Topeka Metro
Board of Director's Minutes
September 21, 2026
Quincy Street Station boardroom

MEMBER'S NAME	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT / ABSENT / EXCUSED
Candis Stiles, Chair	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Fátima Pérez-Luthi, Vice Chair	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Tamika Terry	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Michaela Saunders	Topeka Metro	Absent
Glenda Washington	Topeka Metro	Absent
Staff/Visitors	**ORGANIZATION**	**PRESENT / ABSENT / EXCUSED**
Bob Nugent, General Manager	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Richard Appelhanz, Chief Financial Officer	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Keri Renner, Director of Marketing & Comm.	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
John Cassidy, General Counsel	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Jessica Moberly, Director of Planning	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Denise Ensley, Chief Operating Officer	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Terri Miller, Director of Human Resources	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Alan Parrish, Director of Maintenance & Facilities	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Jared Culbertson, Director of IT	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Shawn Auten, Scheduler	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom

	received five bids, and this is for a three-year contract. We met on August 25th and the valuation committee met to discuss and after the review, all five bids were responsive, responsible and qualified, and therefore, we recommend awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, which is Wood River Energy. They came in lower than our current BlueMark Energy by a few thousand dollars. They met all our specifications so we would recommend Wood River Energy for our natural gas for the next three years. Candis stated that during the upcoming discussions of the health insurance vote, she would need to recuse herself on that vote. She asked John if it is possible to change our bylaws to a quorum being sitting members. John said he didn't believe so. He said he could look again, but he believed that's state law. Bob said it could be under state law or city ordinance, right? John said he thinks it's in our charter ordinance.	next three years based on the recommendation, and Tamika Terry seconded. The motion passed, 4-0 (with one proxy from Michaela Saunders).	
Executive Session	N/A		
Adjourn		**MOTION:** Tamika Terry moved to adjourn the meeting, and Fátima Pérez-Luthi, seconded. The motion passed 4-0 (with one proxy from Michaela Saunders). The meeting adjourned at **4:31 p.m.**	Candis Stiles

Respectfully Submitted,
Keri L. Renner, Board Secretary