

OMAA Board Meeting Summary – June 20, 2025

Collaboration & Professional Development

The Board approved efforts to strengthen ties with the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA).

Advocacy & Policy

Concerns about the misuse of strong mayor powers led to a discussion on the importance of safeguards and professional standards. OMAA will also participate in OMERS governance consultations to provide input without joining the board.

Workshops & Education

New members were confirmed for the Workshop Planning Committee, and the Education Committee's mandate was approved. The Board emphasized continuing education, particularly in leadership and management.

Events & Member Engagement

Spring Workshop attendance met expectations, and a joint AMO-OMAA webinar has attracted over 200 registrants. The Board directed the continuation of key events and initiatives, including the CAO Leadership Course and ACAO networking. Mentorship program participation remains low, prompting a renewed focus on its promotion.

Communications & Membership Growth

OMAA's reach continues to grow: The Observer newsletter now has 718 subscribers and LinkedIn engagement is strong, with 3,582 followers. Thirteen new members joined in Q2, and nearly all 2025 dues have been collected.

Financials

The association maintains a healthy financial position, with a favorable variance in expenses.

Strategic Planning

The Board deferred consideration of a past objective on small member groups until the new strategic planning process begins this fall. Member input and facilitator support will be key in shaping OMAA's next strategic plan.

Cybersecurity & AI

The Board supported joining AMO's proposal to the Law Commission for a report on key considerations to include in the development of a regulation under Bill 194, *Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act*.