

RESOLUTION NO. 913-2022

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR
SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE TO CREATE THE
SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE STEERING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners sits as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body for the Fire District may exercise the powers indicated within K.S.A. 19-3601a, including doing all things necessary to effectuate the purposes of K.S.A. 19-3601, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, in order to most effectively exercise the powers as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to establish a Sedgwick County Fire District Number One Steering Council to generally advise and make recommendations to the Board on matters that pertain to Sedgwick County Fire District Number One; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the principles of a representative democracy, the Board of County Commissioners intends for the Sedgwick County Fire District Number One Steering Council to be comprised of Sedgwick County Fire District Number One taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE that:

Section 1. Creation.

For the purpose of advising the Board of County Commissioners on matters pertaining to Sedgwick County Fire District Number One, the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One hereby creates the Sedgwick County Fire District Number One Steering Council ("Steering Council").

Section 2. Composition.

The Steering Council shall be comprised of the following nine (9) members, with such members' staggered term lengths specified alongside each such member position:

- A. Five (5) members shall be put forward for potential appointment by cities located within Sedgwick County Fire District Number One. Each of the city councils for the cities included in this subsection shall be entitled to appoint one (1) individual to the Steering Council who meets the applicable specifications outlined within Section 2.C. of this resolution and then convey a written notice of such intended appointment to the Board of

County Commissioners. Such cities shall include:

1. City of Goddard (each term shall be for 4 years);
2. City of Maize (the initial term shall be for 2 years and all subsequent terms shall be for 4 years);
3. City of Park City (each term shall be for 4 years);
4. City of Haysville (the initial term shall be for 2 years and all subsequent terms shall be for 4 years); and
5. City of Bel Aire (each term shall be for 4 years).

B. Four (4) members, specifically listed within Section 2.B.1. through 4. of this resolution, appointed at-large who meet the applicable specifications outlined within Section 2.C. of this resolution by the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One.

1. At-large Member #1 (each term shall be for 4 years)—Unincorporated Area;
2. At-large Member #2 (each term shall be for 4 years)—Sedgwick County Association of Cities;
3. At-large Member #3 (the initial term shall be for 2 years and all subsequent terms shall be for 4 years)—Unincorporated Area; and
4. At-large Member #4 (the initial term shall be for 2 years and all subsequent terms shall be for 4 years)—Aircraft Manufacturing.

C. Specifications for Steering Council member eligibility

1. Steering Council members appointed by city councils pursuant to Section 2.A. of this resolution must meet one (1) or both of the following qualifications:
 - (a) such person has owned his or her residence that is subject to *ad valorem* property taxation by Sedgwick County Fire District Number One and within the appointing city for at least two (2) years at the time of appointment; or
 - (b) such person has owned a business that owns real property that is subject to *ad valorem* property taxation by Sedgwick County Fire District Number One and within the appointing city for at least two (2) years at the time of appointment.
2. Steering Council members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One pursuant to Section 2.B. of this resolution must meet the following qualifications for their respective positions:
 - (a) At-large Members #1 and #3—Unincorporated Area
 - (1) Such person has owned his or her residence that is subject to *ad valorem* property taxation by Sedgwick County Fire District Number One and is located in the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County for at least two (2) years at the time of appointment; or

- (2) such person has owned a business that owns real property subject to *ad valorem* property taxation by Sedgwick County Fire District Number One and is located in the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County for at least two (2) years at the time of appointment.
 - (b) At-large Member #2—Appointment by Sedgwick County Association of Cities
 - (1) Such person has been put forward for potential appointment to the Steering Council by the Sedgwick County Association of Cities; and
 - (2) such person has owned his or her residence that is subject to *ad valorem* property taxation by Sedgwick County Fire District Number One that is located within a city not included within Section 2.A. of this resolution for at least two (2) years at the time of appointment; or
 - (3) such person has owned a business that owns real property that is subject to *ad valorem* property taxation by Sedgwick County Fire District Number One and within a city not included within Section 2.A. of this resolution for at least two (2) years at the time of appointment.
 - (c) At-large Member #4—Aircraft Manufacturing
 - (1) Such person has been put forward for potential appointment to the Steering Council by an an aircraft manufacturing company that owns real property within Sedgwick County Fire District Number One and employs not less than 5,000 employees within Sedgwick County.
 - (d) Unfilled Vacancies—In the event that any of the Steering Council positions identified within Section 2.B. of this resolution shall remain unfilled due to a lack of candidates meeting the specified qualifications, the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One is authorized, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to fill such vacancies with any person who has owned his or her residence that is subject to *ad valorem* property taxes within Sedgwick County Fire District Number One for at least two (2) years at the time of appointment.
3. When city councils makes recommendations for appointment and when the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One makes appointments to the Steering Council, preference shall be given to individuals who possess at least five (5) years of experience in any the following: accounting, human resources, practice of law, and ownership or management of a business with at least 25 employees.
 4. Sedgwick County Fire District Number One employees shall not be eligible for

appointment to the Steering Council.

5. Members appointed to the Steering Council shall generally reflect the diversity of the community comprising Sedgwick County Fire District Number One. Such diversity shall include, but not be limited to, diversity of sex, race, age, and geography.
 6. The Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One will generally utilize the process outlined within Sedgwick County Policy 1.105, enacted within Sedgwick County Resolution No. 229-2019, for the public announcement and consideration of applicants for appointment to the Steering Council pursuant to Section 2.B.1. and 3. of this resolution.
- D. In the event a member of the Steering Council does not complete their term, any member appointed to fill such vacancy shall be appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
- E. Members of the Steering Council shall not serve more than two (2) four-year terms as a member of the Steering Council. Any partial term a member may serve pursuant to Section 2.D. of this resolution or an initial two-year term shall not count as a term for purposes of this term limitation.
- F. Members of the Steering Council serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body of Sedgwick County Fire District Number One.
- G. If a member of the Steering Council no longer meets the member eligibility specifications stated within this section (e.g., if such member is no longer a Sedgwick County Fire District Number One taxpayer due to moving out of the district), such member shall submit their resignation from the Steering Council.

Section 3. Purpose.

The Steering Council shall act in an advisory capacity only to the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body for Sedgwick County Fire District Number One. The scope of the Steering Council shall include any matters pertaining to Sedgwick County Fire District Number One, except those items specifically excluded in Section 3.B.

- A. Items the Steering Council may advise upon include, but are not limited to the following: human resources policies, information technology, salary and pay policies, operation and staffing of fire stations, and any operational policies of Sedgwick County Fire District Number One.
- B. The Steering Council would not act in an advisory capacity or have access to information regarding matters pertaining to specific individuals' employment and/or disciplinary matters, information protected by attorney-client privilege, and other private, personal, or otherwise confidential information.

Section 4. Meetings.

All meetings of the Steering Council shall be held in accordance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. 75-4317, *et seq.*) and such meetings shall be held within property owned by Sedgwick County Fire District Number One. The Sedgwick County Fire Chief or his/her designee(s) shall staff Steering Council meetings. The Sedgwick County Fire Chief or his/her designee(s) shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act, receiving requests for notice of meetings, and, if applicable, the preparation of agendas for Steering Council meetings.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This resolution shall become effective upon its publication.

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Commissioners present and voting were:

PETER F. MEITZNER
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JAMES M. HOWELL

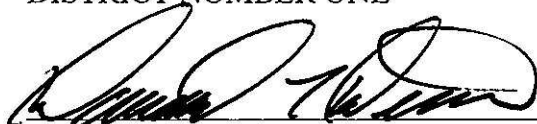
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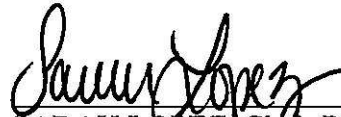
Dated this 16th day of November, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS
SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE
DISTRICT NUMBER ONE


ATTEST:


KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk

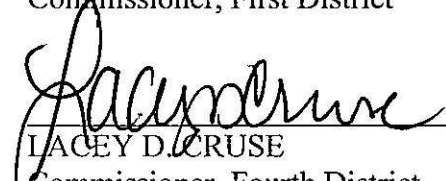


DAVID T. DENNIS, Chairman
Commissioner, Third District

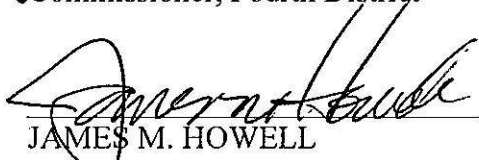

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