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CITY OF MUSKOGEE FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

230 W. Okmulgee, Suite B, Muskogee, OK 74401

March 23, 2026,12:00 pm

The City of Muskogee Foundation Board of Directors met at the City of Muskogee Foundation on Monday, March 23, 2026.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earnie Gilder at 12:02 pm.

II. Roll Call

The roll call was as follows:

Directors Present: Eric Anderson, John Barton, Jenny Bell, Tony Corbell, Kendal Francis, Earnie Gilder, John Hays, Tom Martindale, Dan Morris, Kim Walton, Eric Wells and Kimberly Williams

Directors Absent: Sheena Raunikar-Bair, Patrick Cale and Jaime Stout

Advisory Directors Present: Kim Jaquez and Lindsey Roberts

Advisory Directors Absent: Kimbra Scott and Angela Wilson

Others Present: Kari Blakley, Nancy Gaden and Cathy Witte of Foundation Management/City of Muskogee Foundation; Brad Zerger and Monty Curry of BancFirst

Chairman Gilder noted that a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 15, 2025, board meeting were reviewed. Martindale made a motion to approve the minutes. Barton seconded this motion. Individual votes of board members are listed below:

Ayes: Anderson, Barton, Bell, Corbell, Francis, Gilder, Hays, Martindale, Morris, Walton, Wells, Williams
Nays:
Recusals:

The motion passed.

IV. Consent Agenda

A consent agenda was presented for approval; Martindale made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Morris seconded the motion. Individual votes of the board members are listed below:

Ayes: Anderson, Barton, Bell, Corbell, Francis, Gilder, Hays, Martindale, Morris, Walton, Wells, Williams
Nays:
Recusals:

The motion passed.

The approved consent agenda was as follows:

A. Health & Wellness Committee **Dan Morris, Chair**

1. The Health & Wellness Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$2,300,000** from **Bridges out of Poverty** for Muskogee Bridges out of Poverty.
2. The Health & Wellness Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$20,000** from **Volunteers of America Oklahoma** for Volunteers of America Oklahoma Payee Services.
3. The Health & Wellness Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$35,000** from **Neighbors Building Neighborhoods** for Milk on a Mission.
4. The Health & Wellness Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$50,000** for **Kids' Space Muskogee Co. Child Advocacy Center** for Mental Health Services for Families Affected by Child Abuse.
5. The Health & Wellness Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$140,693** from **Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, Inc. (CASA)** for CASA Children, Inc.
6. The Health & Wellness Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$60,000** from **Kelly B. Todd Cerebral Palsy Center** for Kelly B. Todd Cerebral Palsy Center.

7. The Health & Wellness Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant Application in the amount of **$195,000** for **Eastern Oklahoma Development District (EODD)** for Momma C's Meals on the GO (MMOG).
8. The Health & Wellness Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$105,750** from **Green Country Behavioral Health Services** for Housing Assistance.

The Health & Wellness Committee recommends **NOT** requesting a 2026 grant application from the following organizations and programs:
1. Murrow Indian Children's Home, Sacred Paths to Independence.
2. Women in Safe Home, Inc. (WISH)-*(application withdrawn by organization)*.

B. Quality of Life Committee **Kimberly Williams, Chair**

1. The Quality of Life Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$50,000** from **Education Foundation of Muskogee** for Muskogee Fine Arts Auditorium.
2. The Quality of Life Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$5,000** from **Habitat for Humanity** for Safe Home Project.
3. The Quality of Life Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$80,000** from **City of Muskogee** for Juvenile and Adult Community Service Program.
4. The Quality of Life Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$160,000** from **Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame** for Music Lives Here.
5. The Quality of Life Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$18,000** from **Muskogee Art Guild, Inc.** for MAG Building Visual Art Catalog of Classes.
6. The Quality of Life Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$13,500** from **Muskogee Community Band Association** for Muskogee Community Band Performances.
7. The Quality of Life Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$300,000** from **City of Muskogee** for Love-Hatbox GP Soccer Complex-Lighting Infrastructure.

The Quality of Life Committee recommends **NOT** requesting a 2026 grant application from the following organizations and programs:

1. Muskogee Public Safety Authority, Bass Reeves Memorial Public Safety.
2. NW Oklahoma Region Sports Car Club of America, Davis Field Apron Involvement.
3. Muskogee County Transit, Signature of Success.

C. Education & Empowerment Committee **Jenny Bell, Chair**

1. The Education and Empowerment Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$10,000** from **VIZAVANCE, Inc.**, for Children's Vision Screening.
2. The Education & Empowerment Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$259,064** from **Neighbors Building Neighborhoods** for Dream Team Youth Programs.
3. The Education & Empowerment Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$150,000** from **Muskogee Public Schools** for Muskogee Public School's Higher Learning Opportunities.
4. The Education & Empowerment Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$187,500** from **Muskogee Public Schools** for Rougher Day Extended Day Program.
5. The Education & Empowerment Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$25,000** from **Divine Love Christian Fellowship** for The Neutral Zone.
6. The Education & Empowerment Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$199,400** from **City of Muskogee** for Muskogee Teen Center and Youth Volunteer Corps of Muskogee.
7. The Education & Empowerment Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$40,000** from **Hilldale Public Schools** for Summer Academy.
8. The Education & Empowerment Committee recommends requesting a 2026 grant application in the amount of **$6,750** from **Science Museum of Oklahoma** for STEAM Live Outreach.

The Education & Empowerment Committee recommends **NOT** requesting a 2026 grant application from the following organization and program.
1. Folds of Honor, Golds of Honor Educational Scholarships.

V. Financials

Hays deferred to Gaden to discuss the financials of the City of Muskogee Foundation. As of February 2026, the Foundation's total assets were $168,847,147.

Total liabilities were $19,223,590 and total net assets were $130,128,760. Gaden reported that total revenues in February 2026 were $4,091,311and the total expenses were $56,323 bringing the excess of revenues over expenses to $4,034,988. Barton made a motion to approve the financials, seconded by Williams. Individual votes of the board members are listed below:

Ayes: Anderson, Barton, Bell, Corbell, Francis, Gilder, Hays, Martindale, Morris, Walton, Wells, Williams
Nays:
Recusals:

The motion passed.

A. The grant write-off of $90,000 was reviewed and approved for City-County Port Authority/SIP EE Recruitment. Francis made a motion to approve the write-off for City-County Port Authority/SIP EE Recruitment. Anderson seconded the motion. Individual votes of the board members are listed below:

Ayes: Anderson, Barton, Bell, Corbell, Francis, Gilder, Hays, Martindale, Morris, Walton, Wells, Williams
Nays:
Recusals:

The motion passed.

B. The grant write-off of $30,763.64 was reviewed and approved for City of Muskogee, Muskogee Fire Department Heavy Rescue Vehicle. Barton made a motion to approve the write-off for City of Muskogee, Muskogee Fire Department Heavy Rescue Vehicle. Williams seconded the motion. Individual votes of the board members are listed below.

Ayes: Anderson, Barton, Bell, Corbell, Francis, Gilder, Hays, Martindale, Morris, Walton, Wells, Williams
Nays:
Recusals:

The motion passed.

VI. Chairman Report

Chair Gilder had no business to report.

VII. A. Economic Development Committee

Chair Barton stated the Economic Development Committee recommended for approval an out of cycle grant of **$1,200,000** to the **City of Muskogee** for Muskogee Water Systems Improvements. Williams made a motion to approve the request and Wells seconded the motion. Individual votes of the board members are listed below.

Ayes: Barton, Bell, Corbell, Gilder, Hays, Walton, Wells, Williams
Nays: Anderson, Morris
Recusals: Francis, Martindale

The motion passed.

B. Health & Wellness Committee

Chair Morris reported the committee discussed LOI's for the upcoming grant cycle.

C. Quality of Life Committee

Chair Williams reported the committee discussed LOI's for the upcoming grant cycle.

D. Education & Empowerment Committee

Chair Bell reported the committee discussed LOI's for the upcoming grant cycle.

E. Investment Committee

Hays reported the committee reviewed the Foundation's portfolio and deferred to Zerger for additional updates. Zerger shared that the portfolio continues to be broadly diversified and bond yields are currently attractive with this volatile market.

VIII. Staff Update

Witte reported that board member nominations are due by April 1, 2026. Witte reported the next board meeting will be on Monday, April 27, 2026, at City of Muskogee Foundation office, 230 W. Okmulgee, Suite B, Muskogee, OK 74401.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Earnie Gilder, Chairman

Cathy Witte

Cathy Witte, Assistant Secretary