

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

Saturday, January 31, 2026

8:32 AM – 1:54 PM

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

- Mayor Christal E. Watson
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Kump
- Commissioner Howard
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Pacheco
- Commissioner Lopez (Arrived at 9:26 am)
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Davis (Arrived at 8:40 am)

Commissioners Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Angela Lawson (Interim Chief Counsel)
- Chelsea Chism (Economic Development Director)

Call to Order:

Mayor Christal E. Watson called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

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 Saturday, January 31, 2026, beginning at **8:30 a.m.** at the Children's Mercy Park Sporting KC Soccer Stadium, 1 Sporting Way, Mazuma Plaza, Fifth Floor Audi Sports Club, Kansas City, Kansas for an executive session regarding consultation with attorneys on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship as well as for a Strategic Retreat.

The executive session portion of the meeting is closed to the public under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, §75-4319(b)(2). Immediately upon conclusion of the Executive Session, the Unified Government Board of Commissioners Strategic Retreat will be conducted in person. The public will be able to attend the Strategic Retreat in person.

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 9:05 a.m. in the Suite 501 Room to discuss the advisability of entering into an economic agreement and the need for a revision to an employment contract 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, Angela Lawson, Chelsea Chism, and Todd LaSala remain to participate in the discussion, but only

Angela Lawson and Davis Johnston as needed shall remain for the final discussion, and that we reconvene in open session at 9:05 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Audi Sports Club.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

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

Present for the Executive Session: Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Stites, and Watson, Mayor/CEO; presiding. Staff Present: David Johnston, County Administrator, Angela Lawson, Interim Chief Counsel, Chelsea Chism, Economic Development Director, and Todd LaSala, Outside Counsel.

Mayor Watson reconvened back into Special Meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to extend the Executive Session until 9:20 a.m.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

Mayor Watson reconvened back into Special Meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to extend the Executive Session until 9:28 a.m.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kump. David Johnston, Chelsea Chism and Todd LaSala left the executive session.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

Mayor Watson reconvened back into Special Meeting at 9:28 a.m. The meeting continued following the Strategic Retreat agenda in open session.

Adjournment:

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

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Pacheco, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Ramirez, Hill
- Nays: None
- Absent: Burns (Left the meeting at 12:26 pm)

MAYOR WATSON ADJOURNED

THE MEETING AT 1:54 p.m.

January 31, 2026

Monica L. Sparks, CMC
Unified Government Clerk