



Fire District 1 **Steering Council Meeting**

7750 N. Wyandotte Way
Park City, KS 67147
316-660-3473

March 05, 2026

Fire District 1 Attendees: Chief Doug Williams, Fire Marshal Brad Crisp, Deputy Chief Kevin Nelson, Deputy Chief Ray Hensley, and Clerk Janelle Davey

Fire District 1 Steering Council Expected Attendees: Kent Koehler/Bel Aire, Russ Lowen/Goddard, Susie Sutton/Haysville, **Vacant**/Maize, Katie Bowen/Park City, Jeff Witherspoon/Member at Large #2 SCAC, BJ Bryant/Member at Large #4 Aircraft Manufacturing, **Vacant**/Member at Large #1 Unincorporated Area, **Vacant**/Member at Large #3 Unincorporated Area

Special Guests:

Jamie Buster, Isabelle Ebersole, and Bradley Richards from WSU PPMC

Overview of Discussions:

The Sedgwick County Fire District One Steering Council meeting was called to order with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance despite the absence of a flag. Vice Chairman Jeff Witherspoon asked for approval of previous meeting minutes which passed unanimously.

Chief Williams introduced the WSU PPMC group working on the strategic plan, noting their focus groups and stakeholder interviews, including city officials. The group was present to ask questions and conduct interviews, which required privacy. WSU PPMC interviewed the Steering Council in a private session while everyone else vacated the room & the recording device was turned off.

The Steering Council meeting restarted at 1856. Chief Williams provided an update on the fire department's aid agreement and consolidation project, noting progress with Colwich and ongoing discussions with Valley Center, Mount Hope, Cheney, and Clearwater. The department is addressing challenges with volunteer turnout and costs, with Valley Center unaware of their issues and Colwich proactive. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for March 30.

The training officer position was approved but remains temporary. The strategic plan is progressing, with city officials engaging. Pay disparities with Wichita are significant, impacting retention.

Legislative concerns include House Bill 2769 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 1616, which could affect budgets and valuations.

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn.

I. **Call to Order: Vice Chairman Jeff Witherspoon at 1802**

II. **Roll Call**

Steering Council	Roll Call
Jeff Witherspoon	Present
Katie Bowen	Present
BJ Bryant	Absent
Russ Lowen	Present
Kent Koehler	Present
Susie Sutton	Present
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III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Event:	Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion:	Kent Koehler
Second:	Susie Sutton
Jeff Witherspoon	Aye
Katie Bowen	Aye
BJ Bryant	Absent
Russ Lowen	Aye
Kent Koehler	Aye
Susie Sutton	Aye
<i>Vacant</i>	
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V. WSU PPMC Strategic Plan

- i. Steering Council as a Focus Group

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VI. Fire Chief Update

- i. Project for Aid Agreements/Consolidation of Fire District
- ii. Training Officer Position

- iii. SCFD1 Strategic Plan Update
- iv. Discussion regarding WFD Local 135 Contract
- v. HB 2769 -

VII. Meeting Adjournment

Event:	Meeting Adjournment
Motion:	Russ Lowen
Second:	Kent Koehler
Jeff Witherspoon	Aye
Katie Bowen	Aye
BJ Bryant	Absent
Russ Lowen	Aye
Kent Koehler	Aye
Susie Sutton	Aye
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Meeting adjourned at 1935