



OWATONNA
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ADVOCACY

2026 Legislative Agenda

MISSION STATEMENT:

Advancing the prosperity of our member business and the vitality of the area.

▶ LOCAL Priorities

Public Policy committee to attend 90% of all City Council meetings.

City: Advocate for investments that will help grow the community. Positively influence cost drivers to slow the growth of taxes and improve efficiencies.

Budget: Support investments that improve the long-term growth of the community. Slow the growth of tax increases so the cost of doing business is as effective as possible.

Regulations: Advocate for appropriate levels of and enforcement of regulations.

▶ STATE Priorities

TAXES

Improve competitiveness

Conforming to pro-growth tax policies contained within the 2025 federal tax bill, particularly bonus depreciation, Section 179 expensing and research and experimentation expensing.

Adopting these policies will encourage investment and competitiveness. Failure to conform risks further compromising our position in the competitive landscape of tax policy among the states.

WORKPLACE MANDATES

Employer-focused flexibility

Implementing and making needed adjustments to the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave mandate.

The Legislature must address operational challenges for both employers and employees to ensure that the program is functional, cost controlled and responsive to workplace dynamics. The potential for fraud must be closely monitored and eliminated.

ENVIRONMENT

Balance regulations with protections

The process for acquiring air, land and water permits in Minnesota takes too long, costs too much and is too uncertain for private sector investment, which in turn drives economic growth to neighboring states or states with similar economies.

Additionally, arbitrary bans and burdensome reporting requirements on products with little to no impact on human health or the environment drive commerce outside of Minnesota.

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City Council, Administration, Mayor. Pictured l-r: Jenna Tuma, Don McCann, Kris Busse, Brad Svenby, Kevin Raney, Matt Jessop, Dan Boeke, Doug Voss, Nathan Dotson and Dave Burbank

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Steele County Commissioners. Pictured l-r: James Brady, Jim Abbe, John Glynn, Greg Krueger, Josh Prokopec

BECOME ENGAGED

- Talk to your legislators -invite them to your facility
- Respond to calls to action/action alerts
- Tell your story-you do not need to be a lobbyist
- Attend Candidate Forums
- Consider running for public office
- Serve on Public Policy committee

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