

STATE OF KANSAS)
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CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS)

SPECIAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Special Meeting, Wednesday, May 7, 2025, with eight members present: Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; and Mayor Garner, Mayor/CEO, presiding. Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Hill, Commissioner Fourth District; and Davis, Commissioner Eighth District; were absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; and Monica L. Sparks, Unified Government Clerk.

Mayor Garner called the meeting to order.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be conducted in person on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building for an Executive Session relating to personnel matters of non-elected personnel and for any action necessary as a result thereof. The Executive Session portion of the meeting is closed to the public under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, the Governing Body will reconvene into open session for any required action.

CONSENT TO MEETING of the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, accepting service of the foregoing notice, waiving all and any irregularities in such service and in such notice, and consent and agree that we, the governing body, shall meet at the time and place therein specified and for the purpose therein stated.

ROLL CALL: Stites, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez, Garner.

Mayor Garner said at this time do we have a motion for Executive Session?

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, that the Commission reconvene into Executive Session in the 5th floor conference room to allow the Commission to further discuss the retention of an employee, which is a private personnel matter related to a specific non-elected employee, as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act; and that staff and others that are necessary for the conversation and are requested by the Commission be present, and that we return to open session at 5:45 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room. Roll call was taken and there were two “Ayes,” Stites, Burroughs; and five “No’s, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez. **Motion failed.**

Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, to go into executive session until 6:20 p.m. Roll call was taken and there were seven “Ayes,” Stites, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez.

Present for the Executive Session: Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; and Garner, Mayor/CEO; presiding. **Staff present:** Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel.

Mayor Garner reconvened back into Special Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Garner said I’ll entertain a motion to extend the Executive Session.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, to reconvene back into Executive Session until 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and there were seven “Ayes,” Stites, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez.

Mayor Garner reconvened back into Special Session at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Garner said I’ll entertain a motion to extend the Executive Session.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stites, to reconvene into Executive Session until 7:35 p.m. Roll call was taken and there were seven “Ayes,” Stites, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez.

Mayor Garner and Commissioner Stites stepped out of the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and returned at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs reconvened back into Special Session at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs said I’ll entertain a motion to extend the Executive Session.

Commissioner Townsend made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to reconvene into Executive Session until 8:20 p.m. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez.

Mayor Garner reconvened back into Special Session at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Garner said I’ll entertain a motion to extend the Executive Session.

Commissioner Burrough made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, to extend the Executive Session until 8:50 p.m. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez.

Mayor Garner reconvened back into Special Session at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Garner said I’ll entertain a motion to extend the Executive Session.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, to extend the Executive Session until 9:15 p.m. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez.

Mayor Garner reconvened back into Special Session at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Garner stated there is no further business this evening. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stites, to adjourn. Roll call was taken and there were seven "Ayes," Stites, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Kane, Lopez.

**MAYOR GARNER AJOURNED
THE MEETING AT 9:16 p.m.**

Monica L. Sparks
Unified Government Clerk

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