

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 1376

By: Boles of the House

5 and

6 **Thompson** of the Senate

9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
11 2021, Section 5060.26, which relates to the Oklahoma
12 Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence; modifying
 composition of board of directors; providing an
 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5060.26, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 5060.26. A. A private, not-for-profit corporation may
19 be organized pursuant to the provisions of Title 18 of the Oklahoma
20 Statutes and the provisions of this act to develop the Industrial
21 Extension System in Oklahoma, with a special emphasis on minority
22 business enterprises. Such corporation, upon certification by
23 Oklahoma Futures, shall be known as and may exercise all of the
24 powers of OAME.

1 B. In addition to the provisions and requirements of Title 18
2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the certificate of incorporation and the
3 bylaws of OAME must be certified by Oklahoma Futures and the
4 certificate of incorporation shall:

5 1. Designate the name of the corporation as the Oklahoma
6 Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence, Inc.;

7 2. Provide that the exclusive purposes of OAME are public
8 purposes to assist small and medium-sized manufacturing firms, with
9 a special emphasis on minority business enterprises, to gain the
10 ability, through education, technology transfer, and otherwise, to
11 compete successfully at progressively higher levels of value-added
12 in the national and international economy;

13 3. Provide for the following three classes of membership in
14 OAME which shall have representation on the Board of Directors of
15 OAME:

16 a. one class composed of small and medium-sized
17 manufacturing firms located in Oklahoma, and the
18 certificate of incorporation shall provide for the
19 qualifications for membership in such class,

20 b. one class composed of large corporations, and the
21 certificate of incorporation shall provide for the
22 qualifications for membership in such class, and

23 c. one class composed of state entities, including, but
24 not limited to, the Oklahoma Center for the

Advancement of Science and Technology, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

5 4. Provide for classes of associate membership which shall not
6 have representation on the Board of Directors of OAME, except as
7 provided in paragraph 5 of this subsection;

8 5. Provide that the Board of Directors of OAME shall consist of
9 five nine representatives of members who shall be individuals
10 elected at the first annual meeting of OAME by members of the class
11 composed of small and medium-sized manufacturing firms, and four
12 representatives of members who shall be individuals elected at the
13 first annual meeting of OAME by members of the class composed of
14 large corporations. The Board of Directors also shall include the
15 President following state governmental representatives as ex officio
16 members: the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Center for the
17 Advancement of Science and Technology, the Executive Director of a
18 designee from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Director of
19 and a designee from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology
20 Education and the Chancellor of Higher Education as ex officio
21 members (CareerTech). The bylaws of OAME may provide for designees
22 who may serve in the place of any of the directors and the terms
23 under which any such designation will be made. The Board of
24 Directors shall have the power to elect, from time to time, persons

1 to serve as directors who are associate members or are not
2 affiliated with any entity or firm which qualifies for membership in
3 OAME, provided that no more than ~~three~~ (3) one of such persons shall
4 serve on the Board of Directors at any time;

5 6. Have the authority to set membership dues in an amount to be
6 determined by the Board of Directors. No participating state entity
7 shall pay membership dues;

8 7. Provide for all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out
9 and effectuate its corporate purposes, including, but not limited
10 to, the following:

11 a. to maintain an office at such place or places as it
12 may designate,

13 b. to make and execute contracts with any individual,
14 corporation, association or any other entity and all
15 other instruments necessary or convenient for the
16 performance of its duties and the exercise of its
17 powers and functions under this act,

18 c. to receive funds from any source to carry out the
19 purposes of this act, including, but not limited to,
20 gifts or grants from any department, agency or
21 instrumentality of the United States or of the state
22 for any purpose consistent with the provisions of this
23 act,

- 1 d. to acquire or sell, convey, lease, exchange, transfer
2 or otherwise dispose of its property or any interest
3 therein,
- 4 e. to develop plans and policies to assist small and
5 medium-sized manufacturing companies in Oklahoma,
- 6 f. to enter into contracts to provide assistance to small
7 and medium-sized manufacturing companies, including,
8 but not limited to, the following categories:
- 9 (1) technology,
10 (2) human resources development,
11 (3) market planning,
12 (4) finance, and
13 (5) inter-firm collaboration,
- 14 g. to assist other organizations providing general
15 business assistance to small and medium-sized
16 manufacturing enterprises,
- 17 h. to establish manufacturing quality and standards
18 certification programs, setting minimum standards and
19 issuing certification to companies meeting such
20 standards,
- 21 i. to develop and distribute information about
22 manufacturing modernization and assistance that is
23 available to support efforts to improve the abilities

of small and medium-sized firms to produce and market higher value-added products,

- j. to establish a system to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided to small and medium-sized manufacturing firms,
 - k. to establish and operate, directly or under contract, an information system designed to access resources that will assist the firms to become more productive,
 - l. establish a training program for individuals working on behalf of small and medium-sized manufacturing firms, and
 - m. to establish special educational and informational programs for its members.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
clared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
in full force from and after its passage and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated
02/13/2025 – DO PASS, As Coauthored.