REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Regular Session on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: Thomas Groneman, President; Brett Parker, Secretary; Mary Gonzales, Stevie A. Wakes Sr., and David Haley. Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President, attended via Zoom.

Also present: Jeremy Ash, General Manager; Wendy Green, Deputy Chief Counsel; Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Clifford (Marshall) Robinett, Acting Director Water Distribution; Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing; Don Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production; Christy Tanner, Accounting and Finance Manager; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Amber Oetting, Director Communications & Marketing; Phillip Brown, Director Civil Engineering; Durward (DJ) Johnson, Senior Civil Engineer; Aaron Moore, Project Engineer II; Brandon Sisk, Project Engineer III; Michael Oldehoeft, Supervisor Water Distribution; 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.

Mr. Groneman called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. He informed all that the meeting was being recorded including video and audio. During the public comments section, community members who wished to speak to the Board would be asked to provide their name and address. Members of the public who wished to speak to the Board using Zoom needed to use the raise hand feature at the bottom of the application or window to signal that they wish to address the board during the public comment section. Members of the public connected by phone only, needed to press *9 to indicate they wished to address the Board in the public comment sections. Those attending in person should sign up on the sheet located near the entry. Public comments would be limited to five minutes and should be addressed to the Board. No confidential information should be shared, including, account information. Staff would not provide individual account information during an open meeting. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. He informed all participants to act respectfully to each other; personal attacks or accusations would not be tolerated. All concerns would be directed to the Board only, they would then determine staff involvement. If side discussion was necessary, it was to be conducted outside of the Board room to avoid interfering with presenters or other attendees. If any rules were breached during this meeting, the attendee was subject to removal.

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Mr. Groneman introduced himself and the other Board members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda of November 5, 2025, by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

Item #4– Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda of November 5, 2025, by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Haley, and unanimously carried.

Consent Items:

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of October 1, 2025
b. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of October 1, 2025
c. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of October 14, 2025
d. Approval of the Preliminary September 2025 Financials

Item #5– General Manager / Team Reports

a) *2025 Third Quarter Financials:* Ms. Christy Tanner, Accounting and Finance Manager, presented the 2025 Third Quarter Financials to the Board. (See attached PowerPoint.)

b) *Water Operations Update:* Mr. Ash, acknowledged Mr. Phillip Brown for his promotion to Director of Civil Engineering.

Mr. Aaron Moore, Project Engineer II, Brandon Sisk, Project Engineer III, and Durward (DJ) Johnson, Senior Civil Engineer, gave the Board an update on various water system initiatives. Items included, interagency coordination efforts, benchmarking, capital water projects and how those were funded. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Mr. Brown and Mr. Johnson responded to questions and comments from the Board.

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c) *Federal Workforce Discussion*: The Board discussed options available to assist customers who may be impacted by the Government shutdown.

Ms. Wendy Green, Deputy Chief Counsel, said the Board could give the BPU team direction by a motion, a second, and a full vote.

Mr. Ash and Ms. Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke about options to consider, including;

- Lifting the requirement to allow for more than one (1) hardship assistance payment in a 12-month period, with a cap of $500.00
- Offering up to four (4) payment arrangements, rather than three (3) per calendar year, until the end of the 2025 year
- Offering FlexPay

Ms. Frye confirmed various options were available for communicating the information, and that funds were still available in the Hardship and Utility Assistance programs.

Mr. Ash said he would notify the Board if the Hardship and Utility Assistance funds were nearing exhaustion.

A motion was made to direct BPU staff to use tools available, as discussed, to assist customers in need, and to reassess as needed, until January 7th, 2026, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Haley, and unanimously carried.

Item #6– Public Comments

Mr. Phillip Kostelac Sr., 440 Stanley Rd., expressed his thoughts regarding datacenters and provided the Board information they could view.

Mr. Ty Gorman, 2843 Parkwood Blvd., expressed appreciation to the Board for being proactive for those impacted by the government shutdown. He spoke about the status of federal funds, energy efficiency options, and provided feedback regarding the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process from community members.

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Mr. Robert Ewing, Kansas City, KS, expressed his thoughts regarding the public comments section, and inquired about the plan to provide more clean and affordable energy.

Ms. Eva Garcia- Meza, Kansas City, KS, voiced comments regarding the PILOT fee and communicating information to the public.

Ms. Adrian Lyons Marks, 512 N. Thompson, expressed her thoughts regarding an actionable plan that would include community engagement, education, and participation to work towards more clean energy options.

Ms. Louise Lynch, Kansas City, KS, inquired about the Hardship and Utility Assistance program funds.

Item #9– Miscellaneous Comments

Mr. Ash highlighted a few items from the October Community Impact Report including, control system replacement on CT2 and CT3, and the implementation of the new interactive voice response (IVR) system.

He also spoke about the increase in employee engagement, hosting the KCKCC Line Program students, and the Executive Teams goal to present the strategic plan utility wide.

Item #10– Board Comments

Ms. Gonzales congratulated Mr. Phillip Brown on his promotion and spoke about Nearman Water's safety record. She thanked the Board for their discussion and advocacy for the community.

Mr. Parker also congratulated Mr. Brown and echoed comments regarding the Board and BPU team being proactive and trying to prepare to help those who may be in need.

Mr. Wakes also expressed appreciation for the presentations, congratulated Mr. Brown on his promotion, and said he saw a lot of great work happening throughout the Community Impact Report. He expressed pride in the BPU team for their work and said he would like to see more community education and communication of those efforts.

Mr. Haley congratulated Mr. Brown on his promotion and expressed appreciation for the presentations and updates provided. He said he spoke with community members regarding

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community engagement, areas of focus, and spoke about the importance of the mission statement.

Ms. Mulvany Henry thanked the presenters and thanked the Board for their discussion about how to meet the community needs during this time.

Mr. Groneman thanked the presenters and community participants, and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Mr. Haley noted that he would participate in the November 20th budget meeting via Zoom.

Item 11 – Adjourn

At 8:08 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED:

President