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2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Tenative Agenda

Guest Speaker	8:30 AM
Break	9:00 AM
Session	9:30 AM
Lunch (on your own)	12:00 PM
Visit with Representatives & Senators (on your own)	1:00 PM



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Guest Speaker



Skye McNiel is the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Career and Technology Education, OkACTE.

Before coming to OkACTE, she was the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for the Tulsa Regional Chamber after serving as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for 8 years. As a legislator, Skye served on the leadership team of 3 different speakers, served as the Majority Whip, chairwoman for the House PAC, chairwoman of the Appropriations Committee for CareerTech, chairwoman of the Rural Caucus and was vice-chair of the Natural Resources Committee. She focused her efforts as a legislator on economic development, agriculture and rural Oklahoma issues.

Skye was named to the Journal Record's Achievers Under 40, recognized as the State Chamber's Guardian of Free Enterprise, the champion legislator for CareerTech as well as being awarded Oklahoma's Agriculture Woman of the Year.

She has a bachelor's degree in agriculture communications and animal science from OSU.

She continues to be active at her families' owned and operated livestock auction in Bristow, Oklahoma where she raises her three daughters Paike, Jamison and Steele.

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Oklahoma State Capitol Facts



Fast Facts:

- Built in 1917 with a budget of \$1.5 million
- Dome was erected in 2002 with a price tag of \$21 million dollars
- Features Greco-Roman Architecture
- Painting housed throughout the building represent Oklahoma history
- The statue on the top of the Dome is named, "The Guardian", lifted on June 7, 2002. Stands 17-foot-tall and with its staff a total of 22 foot, 9-inches
- State seal sits on the 1st floor, the center of the Capitol, at the bottom of the 155-foot dome
- Governor's office is located on the 2nd floor
- House of Representatives is located on the 4th floor
- Senate is located on the 4th floor

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Oklahoma Capitol floor by floor



House gallery: Spectators can look down on House legislative proceedings from seats in areas surrounding the chamber.



House of Representatives: The House chamber is on the west wing of the Capitol. The 101 members meet here during the regular session, from the first Monday in February to the last Friday in May. Joint sessions with the Senate, such as when the governor presents his State of the State address, are held in this chamber.

Speaker's office: The speaker of the House has this office across the hall from the entry to the front of the House chamber and to the House lounge. The office includes a conference room and a private bathroom.

Fifth floor

Fourth floor

Third floor



Blue Room: This is an ornate and formal hall that is part of the governor's office. The governor uses the room for official and ceremonial bill signings and news conferences.



Lieutenant governor's office: The lieutenant governor and her staff work in this area. The lieutenant governor also serves as president of the Senate and serves on several boards and commissions.

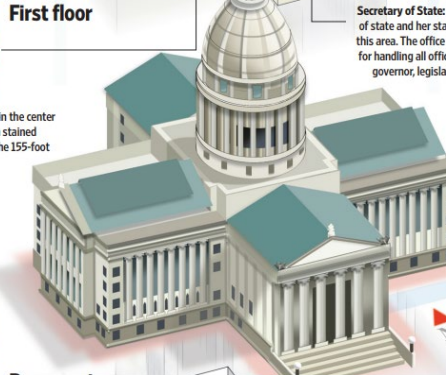
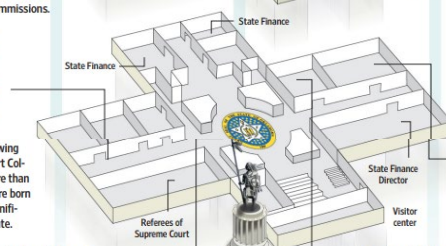
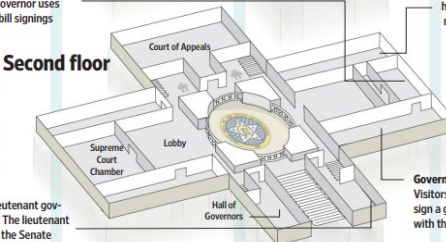
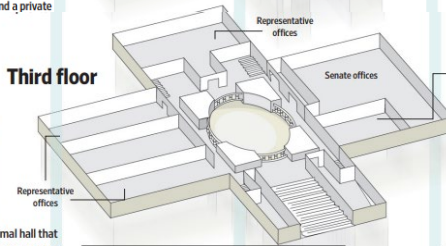
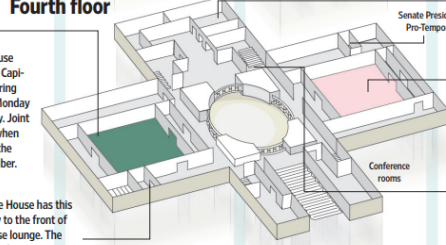
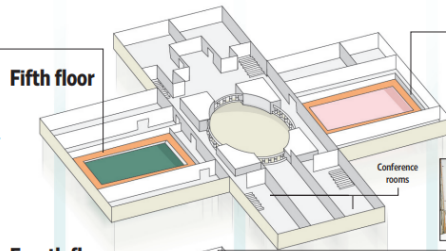


The Betty Price Gallery: The west wing area houses the Oklahoma State Art Collection. The exhibition features more than 100 works of art by artists who were born in, trained in or have produced a significant portion of their work in the state.



State seal: Stand by the state seal in the center of the Capitol and gaze upward to a stained glass skylight of the state seal on the 155-foot dome.

First floor



Senate gallery: Spectators can look down on House legislative proceedings from seats in areas surrounding the chamber.



Press room: Reporters from The Oklahoman, the Tulsa World and The Associated Press and others work in this area.



Senate Chamber
Where the state's 48-member Senate meets.

Doctor of the day: Office space is here for the doctor selected to be available for medical services for legislators during the session.



Legislative Services Bureau: This office serves both the House of Representatives and Senate. A key function is processing legislative measures.



State Treasurer's office: The state treasurer and his staff work out of this area. The treasurer's office receives, deposits and disburses all state funds and makes investments.



Governor's office: The governor works out of this office. Visitors are encouraged to enter the reception area and sign a guest book. Appointments are necessary to meet with the governor.



State Auditor and inspector: The state auditor and inspector and many other offices and administrators work out of this area. Auditors check financial operations of county governments, state agencies, boards and commissions, schools districts, cities and towns, and other public entities.



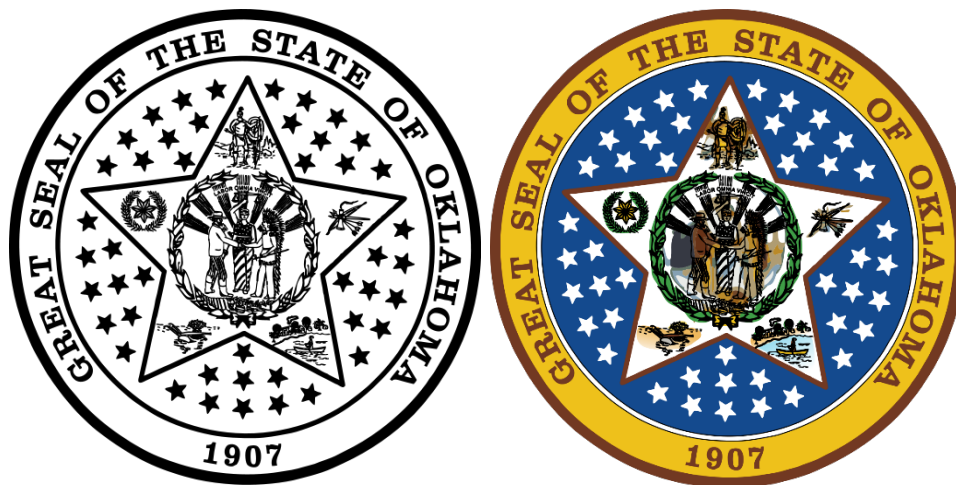
Secretary of State: The secretary of state and her staff work out of this area. The office is responsible for handling all official acts of the governor, legislation and state questions.



East tunnel: This 650-foot underground passageway from the east side of the state Capitol goes underneath North Lincoln Boulevard to parking lots on the east side of the street. Murals on both sides of the tunnel.

The Great Seal of Oklahoma

*CHECK OUT THE STATE SEAL HISTORY ON THE
GROUND FLOOR ACROSS FROM THE GIFT SHOP!*



The state seal was designed by Gabe E. Parker and its elements are described in the Oklahoma Constitution. The seal is circular and features a five-pointed star in the center. Within the star is the basic design of the seal of the Territory of Oklahoma and with the words *Labor Omnia Vincit*, which means “work conquers all things.” Columbia, a symbol of justice and statehood, stands holding the scales of justice. In front of her, a pioneer farmer and an American Indian stand clasping hands. Inside the rays of the star are emblems of the Five Tribes. The ray pointing directly upward contains a symbol of the Chickasaw Nation: an Indian warrior holding a bow. The upper-right ray features symbols of the Choctaw Nation: a tomahawk, bow, and three crossed arrows. The lower-right ray features symbols of the Seminole Nation: a village with houses and a factory next to a lake on which a man paddles a canoe. The lower-left ray contains symbols of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation: a sheaf of wheat and a plow. The upper-left ray features symbols of the Cherokee Nation: a seven-pointed star surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves.

In the background of the seal, surrounding the main star, are forty-five smaller stars, representing the forty-five states in the Union when Oklahoma became the forty-sixth state. The words “GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA 1907” appear

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Imagine that.

The Oklahoma Logo

The design of our logo is based on shapes and colors embedded in our history. The form is inspired by our native heritage. It reflects the earth, sky, water, agriculture and forest. The colors speak to the seasons. The white star is a powerful symbol of America that is a part of our state seal and on the original flag of the state. Chevrons acknowledge our military. These elements form a circle and direct their energy inward, dramatizing Oklahoma as a hub at the center of America. This symbol invited everyone to join us here in an embracing community, to take in countless unexpected experiences and explore genuine opportunity.

Our tagline connects us with our audiences with a short, memorable set of words that help set expectations of what an Oklahoma experience is like. **"Imagine that"** is an expression that universally represents surprise while inviting audiences to dream of their own personal opportunities. While your marketing efforts may incorporate various themes and messages, "Imagine that" is the only tagline that may be used across the state for external communications. It can be used within headlines, in body copy or as a sign-off. It cannot be used alone as the headline.

Oklahoma State Flag

Oklahoma's first state flag was adopted in 1911. The flag featured a red field with a white star in the center. The white star was trimmed in blue and in the center, the number 46 was printed in blue. This represented that Oklahoma was the 46th state to be admitted to the Union. In 1924 a contest was announced for a new design.



The state flag features an Osage warrior's shield on a blue background. An olive branch and a calumet, or peace pipe, lay across the shield. Seven eagle feathers decorate the shield. The flag was designed by Louise Funk Fluke and was officially adopted in 1925. In 1941 the word "Oklahoma" was added beneath the shield and a 1988 resolution defined colors for the background, shield, feathers, crosses, thongs, and calumet (HCR 1110, 1988). The colors were officially added to the statutes in 2006 (25 OS § 91).

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5. Remain focused
6. Allow time for questions
7. Respect all parties involved
8. Write a thank-you note for follow-up

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Recognizing BMITE Today:



Senator Brenda Stanley

Party: Republican

Education: B.S. in Education, Georgia College; Bachelors of Administration, University of Central Oklahoma; Masters of Education, University of Georgia

Legislation Experience: Senate member, 2018 - Present

Hometown: Midwest City, Oklahoma

Occupation: Former teacher and principal; UCO adjunct professor; Project Manager at Rose State College

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Representative Dick Lowe

Party: Republican

Education: B.S. Animal Science, Oklahoma State University



Legislation Experience: Representative member, 2020 - Present

Hometown: Amber, Oklahoma

Occupation: Cattle rancher and former ag teacher; Canadian Valley Technology Center

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Oklahoma's 28th Governor



Governor Kevin Stitt is leading Oklahoma with a vision to become Top Ten in job growth, infrastructure, education and more. He is an entrepreneur who founded Gateway in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 2000. Starting with only \$1,000 and a computer, he grew Gateway into a nationwide mortgage company operating in more than 40 states and servicing more than \$20 billion in residential mortgages. In 2018, he led Gateway through a merger and established Gateway First Bank, which

today is one of Oklahoma's 10 largest banks by assets with over \$2 billion in assets, 160 mortgage centers across the U.S., and more than 1,700 employees.

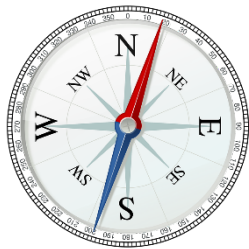
Oklahomans spoke in record numbers that they wanted Stitt to use his business acumen to transform the state. In 2018, he received more votes than any gubernatorial candidate in state history in his first bid for elected office of any kind.

Governor Stitt has taken a groundbreaking approach to his administration by appointing the most female cabinet secretaries in state history and tapping expert advisors from the private sector, including the first chief operating officer in state history.

He is committed to delivering taxpayers more for their money, and his fiscally conservative leadership helped the state build its largest savings account in history, which proved to be prophetic in the face of an oil and gas downturn.

Stitt is a fourth-generation Oklahoman and a graduate of Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Sarah, have been married for 23 years and they have six children.





Where Do I Go?

Gift Shop:	1 st Floor
Supreme Court Hallway:	2 nd Floor
House Gallery:	5 th Floor
Senate Gallery	5 th Floor
Representative and Senator Offices:	3 rd Floor

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DID YOU KNOW?

Talk with state government about Education....

Education is primarily a State and local responsibility in the United States. It is States and communities, as well as public and private organizations of all kinds, that establish schools and colleges, develop curricula, and determine requirements for enrollment and graduation.



House Fast Facts:

- 101 seats for 101 house members
- Elected to Office for 2 years
- Term Limit is 12-cumulative for both chambers

Senate Fast Facts:

- 48 seats for 48 senate members
- Presiding Officer is the Lt. Governor
- Elected to Office for 4 years
- Term Limit is 12-cumulative for both chambers



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