

REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 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, May 6, 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.

Also present: Jeremy Ash, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Dilini Lankachandra, Senior Counsel; Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Jerin Purtee, Chief Operating Officer; Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Don Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production; Matt Cline, Executive Director Electric Supply; Amber Oetting, Director Communications & Marketing; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Gabriela Freeman, Director of Customer Care; Phillip Brown, Director Civil Engineering; Durward (DJ) Johnson, Executive Director Water Operations; Ashley Culp, HR Manager; Steven Hargis; Supervisor Water Operations; and Rick Hardman, 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 6:04 PM and welcomed those listening to or viewing the meeting. He informed all that the meeting was being recorded by both video and audio. During the public comments section, community members wishing to address the Board would be asked to provide their name and address, and would have five (5) minutes to speak. Those attending in person were instructed to sign up on the sheet located near the entrance. The public was reminded that they may contact the BPU by phone or email with any concerns. He informed all participants to act respectfully toward one another; personal attacks or accusations would not be tolerated. All comments should be directed to the Board, who would then determine staff involvement. Any side discussions should take place outside the Board room to avoid disrupting presenters or attendees. Any violation of these rules could result in removal from the meeting.

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.

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Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda of April 1, 2026, by Mr. Bradley-Lopez, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Item #4– Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda of April 1, 2026, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried.

Consent Items:

- a. Minutes of the Work Session of April 1, 2026
- b. Minutes of the Regular Session of April 1, 2026
- c. Minutes of the Work Session of April 21, 2026
- d. Preliminary February and March 2026 Financials

Item #5– General Manager / Team Reports

- a) *2025 Annual Community Impact Report*: Ms. Amber Oetting, Director of Communications / Marketing, emphasized the importance of having a publicly owned utility as she reviewed the 2025 impact report. She highlighted various ways BPU had reinvested in the community and outlined how the Communications Team planned to break down complex utility information into clear, easily digestible content to help inform and educate the community. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Ms. Oetting responded to questions and comments from the Board.

- b) *Residency Resolution #5323*: Resolution #5323, the revision and replacement of the residency policy, was presented to the Board.

Information was clarified as to why a change to the policy required action by the Elected Board.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #5323 by Mr. Cook, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry. Roll call was taken:

Cook: Yes

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Haley: No

Wakes: Yes

Mulvany Henry: Yes

Parker: Yes

Bradley-Lopez: No

The motion carried.

- c) *Low-Income Community Solar Resolutions #5324 & #5325*: Mr. Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer, presented Resolution #5324, a resolution establishing a qualified low-income economic benefit program from the local solar development, as well as Resolution #5325, a resolution confirming financial authorization and that an interconnection agreement is not required for the solar facility. He detailed each resolution presented and responded to questions and comments from the Board.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #5324 by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #5325 by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

Item #6– Public Comments

There were no visitors wishing to speak.

Item #7– Miscellaneous Comments

Mr. Ash thanked the electric team that responded to Ottawa to help with storm restoration and said the Nearman outage was going as planned and would be available within the next week.

He acknowledged AWWA Drinking Water Week, and said the water division planned a number of events throughout the week. He congratulated Mr. DJ Johnson on his promotion to Executive Director of Water Operations.

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He also spoke about BPU team members attending various community outreach events, and shared that BPU employees had participated in a corporate challenge to support area student through Giving the Basics. He shared that with Mr. Jerry Sullivans retirement, Mr. Brian Laverack would be stepping in as Interim Chief Information Officer.

Item #8– Board Comments

Mr. Haley spoke about AWWA Drinking Water Week and said he was proud of BPU’s water efforts. He requested permission to attend the AWWA National Conference in Washington, DC, June 21 – 26th.

A motion was made to approve Mr. Haley’s travel request by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Cook, roll call was taken:

Cook: Yes

Haley: Pass

Wakes: Yes

Mulvany Henry: Yes

Parker: Yes

Bradley-Lopez: Yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Haley thanked Ms. Oetting for her presentation, and congratulated Mr. DJ Johnson on his promotion. Additionally, he thanked and congratulated Mr. Ferris on the community solar project and thanked the Customer Care Team.

Mr. Cook expressed thanks to the presenters and said he looked forward to seeing the next steps of the community solar project. He also congratulated Mr. Johnson on his new role.

Mr. Wakes echoed previous comments and thanked the presenters, expressed excitement for the community solar project, and congratulated Mr. Johnson on his promotion.

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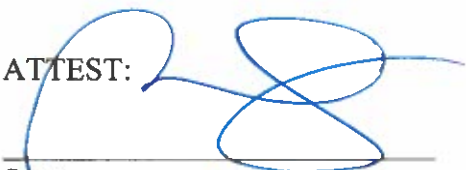
Mr. Bradley-Lopez wished all a Happy Drinking Water Week and Happy Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. He thanked the Work Session presenters and expressed appreciation for the lobby discussion. He thanked Ms. Oetting and Mr. Ferris for their presentations, and congratulated Mr. Johnson on his new role.

Ms. Mulvany Henry congratulated Mr. Johnson on his promotion and expressed thanks to the Work Session presenters for their preparation and follow-up regarding the lobby discussion. She thanked Mr. Ferris for recognizing the needs of the community and for his diligence on the community solar project as well as his thoughtful financial decisions.

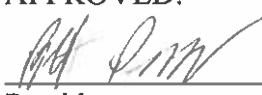
Mr. Parker echoed previous comments and said he was impressed by the BPU team’s efforts to connect and engage with the community and expressed appreciation for the thoughtful lobby presentation. He emphasized the benefit of the community solar project, and thanked BPU leadership for striving to provide the best, most reliable services at an affordable cost. He congratulated Mr. Johnson on his promotion and wished Mr. Jerry Sullivan the best in retirement.

Item 10– Adjourn

At 6:58 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST: 

Secretary

APPROVED: 

President