

The United States Conference of Mayors

2025 Fall Leadership Meeting

September 25 – 27, 2025
Oklahoma City



AGENDA

as of September 8, 2025

Hotel

The National
120 N Robinson Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Meeting Location

Vast – Devon Tower
333 W Sheridan Ave, 49th Fl
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Meeting Wi-Fi

SSID:
Password:

Press

The meeting is closed to the press

Attire

Thursday – Casual
Friday - Business
Saturday - Business Casual

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Registration

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Main Lobby, Level 2

The National

Welcome Dinner Reception Sponsored by Cox Communications

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Mint and Beacon Rooms, Level 2

The National

Evening Sponsored by Cox Communications

The First National tower opened in 1931. It is 446 feet tall and when it opened, it was the fourth-tallest building west of the Mississippi.

The murals in the Great Banking Hall depict:

- The Louisiana Purchase that added what is now Oklahoma to the United States
- The Trail of Tears that brought Native American tribes to what is now Oklahoma; there are 39 tribes headquartered in Oklahoma today
- The Land Run of April 22, 1889 that birthed Oklahoma City and brought its population from essentially zero to 10,000 in a single day

In the 1980s, the First National Bank failed in a wave of bank failures sparked by the oil bust that decimated Oklahoma City. The building went through a series of owners (many out-of-state), and the Great Banking Hall went dark and essentially unused for decades.

In a project that spanned Mayor Cornett and Mayor Holt's tenures, a public-private partnership was established to restore the building, a project that ultimately exceeded \$300 million and drew upon TIFs, as well as state and federal grant programs. Mayor Holt has held both of his mayoral election night watch parties in the Great Banking Hall, tracking with the progress of construction. The building finally reopened to the public in 2022, a few weeks into Mayor's Holt's second term. Once an office building, the First National is now home to apartments, a hotel, restaurants and bars.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

4th Floor Foyer, The National

and

10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Vast - 49th Floor, Devon Tower (333 W Sheridan Ave.)

Breakfast Available

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Hound Room - 4th Floor, The National

Press Conference

9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Fish Room - 4th Floor, The National

Walk to Meeting Location

Vast - 49th Floor, Devon Tower (333 W Sheridan Ave.)

The walk to Devon Tower will take you past the construction site for a multimillion dollar monument to Oklahoma City's civil rights movement that is slated to open November 1st. The monument will include a lunch counter, as well as statues of civil rights pioneer Clara Luper and over a dozen children. In August of 1958, Clara Luper and her sit-inners (all of whom were children) staged a sit-in at the lunch counter of a drug store that once stood near the site. That sit-in integrated the lunch counter and inspired the Greensboro sit-ins two years later. Luper continued her efforts across Oklahoma City for many years that followed.

To reach Devon Tower, you will walk through the Colcord Hotel, which opened as an office building in 1909 and converted to a hotel in 2006. It was Oklahoma City's first "skyscraper."

Devon Tower next door to the Colcord opened in 2012 and is 844 feet tall. It is the 15th-tallest building west of the Mississippi, and only 15 U.S. cities have a taller building. The owner of the building - Devon Energy - was founded in 1971 and is ranked 267th on the Fortune 500 list. Vast is the restaurant and meeting space venue atop the tower that is open to the public and opened with the building.

Welcome and Introduction to Oklahoma City

10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Welcome

DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

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Opening Remarks

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Opening Comments

TODD GLORIA

Mayor of San Diego

Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

LEIRION GAYLOR BAIRD

Mayor of Lincoln

Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

TOM COCHRAN

CEO and Executive Director

The United States Conference of Mayors

Conversation with U.S. Senator James Lankford

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Remarks

THE HONORABLE JAMES LANKFORD

United States Senator (OK)

Chair, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure

Chair, Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce and Regulatory Affairs

Housing Priorities and the State of Pending Legislation

ANDREW J. GINTHER

Mayor of Columbus, OH

Chair, Housing Task Force

Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Update on the FEMA Review Council and the FEMA Act of 2025

JANE CASTOR

Mayor of Tampa

Chair, Intergovernmental Emergency Management Task Force

Buffet Lunch Available

12:00 p.m.

Working Lunch: Supporting Small Businesses with Wells Fargo

12:25 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Remarks

SCOTT FONTENOT

Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

Wells Fargo

USCM Platinum Partner

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Working Lunch: Current Issues Relating to Crime and Policing

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Moderators

JERRY DYER

Mayor of Fresno

Co-Chair, Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force

BRETT SMILEY

Mayor of Providence

Co-Chair, Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force

Homelessness

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Moderator

TBA

Energy and the Environment

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Moderator

TBA

Surface Transportation Renewal Update

2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Moderator

JIM HOVLAND

Mayor of Edina

Chair, Transportation Standing Committee

Personal Security

2:50 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Moderator

CHARLES RAMSEY

Advisor, The United States Conference of Mayors

Former Police Chief, Washington, DC and Philadelphia

Women Mayors Leadership Alliance Update

3:20 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Remarks

ACQUANETTA WARREN

Mayor of Fontana

Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance

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Conversation with Brazilian Mayors

3:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Moderator

DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Adjournment

4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Friday Evening Event: Visit to OKC National Memorial & RIVERSPORT (home of the 2028 Olympics); Dinner at First Americans Museum Sponsored by HNTB

6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

First Americans Museum (659 First Americans Blvd.)

Evening Sponsored by HNTB

The Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum is the site of the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in United States history, when 168 Americans were killed by a truck bomb planted at a federal building on April 19, 1995. We will stop at the Survivor Tree for 15 minutes.

After leaving the Memorial, we will pass by:

- Oklahoma City University School of Law, where Mayor Holt serves as Dean
- The Oklahoma City Museum of Art, home of one of the largest Chihuly glass collections in the world
- City Hall, an art deco-style building that opened in 1937
- The Civic Center, OKC's auditorium, which opened in 1937 and was renovated by OKC's MAPS initiative in 2001
- The Myriad Gardens, a downtown botanical garden that opened in the early 1980s, based on a plan proposed for OKC by I.M. Pei
- The site of OKC's new \$1 billion NBA arena that will open in 2028
- Paycom Center, a MAPS project that is the home of the NBA Champion Thunder and opened in 2002
- Scissortail Park, a 70-acre \$130 million urban park and MAPS project that opened in 2019
- The Oklahoma City Convention Center, a \$288 million MAPS project that opened in 2021
- The Omni hotel, OKC's 650-room convention center hotel that was a public-private project

RIVERSPORT is the home of multiple boathouses along the Oklahoma River and a whitewater facility, and the combination of the two allows for OKC to host all paddlesports. The whitewater facility will host six canoe slalom events during the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Oklahoma City is the only city outside of Southern California to host the entirety of one sport, and is in fact hosting two, as the softball event will also be staged in OKC at a stadium about eight miles from downtown. OKC will host Olympic events for 16 straight days. The coordination of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for OKC was a major initiative of Mayor Holt's, working closely with Mayor Bass, and Mayor Garcetti before her. We will stop at the whitewater course for ten minutes.

En route to First Americans Museum, we will pass by the OKANA resort, a \$400 million public-private project that opened earlier this year and is owned by the Chickasaw Nation. We should arrive at First Americans Museum by 6:50 p.m.

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First Americans Museum is a \$200 million project that opened in 2021 and was funded by city and state funds, as well as private philanthropy. It is now owned by the city. FAM tells the history and culture of Oklahoma's 39 tribes and its scale is rivaled only by the Smithsonian institution on the National Mall. We will have only a short program at FAM, as the intent of the evening is to allow for fellowship, viewing of the museum, and the enjoyment of Native American-inspired cuisine.

Transportation: Buses will make one departure from The National at 6:00 and will make two brief stops at the OKC National Memorial and then RIVERSPORT, the home of the 2028 Olympics Canoe Slalom events en route to dinner.

Buses will make one return to The National at 8:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NOTE: Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the Downs Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma will be hosting its annual 5K and Festival between Devon Tower and Myriad Gardens.

Breakfast Available

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Vast - 49th Floor, Devon Tower
333 W Sheridan Ave.

Convene Meeting

9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

Presiding

DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Understanding Datacenters and Their Impacts on Cities

9:35 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Moderator

KATE GALLEGO

Mayor of Phoenix

Public Health and Changing Federal Support

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Moderator

MATT TUERK

Mayor of Allentown

Chair, Children, Health, and Human Services Committee

Cybersecurity Update: Federal Changes and Action in Congress

11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Remarks

TBA

Meeting of the Legislative Action Committee: Government Shutdown, Recisions, and More

11:10 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Moderator

BRIAN C. WAHLER

Mayor of Piscataway

Chair, Legislative Action Committee

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

America 250 Update

11:35 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Remarks

TBA

Update on Constitutional Amendments

11:45 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Closing Remarks

11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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TOM COCHRAN

CEO and Executive Director

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Adjourn

12:00 p.m.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- **WDC Board Meeting & 36th Annual Congressional Forum**
October 9-10 in Washington, DC
- **Mayors Water Council Fall 2025 Meeting**
October 23-24, 2025 in Livermore, CA
- **94th Winter Meeting**
January 28-30, 2026 in Washington, DC
- **2026 Winter Leadership Meeting**
February 12-14, 2026 in Los Angeles, CA
- **Civic I/O at SXSW 2026**
March 12-14, 2026 in Austin, TX
- **Medal of Honor Institute - Leading in the Moment: Values in Action (Mayor's Cohort)**
April 16-19, 2026 in Arlington, TX
- **94th Annual Meeting**
June 2-5, 2026 in Long Beach, CA