



Sedgwick County Association of Cities

# AGENDA

## Sedgwick County Association of Cities

July 12, 2025

8:30 -10 a.m.

Hubbard Arts Center

309 N. Woodlawn

Derby, KS 67037

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1. Welcome & Introductions, Kechi Mayor Ashley Coleman, SCAC Chair
  2. Approval of May 10, 2025, SCAC Meeting Minutes: Kechi Mayor Ashley Coleman  
***Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes from the May 10, 2025, SCAC meeting***
  3. Approval of June 30, 2025 Treasurer's Report: Council Member Dr. David Guo, SCAC Treasurer  
***Recommended Action: Approve the June 30, 2025, Treasurer's Report***
  4. Stormwater Quality and Quantity Regulations: Sedgwick County Public Works Director, Lynn Packer, and Senior Engineer, Scott Lindebak  
***Recommended Action: Receive and file***
  5. Sedgwick County update  
***Recommended Action: Receive and file***
  6. Around the County: City and other reports  
***Recommended Action: Receive and file***

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Saturday, September 13, 8:30 a.m. - Bentley
- Saturday, November 8, 8:30 a.m. – TBD (Consider rescheduling for Veterans Day celebration?)

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## **Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 10, 2025 | 8:30 -10:00 a.m.**

**Park City City Hall – 1941 E. 61<sup>st</sup> St. N.**

**Park City, KS 67219**

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SCAC met at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 10, 2025, in the Park City City Hall.

Mayor presided. SCAC members and visitors are shown on the attached list.

### **Welcome**

- Mayor Pat Stivers (Maize) welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. All attendees introduced themselves.
- Mayor John Lehnherr (Park City) introduced Sean Fox (Park City), who gave a small update about Park City. They recently had a groundbreaking ceremony for a new senior center that will have a 3,000-square-foot flex space for celebrations, meetings, etc. A groundbreaking is expected in a few months for a new swimming pool, which goes out for bid in a couple of weeks. Gilley's (formerly the old dog track) off 77th St., has been under construction for the past year and is expected to open around the Dec–Jan time period. Park Centre, a downtown district for Park City, just started Phase 2, which includes infrastructure such as streets, road signs, water, sewer, paving, light posts, etc. Phase 2 is expected to finish in a few months. Champtown has hit delays and has pushed the baseball opening timeline, originally expected for this summer, to 2026. The rest is in the mix and is being worked on.

### **Cities in Attendance**

Valley Center, Kechi, Park City, Maize, Haysville, Derby, Bentley, Mulvane, Mount Hope, Goddard, Wichita, Bel Aire, Sedgwick, Clearwater

### **Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2025**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Motion by Mayor Jet Truman (Valley Center) to APPROVE minutes from March 8, 2025.

Seconded by Mayor John Lehnherr (Park City). **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Council Member Gina Gregory (Valley Center) presented the April 30, 2025, Treasurer's Report. With an ending balance of \$12,605.43.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Motion by Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) to APPROVE April 30, 2025, Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Mayor Bryan Chapman (City of Sedgwick). **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **2025 Legislative Session Update**

State Representative Sandy Pickert gave the 2025 Legislative Session update. Republicans held a majority this year, and the session lasted 90 calendar days. There were around 500 bills introduced, and about 100 passed. There were 18 vetoes, 38 line-item vetoes, 14 vetoes overridden, and 15 line-item vetoes overridden.

Usually, the Governor rolls out their proposed budget in the first week, then 2–3 weeks later it goes to various budget committees. However, this year, a group of leadership worked together in the fall to have a starting budget ready in the first week of the session. They aimed to cut the budget and came in \$43.2 million below the Governor's proposal. Overall, they cut the budget by \$210 million and are looking to cut \$600 million next year.

A tax overhaul last year means there is a need to be cautious when budgeting. KOGE, on the state level, is looking into government efficiency. A special Senate committee is also exploring government efficiency.

Last year, legislators cut income tax, eliminated the Kansas social security tax and grocery tax, and increased some tax credits for head of household and child and dependent care. This provided \$472 million in savings to Kansans for the current year. They attempted to reduce property tax, but only 1.5 mills are collected directly by the state. That portion will now be funded through the state general fund and shifted to income tax.

The tax committees worked hard but couldn't agree on a broader tax plan. They passed a flat tax bill and overrode the veto. SB269 will reduce income tax to 4.5% when state revenue exceeds inflation-adjusted benchmarks and the rainy day fund is sufficiently funded.

HB2125 establishes a uniform October 1 deadline for all taxing subdivisions to certify their property tax levies. The state will reimburse counties through 2026 for printing and mailing RNR notices.

SB29 mandates no quarantine or restriction of movement without cause. Individuals placed under quarantine can have a court hearing within 72 hours.

HB2313 bans artificial intelligence from state electronic services, hospitals, and research facilities. It also prohibits the use of equipment from foreign adversaries, such as drones made in China.

HB2342 requires criminal background checks for employees in sensitive positions, such as those handling federal tax information.

HB2054 increases the cap on campaign donations from \$500 to \$1,000.

SB5 mandates that no state or federal officials can accept or spend money on election-related activities.

HB2106 prevents foreign meddling or funding in Kansas elections.

SB4 eliminated the advance ballot grace period. It became law in 2016 or 2017, originally passed by Republicans, but issues with the postal service not postmarking advance ballots led to nearly 1,000 ballots being disqualified in the last general election.

HB2172 formed the Water Program Task Force. It aims to align 30–40 organizations with the 50-year State Water Plan, which is updated every 10 years.

HB2294 decreases licensing fees, training requirements, and regulations for childcare, with the goal of lowering childcare costs in Kansas.

HB2045 created the Kansas Office of Early Childhood, consolidating 9–10 agencies related to early childhood development or childcare under one umbrella.

HB2291 creates a regulatory sandbox to support new business ideas by reducing bureaucratic red tape.

SB98 affects data centers. It requires companies to invest \$250 million and create 20 full-time jobs. These centers recycle water and negotiate electricity rates but must pay market prices due to high usage. In return, there is a 20-year tax exemption on supplies for the centers.

A judicial selection bill was vetoed and overridden. Currently, the process involves letters sent to attorneys, with four attorneys and four non-attorneys making up a selection committee. The Governor chooses one of three nominees. The new bill proposes a constitutional amendment to be voted on in August 2026, allowing Kansans to elect Kansas Supreme Court justices directly.

Kansas is the only state that currently uses this judicial selection system; others use direct election methods.

### **Sedgwick County Update**

Sedgwick County Commissioner Jim Howell gave the update in place of Sedgwick County Chairman Ryan Baty, who could not attend but sent his regards.

A change to solid waste fees is coming, with a reclassification of parks from Tier 4 to Tier 1 and lower fees across each tier. This aims to reduce the burden on municipalities that have many small parks and plats.

Budget hearings for every county department are ongoing. The Sedgwick County budget simulator is up and running, and Commissioner Howell encourages constituents

to complete it before the May 23 deadline. Two public budget hearings are scheduled for July 30 and August 20. He encourages attendance at the July 30 meeting, as feedback from that session can still be incorporated.

The County has been working on an Admin Building for nearly a decade. ARPA funds were used to move admin functions to the Ruffin Building, which they can vacate in 2028. Next Wednesday, they plan to purchase the Envision Building at 610 N. Main, adjacent to many other county buildings.

Sedgwick County has had a decades-long contract with KPTS, but viewership has declined. They are requesting that municipalities consider a shared channel and broadcast platform for Sedgwick County governments. Functional consolidation would reduce costs and increase viewership. The platform could also include features like tax talks and commercials.

Commissioner Howell noted that Sedgwick County would be purchasing the Envision building for \$11 million.

There will be ample parking attached to the Envision Building, which is also near the parking garage for other Sedgwick County buildings.

### **Around the County: City and Other Reports**

- Maize is hosting an election for a new 1-cent sales tax on the August 5, 2025, Primary Election. If passed, the tax would be effective for 10 years; 85% would go toward street and sidewalk infrastructure, and 15% would go toward property tax relief.
- Maize announced the new Community Foundation. This represents the first board and will help raise private funds for the city.
- Maize has partnered with Goddard to use a shared regional/community chamber.
- Dr. David Guo (Maize) announced that the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs is celebrating recent mini-MPA graduates. The department is also working toward offering a minor and doctorate program. The budget simulator is a great tool for bridging theory and practice in local government.
- Bentley has a big car show on May 18 and the Bentley Bash on June 14.
- Meridian should hopefully be open before the 4th of July.
- Main Street Valley Center is sponsoring a farmers market on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 4–7:30 p.m., with food trucks, music, and drinks.
- Mount Hope Nursing Center has faced financial difficulties but is now a hub for senior citizens and services.
- The County Treasurer's Office has been analyzing IRBs issued by cities and the PILOTs (payments in lieu of taxes) involved. Some taxes aren't being paid or are being paid directly to cities instead of to the County for redistribution. The Treasurer's Office will reach out to those with PILOT programs built into their IRBs.
- The City of Sedgwick has started its Moonlight Markets on the third Friday of each month. It features crafts, vegetables, food, live music, and more.

- Goddard's Main Street Market is starting again on the second Sunday of each month, except for July and August.
- Sarah Flick-Fernandez (Wichita) said Mayor Lily Wu (Wichita) invites everyone to Riverfest, May 30–June 7. In the middle of the event, she will host a town hall with Chairman Baty (Sedgwick County) and Diane Albert, president of the Wichita Board of Education. This will be the first town hall at City Hall to include all three entities.

### **Election of SCAC Officers**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Pat Stivers (Maize) made a motion to NOMINATE Mayor Ashley Coleman (Kechi) as Chair. Seconded by Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope). **Motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Ashley Coleman (Kechi) made a motion to NOMINATE Council Member Justin Shore (Clearwater) as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Mayor John Lehnherr. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Ashley Coleman (Kechi) made a motion to NOMINATE Council Member Dr. David Guo (Maize) as Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Mayor John Lehnherr. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM.

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### **Meeting Attendance**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY/COUNTY/ ORGANIZATION</b>
Jet Truman	Valley Center
Matt Jensby	Kechi
Travis Babcock	Sedgwick County Management Intern
Tania Cole	Sedgwick Cty. Assist. Cty. Manager
Jim Howell	Sedgwick County Commissioner
Stephanie Birmingham	Sedgwick Cty. Community Rel. Specialist

Ashley Coleman	Kechi
Kendra Baldridge	Kechi
Brandi Baily	Park City/Sedgwick Cty. Treasurer
David Guo	Maize/WSU HWS
Gina Gregory	Valley Center
Justin Bruster	Haysville
Russ Kessler	Haysville
Mark Staats	Derby
Tom Jones	
Tracy Pribbenow	Bentley
Austin St. John	Mulvane
Terry Somers	Mount Hope
Krista Hall	Goddard
Doug Hall	Goddard
Bob Rardin	Haysville
Laura Rainwater	Sedgwick Cty. Election Commissioner
Sarah Flick-Fernandez	Wichita
Jim Schroeder	Park City
Jim Benage	Bel Aire
Charles Schwanke	Park City
Terry Osburn	Park City
Bryan Chapman	City of Sedgwick
George Glover	Park City
Sandy Pickert	State Representative
John Lehnherr	Park City
Justin Shore	Clearwater
Sean Fox	Park City



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### TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

For Month Ending June 30, 2025

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**BEGINNING BALANCE (May 1, 2025) \$12,605.43**

#### INCOME (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
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#### EXPENSES

Date	Check No.	Description	Amount
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**ENDING CASH BALANCE (June 30, 2025) \$12,605.43**

TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

**RECONCILED BANK BALANCE \$12,605.43**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. David Guo, Secretary/Treasurer, Sedgwick County Association of Cities

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