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

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, Interim Chief Operations Officer; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Doug Bowen, Direct Elect Prod Ops/Maint; Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing; Amber Oetting; Director Communications & Marketing; Nick Moreno, Stakeholder Engagement Manager; Dominique Hampton, Communications Specialist; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Ashley Culp, HR Manager; Claudia Vazquez-Puebla, Talent Specialist; Karen Johnson, HR Spec- Employee Relations; Evelia Soto, Recruiting Coordinator; Steve Hargis, Supervisor Water Operations; Brandon Sisk, Project Engineer III; Phillip Brown, Senior Civil Engineer; Durward Johnson, Senior Civil Engineer; Brian Laverack, Director of Network Operations; Rhonda Burgin, Systems Programmer Analyst III; Tyler Addington, Security & Network Ops Analyst; Armando Morones, Desktop Support Technician II; 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. Haley 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

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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. Haley 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, by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

Item #4- Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda of August 6, 2025, by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Consent Items:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of July 2, 2025
- b. Approval of the Preliminary June 2025 Financials
- c. Approval of Resolution #5315 Western Fuels Assoc. Delegates

<u>Item #5- General Manager / Team Reports</u>

- a) 2025 Second Quarter Financials: Mr. Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2025 Second Quarter Financials to the Board. (See attached PowerPoint.)
- b) Summer Interns Recap: Ms. Claudia Vazquez-Puebla, Talent Specialist, welcomed BPU summer interns up to share their program experiences with the Board. Each intern reviewed their individual projects, shared the knowledge they gained during their time with BPU, and spoke about their future plans. The interns shared additional feedback and thanked BPU for the opportunity via a prerecorded video. (See attached PowerPoint.)
- c) Low Income Rebate Discussion: The Board discussed details regarding the Resolution Reauthorizing a Low Income Rebate Program presented by Mr. Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer, with BPU staff. It was decided the resolution would be retroactive,

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effective July 1st, 2025. Mr. Ferris said this would be included in the yearly budget discussion going forward to make sure it was addressed before its expiration.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #5316, Reauthorizing a Low Income Rebate Program, by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

Item #6- Public Comments

Mr. Ken Snyder, Rose Hill Subdivision, expressed his thoughts on Board compensation.

Mr. Zach Howard, 3014 Oak St. KCMO, voiced his appreciation for the BPU Internship Program.

Louise Lynch, Kansas City, KS, spoke about the BPU Internship Program and Board representation in the community.

<u>Item #7– Miscellaneous Comments</u>

Mr. Ash reviewed items from the July Community Impact Report. Highlights included, Nearman reaching a 460-megawatt (MW) peak, the restoration of over 12,000 power outages due to recent storms, and 2500 hours of safety training logged across the utility. He recognized and thanked Mr. Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations, and all who assisted with the trench collapse incident that occurred in the community.

He said BPU had awarded \$31,000 in scholarships to Wyandotte County students pursing education in STEM, technical trades, and utility careers, and spoke about Public Affairs holding the first Young Leaders Day event. He informed the Board about the translation service now available to BPU customers and welcomed Dominique Hampton, Communications Specialist, to the Communications team.

He provided a brief update regarding potential federal grant funds that would go towards transmission improvements in the KU and Rosedale area, and wished Mr. Wakes a belated birthday.

<u>Item #8– Board Comments</u>

Ms. Mulvany Henry thanked the interns for sharing their experiences, and thanked the Board for their discussion and action regarding the low-income rebate resolution. She reflected

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about the recent loss the community had experienced but noted the resilience of BPU and the Unified Government (UG) for their ability to join together through tough times.

Ms. Gonzales said the community had endured some sadness recently, but hearing the interns share their experiences brought hope. She also wished Mr. Wakes a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Parker thanked the interns for sharing their experiences and wished them well as they moved forward. He thanked Mr. Ferris and Mr. Ash for their updates, and wished Mr. Wakes a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Wakes echoed the prior Board member's comments and spoke about his pride in BPU and the fact that the Board's duties included more than one meeting per month and that compensation was deserved.

Mr. Groneman echoed previous Board comments and thanked those in attendance.

Mr. Haley thanked the interns for coming and giving the Board an update, Mr. Ferris for the financial presentation, and wished Mr. Wakes a Happy Birthday. He also thanked the Board for the Low Income Rebate discussion and spoke about his advocacy regarding Board compensation. He noted that he may not be available for a proposed meeting between BPU Board and the Unified Government due to a prior engagement.

Item 9 - Adjourn

At 7:47 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

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Secretary

APPROVED

President