



City of Kansas City, Missouri
Meeting Minutes
KC Futures Youth Commission

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
5:30 PM

Regular

2400 Troost Ave
Kansas City, MO
Multi-Purpose Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **5:30 PM** by the **Chair**.

II. Introductions

- Chair introduces the Commission, speaking about the importance of the Commission's work.
- Chair introduces the Vice Chair.
- Councilmember Patterson Hazley was present.
- Bryan Dial, KC Futures Office, was present.
- Commissioners introduced themselves.
 - Chair DJ Yearwood, Vice Chair Zoe Wilson, and Commissioners Alexander Brought, Chase Jackson, Molly McCullough, Landon Hamell, Patrick Miller, Lola Clements, Kerav Ararwal, and Darian Fielder-Bey were present.
- The Chair opened a discussion on appointing a Commissioner as Secretary of the Commission, prompting interested Commissioners to state their interest in being named Secretary.
- Only Commissioner McCullough expressed interest in being named Secretary.
- The Chair motioned to appoint Commissioner McCullough as the Secretary of the Kansas City Youth Commission.
- The Commission voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner McCullough as Secretary.

III. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda was made by DJ Yearwood.
- Seconded by Zoe Wilson.
- Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- No previous minutes to approve.

V. Old Business

- None.

VI. New Business

1. Robert's Rules of Order Review

- Information booklets on Roberts Rules of Order will be distributed to Commissioners.
- Commissioners will attend a training session on Roberts Rules of Order.
- The Commission will conduct its business using Roberts Rules of Order.

2. Bylaws Review

- Commissioners have been provided a physical copy of the draft bylaws.
- Commissioners will receive a digital copy of the draft bylaws.
- Commissioners are tasked with reviewing the bylaws and suggesting any necessary changes over the course of the next month.
- The Commission has a goal to finalize the bylaws at the next meeting and approve to submit to the City Council.

3. Mission Statement Review and Development

- Commissioners are tasked with reviewing the mission statement and suggesting any necessary changes or refinements over the course of the next month.
- The Commission has a goal to finalize the mission at the next meeting and approve to submit to the City Council.

4. Meeting Dates and Times

- The Chair and Program Director will work with each commissioner to develop a reoccurring meeting schedule for the Commission.

5. Sub-Committee Development

- The following sub-committees were proposed and discussed:
 - Standing Policy Committee
 - Community Outreach & Engagement Committee
 - Public Safety Committee
- Chair motioned to create the Community Outreach & Engagement Committee.
- The Commission voted unanimously in favor.
- Chair appoints Molly McCullough as Chair of the Community Outreach and Engagement Committee.
- Chair appoints Zoe Wilson and Alexander Brought as members of the Community Outreach and Engagement Committee.

6. Upcoming Projects & Events

- **7 Days of Kindness Joint Project (April 5th)**
 - The Commission will volunteer at the Ronald McDonald house on April 5 in recognition of the 7 Days of Kindness in collaboration with 7 Days of Kindness and organizations in the metropolitan area, including the City of Overland Park, KS.
 - Chair delegates the planning and coordination responsibility of this project on behalf of the Commission to the Community Outreach & Engagement Committee.
 - Committee Chair Molly McCullough will collaborate with Commissioners Zoe Wilson and Alexander Brought to coordinate meetings and discussions.
- **Greg Klice Advisory Board Participation**
 - Bryan Dial informs the Commission that Members of the Greg Klice Community Center Advisory Board have invited an opportunity to

collaborate with the Commission to encourage more youth engagement at the advisory board level.

- Bryan Dial informs the commission that the Greg Klice Advisory Board has invited one Commissioner to represent the Commission on the Greg Klice Advisory Board.
- The Commissioners will discuss later how the Commission can collaborate with the Greg Klice Advisory Board and who will represent the Commission and serve on the Advisory Board.

○ **Youth Fee for Parks and Rec Discussion**

- The Commission is informed that a new annual fee has been implemented by the Parks and Recreation Department of around \$130 for young people to have access to Community Centers.
- Since this fee's implementation, staff have reported a significant decrease in youth registration at Community Centers.
- Staff has asked the Commission to review this policy and advise.
- The Commission discussed the issue and decided to take time over the course of the next month individually and informally to discuss the matter with Parks and Recreation staff and gain insight into the policy.
- The Commission will pick the issue up at the next meeting.

○ **Snow Angels Program Collaboration**

- A new city program, the Snow Angels Program, to encourage community volunteerism in difficult times presents an opportunity for the Commission to be present and encourage young people to help where they can.
- The Commission acknowledges that Mayor Quinton Lucas has publicly encouraged young people to help out neighbors in times of need, like extreme weather events.
- The Commission will table this discussion.

○ **Third District Lobby Day (February 12th)**

- Councilwoman Melissa Robinson is hosting a Third District Lobby Day.

- Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- Commissioners should expect more information and coordination from Bryan Dial.

7. New Actions

- KCPS is hosting a lobby day. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Commissioners should expect more information and coordination from Bryan Dial.
- The Commissioners have tentatively scheduled a Commission Retreat for February 17, 2025. This is an informal assembly of the Commission and will not be an official meeting. The Chair and Program Director will collaborate to create a retreat agenda.
- The Commission expressed interest in hosting its own Day at the Capitol. This discussion and planning will take place during the Retreat.
- The Commissioners will have the opportunity to attend the Congressional Cities Conference hosted by the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. March 8-10. Commissioners should expect more information regarding this trip prior to the February 17th retreat.

VII. City Council Advisor Comments

- Councilmember Patterson Hazley discussed the policy development process, in collaboration with the Commission.
- Councilmember Patterson Hazley suggested the commission adopt guidelines to remain apolitical.
- Councilmember Patterson-Hazley provided insight on City Council priorities and encouraged youth engagement in upcoming initiatives.

VIII. KC Futures Office Comments

- The KC Futures Office provided updates on resources available to the commission and support for upcoming projects.

IX. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be scheduled based on the availability of members and finalized via email.

X. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **6:39 PM**.

Minutes submitted by: Molly McCullough, Secretary