

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



## Board of Commissioners

Commission Chambers  
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

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**Mayor Tyrone Garner**

*Commissioner At-Large Dist. 1 Melissa Bynum – Commissioner At-Large Dist. 2 Tom Burroughs –  
Commissioner Dist. 1 Gayle E. Townsend – Commissioner Dist. 2 Bill Burns –  
Commissioner Dist. 3 Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Dist. 4 Evelyn Hill –  
Commissioner Dist. 5 Mike Kane – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –  
Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis*

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## MINUTES

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

**7:05 PM – 8:20 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Commissioner's Present:**

- Mayor Tyrone Garner
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Burroughs
- Commissioner Davis
- Commissioner Kane (Arrived at 7:12 P.M.)
- Commissioner Townsend
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Stites

**Commissioner's Absent:**

- Commissioner Ramirez

**Staff Present:**

- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Angela Lawson (Acting Chief Counsel)
- Irene Caudillo (Mayor's Chief of Staff)

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Tyrone Garner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The invocation was led by Chaplain Daniel Freeman, New Beginnings Missionary Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Revisions to Agenda:**

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

**Mayor's Agenda:**

**Item No. 1 – PROCLAMATION: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (Discussion Begins 1:56:23)**

A Proclamation proclaiming September 15, 2025, to October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

**Item No. 2 – PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD RECOGNITION (Discussion Begins: 2:00:35)**

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Mayor Garner recognized the following:

- **Mario Escobar (Discussion Begins 2:02:45)**
- **Edgar Galicia (Discussion Begins 2:05:13)**
- **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City (Discussion Begins 2:08:44)**
- **Randy Lopez (Discussion Begins 2:10:40)**
- **Monica Mendez (Discussion Begins 2:15:45)**
- **Ramon Murguia (Discussion Begins 2:19:11)**
- **Raul Villegas (Discussion Begins 2:24:56)**

This item was for information only, and no commission action was required.

**Item No. 3 – PROCLAMATION: KANSAS CITY, KANSAS POLICE OFFICER HUNTER SIMONCIC MEMORIAL DAY (Discussion Begins 2:32:45)**

A Proclamation proclaiming August 28, 2025, as Kansas City, Kansas Police Officer Hunter Simoncic Memorial Day.

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

**Item No. 4 – PROCLAMATION: MEMORIAL HALL CENTENNIAL DAY (Discussion Begins 2:39:13)**

A Proclamation proclaiming September 11th and 12th, 2025, as Memorial Hall Centennial Day. This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

**Item No. 5 – PROCLAMATION: POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY (Discussion Begins 2:41:13)**

A Proclamation proclaiming September 19, 2025, as POW/MIA Recognition Day. This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

**Item No. 6 – PROCLAMATION: SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH (Discussion Begins 2:42:43)**

A Proclamation proclaiming September 2025, as Sickle Cell Awareness Month. This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

**Item No. 7 – PRESENTATION: UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CANCER CENTER UPDATE (Discussion Begins 2:47:27)**

Dr. Jeff Holzbeierlein, Physician in Chief for the University of Kansas Cancer Center, presented an update on the new cancer center building project.

Key points:

- New cellular therapy treatments, including Lyfgenia for sickle cell disease
- Building to open November 2027
- Joint venture between the University and Health System
- Half dedicated to research, half to clinical care
- Economic development benefits for Kansas City, Kansas

This item was for information only, and no commission action was required.

**Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 3:02:26)**

**Item No. 1 - RESOLUTION: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND GIVING NOTICE OF CREATING A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BUC-EE'S FAMILY TRAVEL CENTER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT)**

**Item No. 2 - RESOLUTION: PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ADVISABILITY OF CREATING A REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (BUC-EE'S PROJECT)**

**Item No. 3 - RESOLUTION: BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGING**

**Item No. 5 - RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

**Item No. 6 - RESOLUTION: GOOGLE WATER EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY PROJECT GRANT**

**Item No. 7 - ORDINANCE: EMINENT DOMAIN FOR 55TH & METROPOLITAN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

**Item No. 8 - APPOINTMENTS: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Item No. 9 - PLAT: TINER FARMS**

**Item No. 10 - MINUTES**

**Item No. 11 – WEEKLY BUSINESS**

Mayor Garner made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Lopez, Bynum, Burroughs, Davis, Kane, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

#### Set Aside

A request was made by Commissioner Bynum to set aside Item No. 6.4. **(Discussion Begins 3:04:50)**

**Item No. 4 - ORDINANCE: AMENDING LEVY OF TRANSIENT GUEST TAX**

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to send back the item to the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee for more thorough discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burroughs.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Lopez, Bynum, Burroughs, Davis, Kane, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

**Commissioner Bynum made a motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Land Bank Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. (Discussion Begins 3:06:15)**

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Lopez, Bynum, Burroughs, Davis, Kane, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

**Land Bank Board of Trustees Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins: 3:06:57)**

**Item No. 1: RESOLUTION: LAND BANK POLICY REVISION**

**Item No. 2: LAND BANK OPTIONS**

**Item No. 3 – LAND BANK PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Lopez, Bynum, Burroughs, Davis, Kane, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

**Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 3:07:34)**

Mayor Garner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burroughs.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Lopez, Bynum, Burroughs, Davis, Kane, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

**MAYOR GARNER**

**ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.**

**September 4, 2025**

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Monica L. Sparks, CMC  
Unified Government Clerk

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