



**3<sup>RD</sup> REGULAR MEETING**  
*of the*  
**KANSAS CITY YOUTH COMMISSION**

*Tuesday, March 25, 2025*

*5:00 PM*

**COMMISSIONERS:**

DJ YEARWOOD, *CHAIR*

MOLLY McCULLOUGH, *SECRETARY & 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT at-LARGE*

CHASE JACKSON, *1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT*

MICHAEL MILLER, *2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT at-LARGE*

LOLA CLEMENTS, *2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT*

ANA VICTORIA DAVIS HERNANDEZ, *3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT at-LARGE*

ANYIA BYRD, *3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT*

ELMA KELJIC, *4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT at-LARGE*

KERAV AGARWAL, *4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT*

LANDON HAMMELL, *5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT at-LARGE*

ZOE WILSON, *VICE CHAIR & 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT*

ALEX BROUGHT, *6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT at-LARGE*

DARIAN FIELDER-BEY, *6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT*

## **OPENING**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Welcome Remarks from the Chair
    - i. Meeting called to order by the chair DJ Yearwood
  - b. Overview of Meeting Objectives
  - c. Roll call and quorum verification
    - i. DJ Yearwood
    - ii. Zoe Wilson
    - iii. Chase Jackson
    - iv. Molly McCullough
    - v. Michael Miller
    - vi. Ana Hernandez
    - vii. Kerav Agaewal
    - viii. Alex Brought
    - ix. Landon Hammell
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. Review and approval of minutes from the February 17, 2025, meeting.
    - i. Minutes were reviewed and approved

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- III. RETREAT RECAP
  - a. Commission Expectations
  - b. Leadership Understanding
  - c. Strategic Planning
  - d. Bylaws
  - e. Operations
    - i. The Chair lead a discussion on the retreat. Thought it went very well and that there should be another one held soon. Comments were made by all in attendance who agreed with the Chair.
- IV. BYLAWS & GOVERNANCE FINALIZATION
  - a. Final discussion and approval of KCYC bylaws for submission to Law Department.
    - i. Bylaws were reviewed for any additional edits or changes. The Program Manager reminded the Commission to remove language in the travel section with room sharing.
  - b. Any necessary structural amendments.

- i. No amendments to the bylaws recommended
- ii. The Chair made a motion to approve bylaws with edits to travel section being made. Motion was seconded by Zoe Wilson and carried unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS & FORMALIZATION

- a. Reports from existing committees:
  - i. Community Outreach & Volunteerism by Chair, Molly McCullough
    - 1. 7 Days of Kindness Project
      - a. Review of the event took place by the Commissioners. All thought that it went very well.
  - ii. Kansas City World Cup 2026 Committee
    - 1. There are no more seats on the actual Board but the organization wants the Commission to be involved and there are opportunities to serve on the Committee in several ways. Youth Commission will be at the table as plans are formed.
  - iii. Standing Policy Committee
    - 1.

VI. OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

- a. Greg Klice Advisory Board Representation
  - i. No updates.
- b. Youth Fee for Parks & Recreation Centers
  - i. Presentation from Parks & Recreation Staff will be scheduled potentially for the next meeting.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING & NEW BUSINESS**

VII. 2025 COMMISSION PRIORITIES

- a. Finalizing key focus areas and initiatives
  - i. Review of the 4 key areas for the year took place. Discussion lead about the connection of the subcommittees to the four areas of the Commission and the need for direct correlation between them.

VIII. PROPOSAL: 2025 Commission Priorities

- a. To adopt four key priorities and general guidelines for each priority:
  - 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.

1. Motion was made by the Chair to adopt the four key priorities for the year. Motion was seconded by Chase Jackson and passed unanimously.

IX. PROPOSAL: Committee Structure Changes

a. To amend the “Community Outreach and Volunteerism Committee” to become the “Community Impact Committee”

b. To Amend the “Standing Policy Committee” to become the “Advocacy Committee”

c. To create “Support Committee.”

d. To create “Quality Education Committee.”

i. The Chair led a discussion on his proposal to change the structure of the subcommittees of the Commission.

ii. To effectively carry out the priorities of the Kansas City Youth Commission and align with the newly adopted key platform issues, we propose restructuring our committees. These changes will ensure work remains focused, manageable, and impactful while keeping committee responsibilities aligned with the Commission’s three pillars: Community Impact, Advocacy, and Support.

Rather than assigning each key platform issue to a specific committee, we propose that all committees be allowed to work on every platform issue but focus on the areas most relevant to their specific mandate. This approach ensures a more comprehensive and cohesive effort across all priorities while leveraging the expertise and focus of each committee.

A Motion was made by the chair to approve the proposal and seconded by Milly McCoullough. Motion carried unanimously.

X. PROPOSAL: Ratify Recurring Meeting Date, Time, and Location

a. To ratify a recurring general commission meeting on the final Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall in the Committee Room.

i. Motion was made by the Vice Chair and seconded by the Chair to approve standing meetings of the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. DISCUSSION: 2025 Commission Priority Goals

a. The work will begin to prioritize events, initiatives and goals. Subcommittees will be ramping up for meetings and execution of initiatives.

XII. ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONERS

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**FINAL ACTIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS**

- XVI. REVIEW OF DECISIONS MADE & NEXT STEPS
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT
  - a. Motion was made by the Chair to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Chase Jackson, motion carried.