


**Legislative News Update**

***Week of November 6***

**WATCH: GOVERNOR-ELECT MAZZEI'S FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE**

Governor-Elect Mazzei held his first press conference laying out his plans for his transition team and his first 100 days.

Click here to watch the press conference

**Related articles:**

- **OK Politics Today:** Mazzei names brother to lead transition, outlines budget oversight
- **KOSU:** Mazzei addresses GOP losses, hints at transition plans
- **Journal Record:** Mazzei touts Oklahoma GOP strength despite national Democratic gains
- **Quorum Call:** Mazzei begins transition into governor's office, holds first press conference
- **Oklahoma Voice:** Oklahoma's next governor discusses transition plans
- **KOSU:** Tribes hope for renewed relationship with Oklahoma under Governor-elect Mazzei

**2026 Election Update**

- Click here for a PDF that provides a summary of the Oklahoma Statewide General Election Results.

**ELECTION NEWS**

- Oklahoma voters head to polls for midterms: governor, state questions
- General election voter turnout declines in Oklahoma
- New slate of 8: Mazzei defeats Munson, Republicans sweep statewide offices
- Republicans sweep statewide offices again
- Mike Mazzei, with Trump's backing, continues GOP dominance in Oklahoma governor win
- Oklahoma voters tap Trump-backed candidate to serve as next lieutenant governor
- Echols takes Oklahoma attorney general's race
- Republican Robert Franklin elected Oklahoma state superintendent
- Byrd defeats Libertarian to win Oklahoma state treasurer
- Political newcomer selected by voters to lead Oklahoma Insurance Department
- Republican lawmaker elected to lead Oklahoma labor department
- Republican state lawmaker wins election to Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- Republicans sweep Senate general election
- Dems flip at least five seats in the House in midterm general, biggest gains in over 20 years
- Democrat will represent Lawton in Oklahoma House District 64 for first time in over 20 years

- Legislative results: 5 House Republicans ousted, Danny Williams survives
- As Bice slips past Nelson, Republicans maintain all of Oklahoma's federal posts
- Voters reject SQ 845's JNC reforms, SQ 847's property tax cap change
- State Question 847, which sought to limit property tax growth, fails Oklahoma general election vote
- Judicial elections: Appellate judges retained, district incumbents hold, new judges chosen

**Official State Press Releases**

- Nov. 3: Nov. 3: Law Establishing Early Childhood Taskforce Takes Effect
- **Nov. 3:** Common Ed Chair Named OROS Legislator of the Year
- **Nov. 3:** Gise Study Examines Permitting Challenges, Housing Affordability
- **Nov. 4:** Governor Stitt Congratulates Governor-Elect Mike Mazzei, Looks Ahead
- **Nov. 4:** Standridge Highlights Impact of New Deputies in Norman
- **Nov. 4:** Statement from Election Board Secretary Ziriax on General Election
- **Nov. 4:** House Democratic Caucus Leadership Call on Williams to Resign
- **Nov. 4:** Oklahoma Voters Reaffirm Republican Supermajority in State House
- **Nov. 5:** Strom Legislation Leads to New Public Database Tracking State Contracts
- **Nov. 5:** OK Expands Public Access to State Spending Data
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**Ziriax: Problem was in reporting results, not in results themselves**

Technical issues in two counties Tuesday night were problems with reporting election results, not problems with the results themselves, State Election Board Secretary Paul Ziriax said Wednesday. **Read more.**

**House Democratic leaders call on Williams to resign**

House Democratic leadership is calling on Rep. Danny Williams to resign after being reelected in Tuesday's general election. **Read more.**

**New Oklahoma schools chief preparing for 'behemoth' challenge of education turnaround**

The work of Oklahoma's top education official has already begun for state Superintendent-elect Robert Franklin. **Read more.**

**Oklahoma judges looking for outside help to secure competitive salary**

Justices of the Oklahoma Supreme Court plan to hire someone who can convince lawmakers and the governor that judges and court officers across the state should get a pay raise. **Read more.**

**Early Childhood Task Force bill takes effect, members confirmed**

Bipartisan legislation establishing the Oklahoma Early Childhood Taskforce took effect Sunday, formally launching a two-year initiative to study and improve early childhood services in the state. **Read more.**

**New domestic violence prosecution laws go into effect in Oklahoma**

Oklahoma lawmakers took steps to address domestic violence during the legislative session. Three new measures went into effect this month. **Read more.**

**Rosino prepares oil, gas workforce legislation**

Sen. Paul Rosino announced Friday he is preparing legislation aimed at strengthening Oklahoma's oil and natural gas workforce by encouraging the hiring of qualified engineers and providing tax incentives for employers who invest in the next generation of industry professionals. **Read more.**

**Oklahoma turnpike tolls to rise, increasing the cost to travel to Tulsa by about 35 cents**

Tolls on Oklahoma turnpikes are set to increase Jan. 5. **Read more.**

**Tourism Commission approves FY28 budget request**

The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission approved its proposed fiscal year 2028 budget request at a special meeting Monday morning, its first since once again becoming the governing authority again Sunday over the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department (OTRD). **Read more.**

**Justices suggest ordering Secretary of State to provide list of invalidated signatures**

The Oklahoma Supreme Court may decide to order the Secretary of State's Office to provide a list of the invalidated signatures on an initiative petition calling for a vote on an open primary system and the reasons for their invalidation, rather than, at this point, finding fault with the office's process or ruling unconstitutional the statutes that establish the procedure. **Read more.**

**Oklahoma Transportation Commission discusses interim study sessions**

During his first Oklahoma Transportation Commission meeting as interim executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, TJ Dill honored two retirees and discussed four interim study sessions ODOT had participated in throughout the legislative interim. **Read more.**

## 2026-27 Legislative Dates & Deadlines

**November 2026**

- **Monday, November 16:** Senate Swearing-in Ceremony for 61st Legislature
- **Tuesday, November 17:** House Swearing-in Ceremony for 61st Legislature

**December 2026**

- **Friday, December 4**: Deadline for Requesting Drafting of Bills and Joint Resolutions for the Second Session of the 60th Legislature (House and Senate)

**January 2027**

- **Tuesday, January 5:** Organizational Day for the First Session of the 61st Legislature
- **Thursday, January 14**: Deadline for Filing of Bills and Joint Resolutions for the Second Session of the 60th Legislature (House and Senate)

**February 2027**

- **Monday, February 1**: First Day of the First Session of the 61th Legislature

**March 2027**

- **Thursday, March 25**: Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions in the House of Origin (House and Senate)

**May 2027**

- **Thursday, May 6**: Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions in the House Opposite the House of Origin (House and Senate)
- **Friday, May 28**: Sine Die Adjournment of the First Session of the 61th Legislature

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