OVERVIEW



GDP Per Capita  
**\$24.8K**



Population  
**63,462**



Median HH Income  
**\$67,851**

## Top Employment Sectors



**2.6%**  
Unemployment Rate

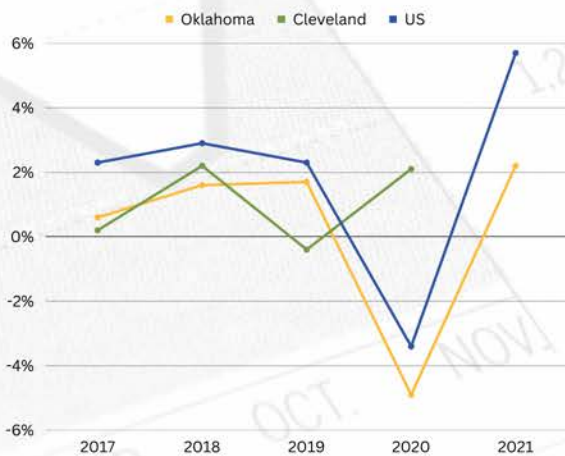


**32.0K**  
Total Employees

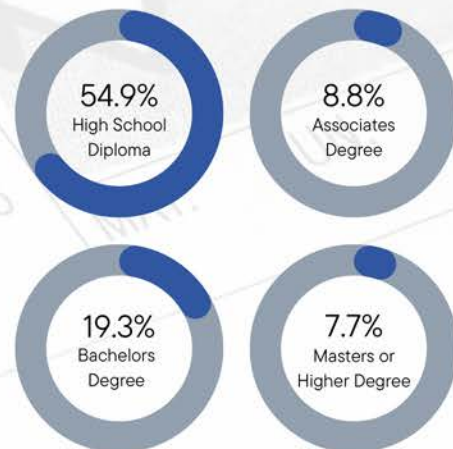


**6.33K**  
Total Businesses

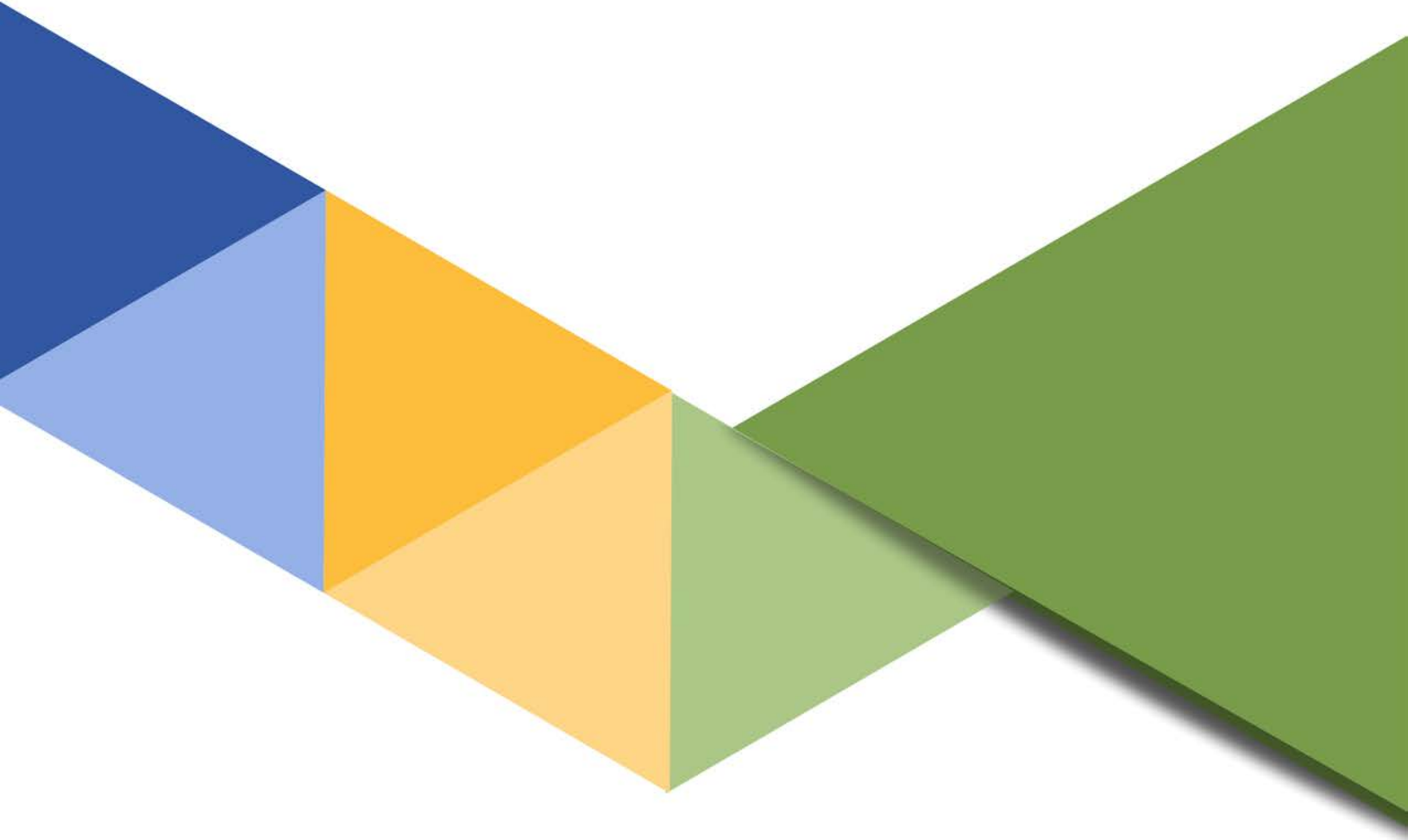
## Real GDP- Annual Growth



## Workforce Educational Attainment



\*Community Overview, [greateroklahomacity.com](http://greateroklahomacity.com)



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