

State's 25 Most Powerful

Other state leaders cast 200 vote total

Each asked to pick 10 who wield most power

The results are in. A panel of 200-plus community leaders from across Oklahoma have chosen the "25 Most Powerful Oklahomans."

Panelists were asked to cast their ballots from a list of 38 possible nominees, plus write-ins, which wound up totalling another 26 names.

The Top 25 were chosen, getting from 29 to 167 votes. Another 22 nominees and write-ins got between 10 and 25 votes. Others got fewer than 10 votes.

Ballots were not mailed to nominees. Statewide voting panelists included civic leaders, bank CEOs, newspaper publishers, corporate CEOs and leaders in the fields of health care, education, industry, government and religion.

Geographically, the Top 10 included 3 from OKC, 3 from Tulsa, 2 from Norman, one each from Ponca City and Claremore.

Six of the Top 10 were elected officials, 2 were newspaper publishers, one a university president and one a bank CEO.

The "25 Most Powerful Oklahomans" were:

25 MOST POWERFUL

Ed Gaylord, *Daily Oklahoman* publisher; David Boren, OU President; U.S. Sen. Don Nickles; Gov. Frank Keating; Bob Lorton, *Tulsa World* publisher; U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe; George Kaiser, BOK CEO; J.C. Watts, Congressman; OKC Mayor Kirk Humphreys and State Senator Stratton Taylor.

And State Sen. Gene Stipe; Luke Corbett, Kerr-McGee CEO; Bob Funk, OKC Chamber Chairman and Express CEO; Larry Nichols, Devon Energy CEO; David Rainbolt, BancFirst CEO; Steve Largent, candidate for governor; Former Gov. George Nigh; Cliff Hudson, Sonic CEO; Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin; Burns Hargis, Vice Chairman of BOK; George Records, MidFirst Chairman; Gene Rainbolt, BancFirst Chairman; E. K. Gaylord II, OPubCo president; Lee Allan Smith, CEO, Oklahoma Events; and Steve Moore, OG&E CEO.

OTHERS

Others, in alphabetical order, with from 10 to 25 votes: Dick Burpee, OKC Chamber president; State Treasurer Robert Butkin; Paula Chapman, Bama Pies CEO; Sam Combs, ONG president; Jim Dunn, Tulsa Chamber Chairman; Attorney Gen. Drew Edmondson; Jeanette Gamba, CEO, Jordan Advertising; Leland Gourley, CEO *OKC FRIDAY*; Vicki Gourley, Chairman, *OKC FRIDAY*; State Sen. Cal Hobson; Tulsa Mayor Bill LaFortune; Tom Love, CEO Love's Stores; Durant banker John Massey; Aubrey McClendon, Chesapeake CEO; State Rep. Fred Morgan; Russell Perry, *Black Chronicle* publisher; Lindy Ritz, FAA Administrator; Dick Rush, State Chamber president; Coach Barry Switzer; Ed Townsend, Local Oklahoma CEO; Bill Warren, Warren Foundation; and Stanton Young, Young Companies.



1. ED GAYLORD
Publisher Daily Oklahoman (167)



2. DAVID BOREN
President University of Okla. (156)



3. DON NICKLES
U.S. Senator (136)



4. FRANK KEATING
Governor (104)



5. ROBERT LORTON
Publisher Tulsa World (99)



6. JIM INHOFE
U.S. Senator (92)



7. GEORGE KAISER
CEO, Bank of Oklahoma (90)



8. J. C. WATTS
U.S. Congressman (76)



9. KIRK HUMPHREYS
Mayor, Oklahoma City (72)



10. STRATTON TAYLOR
President Pro Tem, State Senate (68)



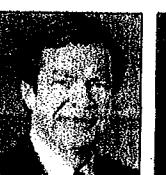
11. GENE STIPE
State Senator (56)



12. LUKE CORBETT
CEO, Kerr-McGee (53-tie)



13. BOB FUNK
Chairman, OKC Chamber (53-tie)



14. LARRY NICHOLS
CEO, Devon Energy (51)



15. DAVID RAINBOLT
CEO, BancFirst (49)



16. STEVE LARGENT
Candidate for Governor (46)



17. GEORGE NIGH
Former Governor (45)



18. CLIFF HUDSON
CEO, Sonic Corp. (42)



19. MARY FALLIN
Lieutenant Governor (41)



20. BURNS HARGIS
Vice Chairman, BOK (38)



21. GENE RAINBOLT
Chairman, BancFirst (37-tie)



22. GEORGE RECORDS
Chairman, MidFirst Bank (37-tie)



23. E. K. GAYLORD II
President, OPubCo (36)



24. LEE ALLAN SMITH
CEO, Oklahoma Events (32)



25. STEVE MOORE
CEO, OG&E (29)