

BOARD INFORMATION PACKET



**Board of Public Utilities
Kansas City, Kansas**

Regular Meeting of

January 21, 2026



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BOARD AGENDA

Regular Session

January 21, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

____ Gary Bradley-Lopez, At Large, Position 1
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____ Stevie A. Wakes, Sr., District 1
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REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President; Brett Parker, Secretary; Stevie A. Wakes Sr., David Haley, Chase Cook, and Gary Bradley-Lopez.

Also present: Jeremy Ash, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer; Jerin Purtee, Interim Chief Operating Officer; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Amber Oetting, Director Communications & Marketing; Gabriela Freeman, Director of Customer Care; Brian Laverack, Director of Network Operations; Phillip Brown, Director Civil Engineering; Durward (DJ) Johnson, Senior Civil Engineer; Steven Hargis; Supervisor Water Operations; Dominique Hampton, Communications Specialist; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

A video of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities and can be found on the BPU website, www.bpu.com.

Prior to the Regular Meeting there was an installation ceremony for re-elected Board member David Haley, and newly elected Board members Chase Cook, and Gary Bradley-Lopez.

The Honorable Bill Klapper administered the Oath of Office to, Mr. David Haley, At Large- Position 2.

The Honorable Bill Klapper administered the Oath of Office to, Mr. Chase Cook, Second District.

The Honorable Candice Alcaraz administered the Oath of Office to, Gary Bradley-Lopez, At Large- Position 1.

Ms. Mulvany Henry called the Board meeting to order at 6:24 PM. She welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting, and informed all that the meeting was being recorded including video and audio.

Ms. Mulvany Henry introduced herself and the other Board members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

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Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda of January 7, 2026, by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

Item #4– Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda of December 3, 2025, by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Consent Items:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of December 3, 2025
- b. Approval of the Preliminary November 2025 Financials

Item #5– General Manager Comments

Mr. Ash recognized and welcomed the newly sworn in Board members, Mr. Haley, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Bradley-Lopez. He thanked the new and existing Board members for their service, and said he looked forward to working alongside them to live the BPU Mission, lead with values, and serve the community with pride and care.

Item #6– Board Comments

Mr. Haley expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve another term on the Board, and said he looked forward to working with the other Board members to serve the community.

Mr. Cook thanked his family for their support and the BPU team for a smooth onboarding process. He said he looked forward to working with the other Board members and the BPU team over the next four years.

Mr. Wakes thanked the newly sworn in members, Mr. Cook and Mr. Bradley-Lopez, welcomed Mr. Haley back, and expressed excitement to continue their work as a Board.

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Mr. Parker congratulated the three members on their election victories and said he looked forward to working with them. He expressed appreciation again for Mr. Groneman and Ms. Gonzales for their service and support and hoped to pay that forward to the new members.

Mr. Bradley-Lopez said he looked forward to serving on the Board for the people of Wyandotte County, and to work alongside the BPU team and other Board members. He said his goal was to learn and to work as a team to continue to move BPU forward.

Ms. Mulvany Henry echoed previous comments and welcomed the two new Board members, as well as re-elected Board member Haley. She said she was excited to work with the Board and for the work ahead. She expressed gratitude to Mr. Groneman and Ms. Gonzales for their leadership and years of service.

Item 7– Adjourn

At 6:34 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED:

President

January 16, 2026

To: President and Elected Members of the Board of Public Utilities

FR: Jeremy Ash, General Manager

RE: Election of Officers

There was a request to place the election of Officers on the agenda for January 21, 2026. To proceed with the election of Officers, the first order of business would be to suspend the portion of Section 3.1 in the Board Rules of Procedures that specifies this event shall occur during the first meeting of February.

Section 3.1 of the Board Rules of Procedure states that, "The elected Board shall elect, from its membership at the first meeting in February of each year, a President, a Vice-President and shall appoint a Secretary. Except in the case of a vacancy on the elected Board, four (4) affirmative votes shall be required to elect each officer. Terms of officers shall be limited to not more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms in the same office; however, in the event no nominee receives four (4) affirmative votes, the current office holder shall remain in office for successive one (1) year terms until a nominee receives the requisite number of votes at the election held at the second regular meeting in February, or the next scheduled regular meeting thereafter."

Typically, the nominations are opened for the Office of President. More than one nomination may be received. After all nominations are received, the Board shall vote on each nomination in the order they are received. At any time, a nominee receives four affirmative votes by the remainder of the Board, the President of the Board is declared and no further votes on the remaining nominees are required. In the event that four affirmative votes are not received by any nominee, the current President would retain the office.

The newly elected President then presides over the balance of the meeting, and for the election of Officers to fill the Office of Vice President and the appointment to fill the Office of Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Ash
General Manager

RESOLUTION NO: 5320

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF CERTAIN FEES IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT INFILL HOUSING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities an administrative agency of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City(“BPU”), Kansas (operates the Unified Government’s electric and water utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the Board) of the BPU has determined that it is in the best interest of our community for the BPU to support targeted economic development incentives; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government developed an Infill housing program to support development and increase the tax base of the Unified Government; and

WHEREAS, the BPU staff will work within the framework established by this Board action to meet these goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE KANSAS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

1. That the General Manager is authorized to provide the program incentives to developers and/or builders in the form of waiving electric and water fees for the Infill Housing Development Program created by the Unified Government.
2. The majority of the incentives will be targeted for East of I-635 but will also be available for some areas between I-635 and 78th Street.
3. BPU Permit and Connection Fees Waived for certain UG Land Bank Lots East of 78th Street to be used for residential construction of single-family homes or duplexes. The BPU waivers will be reviewed annually. Below is an example of fees that may be waived:

BPU Example:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Average Value</u>
Temporary Electric Service Fee	\$ 350
Overhead Electric Service Drop Allowance	\$ 200
Residential Water Tap Fee (3/4” tap)	\$ 300
Water System Development Fee (5/8” meter)	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Average savings per home	\$ 2850

4. The landowner or potential landowner will start the process by contacting the BPU water and electric engineering departments and completing a simple form requesting evaluation of the property. The BPU will review the current infrastructure and what makeready work is needed and the BPU will inform the potential customer what incentives will be offered. As properties have different service requirements and makeready costs the BPU is unable to provide a blanket waiver but will consider each property on an individual basis.

5. Any underground electric service will need to be reviewed separately as costs will likely be significantly higher.
6. To qualify the water service will be no larger than ¾” and the meter size of 5/8”.
7. This resolution shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026. The General Manager is hereby directed to update the Board annually on residential development in these areas.

**ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE KANSAS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC
UTILITIES THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.**

By: _____
Board President

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

Approved as to form:
