



District 1 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.
Wichita State University NIAR Campus
1937 N. Oliver St., Suite 300, Wichita, KS

Board Members in Attendance: Judah Craig, Daniel Bateman, Diane Gjerstad, Jim Reid, Kathryn Herzog, Madeline LaForge, Tex Dozier

County Representatives: Sedgwick County Commissioner Pete Meitzner

1. Call to Order

1. Judah Craig began the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. A motion was made by Daniel Bateman to approve the minutes. Tex Dozier seconded the motion. **The CAB approved the motion with a 6-0 vote.**

3. Public Agenda

1. No members of the public chose to speak.

4. New Business

1. WSU Vice President of Strategy and Government Relations, Andy Schlapp, gave background on Wichita State University's innovation campus saying no one else in the country is doing it like them. He added that it brings a lot of workforce talent to Kansas as well.
2. Daniel Bateman asked if the working students get security clearance.
 - i. Andy Schlapp said absolutely
3. Judah Craig asked how the Airforce goes into all of this.
 - i. Andy Schlapp said NIAR is preparing future workforce members.
4. Diane Gjerstad asked what state government can do to help the innovation campus moving forward?
 - i. Andy Schlapp said invest in infrastructure.
5. Commissioner Pete Meitzner said it's important to mention this all happened in ten years because it shows how quickly it became an important resource and asset for the community.
 - i. Andy Schlapp said it's because of private partnerships and support.
5. Judah Craig asked is there's been a housing issue at NIAR's been growing.

i. Andy Schlapp said for awhile there were slumlords because the need for housing near campus was so high but now there are good, affordable options for students.

6. Diane Gjerstad asked if the increase in enrollment at NIAR is with Kansas kids or out of state kids.

i. Andy Schlapp said both.

ii. Diane Gjerstad asked how we can entice Kansas kids to go to WSU.

iii. Andy Schlapp said that's a conversation he has with his team often. He says there are good incentives and many Kansas kids do attend the program and like it but oftentimes college kids want to move and go somewhere new before moving back home.

8. Judah Craig said it's really impressive what NIAR has done and interesting to learn about it.

Commissioner's Comments

5. No meeting in December

1. Commissioner Meitzner also reminded the CAB that it is no longer hearing zoning cases per the vote at its latest meeting, but it will be sent cases via email.

Board Agenda

b. Commissioner Meitzner reminded the CAB that there will be no meeting in December due to the busy holiday season.

iv. Adjournment

1. The District 1 Citizen's Advisory Board ended at 6:49 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, Jan. 26., 2026, 5:30 p.m.***

at Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS