

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



Economic Development & Finance Meeting
5th Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Chair Commissioner Melissa Bynum

Commissioner, District 1 - Jermaine Howard, Commissioner, District 2 - Bill Burns

Commissioner, District 5 - Carlos Pacheco, Commissioner, District 7 - Chuck Stites

Commissioner, District 8 - Andrew Davis, BPU Board Member David Haley

MINUTES

Monday, April 27, 2026

12:36 PM – 12:42 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Bynum (Chair)
- Commissioner Howard
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Pacheco
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Davis

Committee Members Absent:

- BPU Board Member Haley

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Jeff Conway (Legal Department)
- Rodney Lucas (Interim Assistant County Administrator)

Call to Order

Commissioner Bynum called the meeting to order at 12:36 PM. The Clerk read the notice of the special meeting.

Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins: 02:27)

No revisions to the agenda were announced.

Committee Agenda:**Item 4.1: APPOINTMENT: AMERICAN ROYAL SUBCOMMITTEE (Discussion Begins: 02:35)**

Chairman Bynum explained that the committee had only one agenda item: the appointment of a member of this committee to the American Royal Committee, which is required under the development agreement made with the American Royal. Commissioner Bynum noted that Commissioner Stites had resigned his appointment, creating the need for a new committee member to be appointed.

Commissioner Davis volunteered to serve on the American Royal subcommittee, stating he would be amenable to serve and would work to develop proposals that would include all districts represented on the committee.

Before the vote, Commissioner Stites addressed the committee, explaining his reasons for resigning from the American Royal subcommittee. Stites expressed concerns about alleged meetings occurring outside of the formal committee structure and deals being discussed without full committee participation, citing lack of transparency as his reason for stepping away.

Commissioner Bynum responded to Stites' concerns, clarifying that she was unaware of any deals being floated and that the only meeting outside of the public setting was a single meeting between herself, the mayor, and staff in response to questions she had raised the previous day on a different topic.

Stites reiterated his position that any discussions regarding committee business should include the entire committee and expressed disagreement with meetings being held without full committee presence.

Commissioner Pacheco made a motion to approve Commissioner Davis as the appointee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Davis, Stites, Pacheco, Burns, Howard, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Haley

Commissioner Stites left the meeting at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins: 06:44)

Commissioner Burns moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Davis, Pacheco, Burns, Howard, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Haley. Stites

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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