REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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, February 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: Brett Parker, President; Stevie A. Wakes Sr., Vice President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Secretary; Gary Bradley-Lopez, Chase Cook, and David Haley, who attended via Zoom.

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; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Jerin Purtee, Chief Operating Officer; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Don Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production; Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing; Clifford (Marshall) Robinett, Director Water Distribution; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Gabriela Freeman, Director of Customer Care; Amber Oetting, Director Communications & Marketing; Brian Laverack, Director of Network Operations; Phillip Brown, Director Civil Engineering; Durward Johnson, Senior Civil Engineer; Michael Oldehoeft, Supervisor Water Distribution; Tyler Addington, Security & Network Ops Analyst; 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. Parker 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. Parker 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 February 4, 2026, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Item #4– Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda of February 4, 2026, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Consent Items:

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of January 21, 2026
b. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of January 21, 2026
c. Board Approval of Stevie Wakes as Vice President for the term of January 2026 to February 2027. (Please note, Stevie Wakes was the only nomination for Vice President, however, after nominations were closed, a formal roll call was not taken on his nomination.)

Item #5– General Manager / Team Reports

a) *Cybersecurity Update:* Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer, presented a cybersecurity update to the Board. He explained security vulnerabilities and spoke about measures the BPU security team was taking to mitigate potential risks. He introduced Mr. Tyler Addington, Security & Network Ops Analyst, who operates the Security & Network Operation Center (SNOC) and explained its purpose. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Mr. Sullivan responded to questions and comments from the Board.

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b) *2% Credit Card Charge:* Ms. Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer, explained the details regarding the 2% processing fee that would be applied to credit and debit card payments effective March 1, 2026. (See attached PowerPoint.)

There was discussion regarding the option to extend the start date, but there was no final decision made during the meeting.

Ms. Frye, Ms. Gabriela Freeman, Director of Customer Care, Mr. Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Ash responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Item #6– Public Comments

Mr. Ken Snyder, Rosehill subdivision, expressed gratitude to the water crew that responded to, and repaired a water leak near one of his properties.

Mr. Steve Bock, 2406 N 100th Ter., voiced his thoughts regarding the communication of the 2% credit and debit card charge that was previously discussed.

Mr. Ty Gorman, 2843 Parkwood Blvd. spoke about the lobby, energy efficiency programs, and shared feedback about the utility assistance process.

Item #7– Miscellaneous Comments

Mr. Ash spoke about the great work provided by both the electric and water divisions during the recent winter storm.

Mr. Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer, spoke about BPU's diverse energy portfolio and explained how the various units were dispatched during Winter Storm Fern, January 23rd – 27th. He spoke about how the units performed, the financial impacts, and expressed thanks to the electric teams that kept Nearman Power operational during this time.

Mr. Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations, expressed appreciation to the current and past Boards for their continued support of the Water Department. He said he has had a great 37 plus year career at BPU, and expressed gratitude to BPU for being a great workplace.

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Item #8– Board Comments

Mr. Haley recognized and thanked Mr. Green for his leadership and positive impact to BPU, and wished him luck in retirement. He also thanked Mr. Sullivan for the cybersecurity update, and spoke about the 2% credit and debit card fee.

Mr. Cook thanked the presenters, and congratulated Mr. Green on his upcoming retirement. He said he looked forward to the additional communication regarding the 2% credit and debit card fee and how customers can avoid paying that fee.

Mr. Wakes echoed previous comments, and thanked Mr. Snyder for sharing his experiences and feedback with the Board.

Mr. Bradley-Lopez wished all a happy Black History Month, and thanked the BPU teams who worked through the winter storm. He congratulated Mr. Green on his years of service, and said he would never forget about the water department while serving on the Board. He thanked Mr. Sullivan for his cybersecurity update and said their work was crucial to the safety of BPU. He spoke about the 2% credit and debit card charge and listed other payment options available to avoid that fee.

Ms. Mulvany Henry had no comments.

Mr. Parker expressed his appreciation for the cybersecurity presentation and for their work to keep the utility safe. He spoke about the impact of the BPU team working hard through the winter storm, and said he hoped the community could avoid the 2% credit and debit card fee by using one of the other payment methods available. He thanked and congratulated Mr. Green for his leadership and service to BPU and the community, and wished him a happy retirement. He also thanked the community members for their engagement.

Item 9– Executive Session

Ms. Lawson proposed a motion for adoption as followed:

"I move that after taking a two-minute break the Board go into Executive Session in the First Floor Conference Room for 15 minutes to discuss the General Manager goals pursuant to non-elected personnel matter exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act under KSA 75-4319(b)(1), and that counsel, Angela Lawson, and General Manager, Jeremy Ash, as needed be present to

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participate in the discussion, and that we reconvene in Open Session at 7:46 PM to either take action or adjourn."

At 7:29 PM the above motion was made to move into Executive Session, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes.

Prior to roll call on the motion, Mr. Haley initiated discussion with the Board, and asked that he be excused from the roll call to adjourn in case he had to disconnect from the meeting.

Roll call was taken and the motion unanimously carried.

At 7:46 PM the meeting returned to Open Session.

Item 10– Adjourn

At 7:46 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried. Mr. Haley indicated that he was still participating electronically.

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED:

President