

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commission Chambers

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

Mayor Christal E. Watson

Commissioner At-Large Dist. 1 Melissa Bynum – Commissioner At-Large Dist. 2 Andrew Kump –

Commissioner Dist. 1 Jermaine Howard – Commissioner Dist. 2 Bill Burns –

Commissioner Dist. 3 Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Dist. 4 Dr. Evelyn Hill –

Commissioner Dist. 5 Carlos Pacheco – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –

Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2026

5:30 PM – 6:50 PM

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

- Mayor Christal E. Watson
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Kump
- Commissioner Howard
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Pacheco
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Davis

Commissioners Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Angela Lawson (Interim Chief Counsel)

Call to Order:

Mayor Christal E. Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Notice and Consent to Meeting:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING: You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is scheduled to be conducted on Thursday, January 8, 2026, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** in the Fifth-Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas for the following:

1. Executive session for consultation with attorneys on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship such as litigation or claims against the city. **The executive session portion of the meeting is closed to the public under the Kansas Open Meetings Act.**

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.

Motion made by Commissioner Bynum that the Commission convene into Executive Session until 6:30 pm in the 5th floor conference room to discuss potential litigation regarding fire department equipment, litigation on behalf of the BPU, and the advisability of entering into an economic agreement pursuant to the consultation with our attorneys which would be deemed privileged justification, as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2); and that David Johnston, Wendy Green, Angela Lawson, Alan Howze, Chief Rubin, Assistant Chief McCoy, Captain Allen and Casey Meyer remain to participate in the first discussion; David Johnston, Angela Lawson and Casey Meyer remain for the second discussion;

and David Johnston, Angela Lawson, Todd LaSala and Chelsea Chism remain for the final discussion; and that we reconvene in open session at 6:30 pm here in the Fifth Floor Conference room.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 10/0

- Ayes: Pacheco, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Ramirez, Hill
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Present for the Executive Session: Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Lopez, Stites, Davis, and Watson, Mayor/CEO; presiding. Staff Present: David Johnston, County Administrator, Angela Lawson, Interim Chief Counsel, Wendy Green, Deputy Chief Counsel, Casey Meyer, Senior Counsel, Chief Dennis Rubin, Assistant Chief McCoy and Captain Allen, Kansas City Kansas Fire Department, Chelsea Chism, Economic Development Director, Todd LaSala, Outside Counsel, and Alan Howze, Assistant County Administrator.

Mayor Watson reconvened back into Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Watson asked for a motion to go back into Executive Session.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to extend the Executive Session until 6:50 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 10/0

- Ayes: Pacheco, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Ramirez, Hill
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 10/0

- Ayes: Pacheco, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Ramirez, Hill
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

MAYOR WATSON ADJOURNED
THE MEETING AT 6:50 p.m.

Monica L. Sparks
Unified Government Clerk

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