

BRENT KISLING

EXECUTIVE PARTNER



Brent Kisling is a husband, dad, deacon, and public servant. Born and raised on a farm and ranch in rural Northwest Oklahoma, he graduated from Burlington High School and then attended college at Oklahoma State University. During his time at OSU, Brent served as State President for the Oklahoma FFA and was named Outstanding Graduate from the College of Agriculture.

Following graduation, Brent went to work for U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe before being appointed by the George W Bush Administration to be the State Director for USDA Rural Development. While working all eight years with the President's administration, he oversaw the rural housing, utilities, and business programs state-wide.

For 13 years, Brent and his wife owned and operated Maple Place Bed and Breakfast in downtown Enid. When they sold the business in 2012, it had become the largest bed and breakfast in the state. In March 2009, Brent was named the Executive Director of the Enid Regional Development Alliance, and in 2019, Brent was appointed by Governor Kevin Stitt to serve as the Executive Director for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. During his time in state service, he helped manage Oklahoma's economic response to the COVID pandemic and focused on the growth of Oklahoma's legacy companies and the importance of community engagement.

In 2023, Brent started NexTo LLC, through which he works next to businesses, communities, and people to help them grow. He also oversees the "Meet with God Daily" and "Bible Names Exhibit" ministries in Enid, Oklahoma.

Brent has served as Chair of the Oklahoma FFA Foundation, the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, and the Governor's Economic Development Council. He was named the 2022 Leadership Oklahoma Graduate of Distinction and the 2022 Oklahoma Energy Champion by the Advanced Power Alliance.

In 1995, Brent married the girl of his dreams, Jennifer, and they have two wonderful children, Layne and Bree. He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Enid where he also teaches Sunday School.

Current Roles:

- Executive Partner – Magellan Executive Partners
- Chief Executive Officer of NexTo LLC

Leadership History:

- Executive Director for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- Executive Director of the Enid Regional Development Alliance
- State Director for USDA Rural Development
- Chair of the Oklahoma FFA Foundation
- 2020 Census Complete Count Committee
- Governor's Economic Development Council
- Owned and operated Maple Place Bed and Breakfast

Honors:

- 2022 Leadership Oklahoma Graduate of Distinction
- 2022 Oklahoma Energy Champion by the Advanced Power Alliance

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