



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

of the

KANSAS CITY YOUTH COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

5:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS:

DJ YEARWOOD, *CHAIR*

MOLLY McCULLOUGH, *SECRETARY & 1ST DISTRICT at-LARGE*

CHASE JACKSON, *1ST DISTRICT*

MICHAEL MILLER, *2ND DISTRICT at-LARGE*

LILLI CHEN, *2ND DISTRICT*

ANA VICTORIA DAVIS HERNANDEZ, *3RD DISTRICT at-LARGE*

ANYIA BYRD, *3RD DISTRICT*

ELMA KELJIC, *4TH DISTRICT at-LARGE*

KERAV AGARWAL, *4TH DISTRICT*

LANDON HAMMELL, *5TH DISTRICT at-LARGE*

ZOE WILSON, *VICE CHAIR & 5TH DISTRICT*

ALEX BROUGHT, *6TH DISTRICT at-LARGE*

DARIAN FIELDER-BEY, *6TH DISTRICT*

OPENING

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Welcome Remarks from the Chair
 - i. Meeting called to order by the Vice Chair
 - b. Overview of Meeting Objectives
 - c. Roll call and quorum verification
 - i. Roll Call taken by the Vice Chair and Quorum established
 - d. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Motion made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner McCoullough, motion carried
 - e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Review and approve minutes from 05.27.25 Meeting
 - ii. Motion to approve made by the Chair, seconded by Commissioner Arawal, motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

- II. COMMITTEE REPORTS & FORMALIZATION
 - a. Committees will meet and Commission will reconvene about each. International relations and Quality Education will schedule before weeks end.
- III. OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP
 - a. Youth Fee for Parks & Recreation Centers
 - i. Parks and Rec Board Commissioner Cotton to be requested to present to the Youth Commission. Program Manager will schedule presentation.
 - b. KCATA ADOPT A STOP
 - i. Commission will select a stop to sponsor

NEW BUSINESS

- IV. 2025 Commission Priorities Review
 - i. Juvenile Crime – Addressing root causes such as poverty, lack of opportunity, and mental health.
 - ii. Substance Abuse/Mental Health Crises – Expanding access to resources and combating stigma.
 - iii. Youth-Friendly Spaces – Advocating for the creation of welcoming, dedicated spaces for young people.

- iv. Quality Education – Addressing challenges such as infrastructure, school funding, and teacher retention.
- V. Citywide Curfew Ordinance Review
 - a. Tabled for review until Chair can discuss concerns
- VI. PROPOSAL: Citywide Youth and Young Adult Survey
 - a. Meeting scheduled with the Office of Population Health. All Commissioners are invited to attend to ensure that their voices are heard in the formation of their survey. Official ordinance language to be sent to the Council for Sponsorship. Meeting to be scheduled with Council Advisor.
- VII. Youth Commission Budget Discussion FY 26/27
 - a. Commissioners are to bring key initiative ideas to next meeting to begin budget formation. Example of budget presented by Program Manager
- VIII. PROPOSAL: Draft letter to the City Manager for Lobby Updates
 - a. Commissioners tabled this item until next meeting.
- IX. KC Futures Commission Meeting Review
 - a. All Commissioners expressed that the meeting went very well. Well attended. Presentation from City Planning Dept was great. Concern was expressed about attendance of Councilmembers and presentations from them.
- X. Summer Events and Programming
 - a. Operation Backpack- Commissioners to attend and register voters for event on Saturday August 2, 2025 at Swope Park. Program Manager will gather all needed supplies and snacks.
- XI. Adult Advisory Commission
 - a. Potential Members – Program Manager introduced the current Adult Commissioners, and asked for any potential Adults that they would like to recommend. Commissioner Hammell recommended Mr. Suber from Urban Rangers. Commissioner Wilson will confirm name of her recommendation from KCPS.
- XII. Open Application Process
 - a. Program Manager explained that applications are being accepted for both the Youth Commission and the sub-committees of the Commission. Links have been sent to all Commissioners to share, and have been sent out citywide.
- XIII. ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONERS
 - a. Commissioner Arawal proposed a Panel in collaboration with the IRC and to host quarterly panel discussions. This will be held at the Plaza Library, several dates are available for the first panel. Program Manager will follow up with Commissioner Arawal to move project forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- XIV. Open floor for public attendees to provide feedback, ask questions, or present concerns.
- XV. Comments from the OFFICE OF COUNCILWOMAN MELISSA PATTERSON HAZLEY.
- XVI. Comments from KC FUTURES OFFICE.

FINAL ACTIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS

- XVII. REVIEW OF DECISIONS MADE & NEXT STEPS
- XVIII. ADJOURNMENT