

## **REGULAR SESSION -WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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, December 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: Thomas Groneman, President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President; Brett Parker, Secretary; Mary Gonzales, Stevie A. Wakes Sr., and David Haley.

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; Andrew (AJ) Coffelt, NERC Compliance Officer; 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](http://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.

Mr. Groneman introduced himself 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 December 3, 2025, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and unanimously carried.

### Item #4– Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda of December 3, 2025, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

#### Consent Items:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of November 5, 2025
- b. Approval of the Preliminary October 2025 Financials
- c. Approval of the 2026 Environmental Surcharge

### Item #5– Kansans for an Affordable Future

Ms. Norine Spears, of Kansans for an Affordable Future, in partnership with Ms. Maria Roumpani, and Ms. Laura Burford, of Current Energy Group (CEG), presented analysis for a clean replacement portfolio to the Board. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Ms. Burford and Ms. Roumpani responded to questions and comments from the Board and pages from their study were referenced. A copy of the full report is on file.

### Item #6– General Manager / Team Reports

- a) *2026 Budget Approval – Resolution #5318:* Mr. Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer, clarified a budget inquiry and presented Resolution #5318, approving the 2026 presented budget, to the Board. (See attached Resolution.)

A motion was made to approve Resolution #5318 by, Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

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b) *Customer Service Fee & Deposit Schedule – Resolution #5319:* Mr. Ferris presented Resolution #5319, revising and replacing the Customer Service Adopted Fee and Deposit Schedule, to the Board. (See attached Resolution.)

Point of order was made by Ms. Mulvany Henry for clarification; Ms. Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer, confirmed this was not a new fee, but was adding an existing fee to the fee sheet.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #5319 by, Mr. Wakes, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

c) *Emergency Response Exercise Video:* Mr. Ash shared that BPU had partnered with the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department, and Wyandotte County Emergency Management, in a tabletop exercise for emergency preparedness. The video captured real-time moments from the exercise.

Mr. Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations, and Mr. Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing, shared insight regarding the exercise and explained the importance of the collaboration efforts.

**Item #7– Public Comments**

Mr. Ty Gorman, 2843 Parkwood Blvd., spoke about BPU working alongside the Unified Government (UG) to provide input on economic development opportunities.

**Item #8– Miscellaneous Comments**

Mr. Ash spoke about clean energy efforts being made by BPU, which included a 96 MW of solar project and the exploration of 170 MW of battery storage. He said Nearman had zero unplanned outages during the winter transition, and that the water distribution team had completed inspections on some of their largest transmission mains.

He shared that Mr. Aaron Moore, Project Engineer III, would be honored as Kansas Next Gen Under 30, being recognized as an emerging leader from across the state of Kansas.

He gave a recap of the BPU food and coat drive, and spoke about participating in an event through the Police Athletic League (PAL) to introduce youth to various career pathways at BPU.

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He expressed gratitude to Mr. Groneman for his decades of public service, both at BPU and statewide, and thanked him for being a steady voice for our community and BPU over the years.

He also recognized and thanked Ms. Gonzales for her 25-year civic servitude and leadership on the BPU Board, her continued presence in the community, and for her roughly 33-year career as an educator.

### **Item #9– Board Comments**

Ms. Mulvany Henry thanked the Current Energy Group for their presentation and input regarding clean energy options. She spoke about two pending solar projects, detailed in the 2026 budget process, that would benefit the most vulnerable in our community. She expressed appreciation for the partnership between agencies and for the video from the exercise. She recognized Mr. Groneman and Ms. Gonzales for their diligence, leadership, and service to the community.

Ms. Gonzales acknowledged her mentor, former Board Member Mr. Bob Milan, and said she had enjoyed her time learning and serving on the BPU Board. She spoke about the fiduciary responsibility of the Board regarding the budget process, and emphasized the importance of asking questions. She also welcomed newly elected Board member Mr. Gary Bradley-Lopez.

Mr. Parker also thanked the presenters from Kansans for an Affordable Future and Current Energy Group. He expressed excitement for the community solar project and the benefits it would bring to the most vulnerable customers. He shared his appreciation of Ms. Gonzales and Mr. Groneman for modeling how to be an effective and responsible Board member and wished them well.

Mr. Wakes also expressed appreciation to Ms. Gonzales and Mr. Groneman for their leadership and mentorship and said he was proud to serve on the BPU Board. He was grateful to those who share the passion of clean energy and said he would continue to consider the community and environment when making decisions. He thanked the BPU team and the Board members for their impact on him.

Mr. Haley thanked Current Energy Group for their presentation, and thanked BPU for their budget preparation. He expressed gratitude to Ms. Gonzales and Mr. Groneman for their public service and work on the Board, and wished them well. He spoke about entering a

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transformative season, and pledged to reevaluate, but continue to serve the community that elected him. He wished all well in their upcoming season.

Mr. Groneman reflected on his time in public service and said his goal was always to leave a place better than when he went in. He expressed confidence, as he exits the Board, knowing BPU was in a great place and under great leadership to serve the people of Wyandotte County. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Item 10– Adjourn**

At 7:52 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Haley, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
President