

## **Governing Body Minutes – May 1, 2026**

City of Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, May 1, 2026. The Governing Body members of the City of Topeka met in VIRTUAL special session at 11:00 A.M. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Hiller, Valdivia-Alcala, Ortiz, Banks, Miller, Bradberry, McGee and Hoferer - 8. Presided: Mayor Duncan -1. Absent: Councilmember Kell -1.

No public comment was allowed at the meeting. Written public comment was considered to the extent it was personally submitted to the City Clerk's Office located at 215 SE 7th Street, Room 166, Topeka, Kansas, 66603 or via email at [cclerk@topeka.org](mailto:cclerk@topeka.org) on or before May 1, 2026, for attachment to the meeting minutes.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Duncan.

Dr. Robert M. Perez, City Manager, asked the Governing Body if there was a need to recess into executive session to discuss the settlement.

Mayor Duncan moved to recess into executive session for a time not to exceed 15 minutes to give legal advice and discuss litigation and other matters deemed privileged under Attorney-Client Privilege as allowed under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume virtually via Zoom. The following individuals will be necessary to aid the Governing Body in its deliberation, City Attorney Nick Jefferson and any other staff members as deemed necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala.

Mayor Duncan asked all those in favor of recessing into executive session to indicate so by verbally saying “yea” and those opposing to indicate so verbally by saying “no.” The motion carried. Councilmember Banks voted “no.” (8-1-0)

At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting reconvened into an open session and

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Mayor Duncan announced no action was taken during the executive session.

CONSIDERATION of a SETTLEMENT offer to fully resolve one or more lawsuits on a full and final basis, was presented.

Mayor Duncan moved to approve the settlement offer to fully resolve one or more lawsuits on a full and final basis. The motion seconded by Councilmember Hoferer carried unanimously on voice vote. (9-0-0)

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

(SEAL)

Brenda Younger, City Clerk, M.M.C.