

**CHARTER COMMISSION AGENDA  
KU Edwards Campus- BEST Conf. Ctr  
And  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021  
4:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Roll call and Quorum

**APPROVALS**

1. Consider the Approval of the September 22, 2021 Agenda.
2. Consider the Approval of the August 25, 2021 Minutes.
3. Consider the Approval of the September 13, 2021 Minutes

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Schedule of two future Public Hearings and discuss future meeting schedule.
2. Review of Charter

**NEXT MEETING AGENDA (Monday, October 11, 2021)**

Location – **TBD** - IN PERSON and Virtual

**ADJOURNMENT**

(\*\*Please see attached information for KU's public health safety requirements.)

**Notice: Please note, per the University of Kansas (KU)**

**When present on campus, all faculty, staff, students, affiliates, visitors (ages two years and older), vendors, and volunteers – including those who are fully vaccinated – must:**

- *Wear a cloth face covering, surgical/medical face mask, or Powered Air-Purifying Respirator (PAPR) suit over one's mouth and nose when on public transportation and in **indoor** common areas (as defined below) anywhere on campus.*

*Additional information regarding KU's Public Health Safety Requirements may be found at <https://policy.ku.edu/chancellor/public-health-safety-requirements>.*

*Any person opting not to wear a mask may avail themselves of our virtual participation option.*

*We thank-you for your attention to this matter.*

**2021 JOHNSON COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION****10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes****Wednesday August 25, 2021**CALL TO ORDER

The tenth regular meeting of the 2021 Johnson County Charter Commission convened on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 4:03 p.m. via In-Person KU Edwards Campus – BEST Conference Center and Zoom (virtual). Greg Musil, Chairman of the Charter Commission called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

1. Roll Call

The roll being called, it was found the following Members were present and participated in the meeting, to wit:

**Officers:**

Greg Musil, Chairman

Ed Peterson, Secretary

**Members:**

Wendy Bingesser

Mike Boehm

Karin Brownlee

Vicki Charlesworth

Jim Denning

Jane Dirks

Jimmy Gaona

Tedrick Housh

Randy Hutchins

Chris Iliff

Laura Klingensmith

Joy Koesten

Brent McCune

Eric Mikkelson

Don Roberts

Kyle Russell

Paula Schwach

Brenda Sharpe

Greg Shelton

Greg Smith

Zach Thomas

**Members Absent:**

Dawn Rattan, Vice-Chair (joined meeting at 4:09 p.m.)

Leslee Rivarola

Also present were Cindy Dunham, Deputy Director of Legal Services; Lynda Sader, Deputy County Clerk; Maury Thompson, Deputy County Manager. Also present were Board of County Commissioners: Chairman Ed Eilert, Becky Fast, Jeff Meyers, Charlotte O'Hara, Janeé Hanzlick, Michael Ashcraft and Shirley Allenbrand; Penny Postoak Ferguson, County Manager and Annabeth Surbaugh, former County Chair.

Chairman Musil welcomed the Commission Members, and the guest speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## 1. Consider the Approval of the August 25, 2021 Agenda.

Brent McCune moved to *Approve* the August 25, 2021 Agenda as presented. Paula Schwach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (23-0 with No objections)

2. Consider the Approval of the July 28, 2021 Minutes.

Joy Koesten moved to *Approve* the July 28, 2021 Minutes as presented. Brent McCune seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (23-0 with No objections)

OLD BUSINESS

[None]

NEW BUSINESS

[Dawn Rattan entered the meeting at 4:09 p.m.]

1. Business Items/Reminder

- a. Submission of Questions for former County Managers
  - i. Likely written responses pending future scheduling

Chairman Musil noted to send these to the Clerk, Lynda Sader

- b. Submissions of potential Charter Amendment topics
  - i. Initial review scheduled for September 22 meeting.

Chairman Musil noted to send these to the Clerk, Lynda Sader

- c. Preparation for September 13 initial Public Hearing
  - i. Time and location details
  - ii. In-person and Virtual options
  - iii. Procedures for speakers/registration/time allowance/etc.

Chairman Musil commented on the Public Hearing and on a tentative new meeting schedule.

2. Presentations

- **Current Johnson County Board of County Commissioners**

Each of the seven Board of County Commissioners presented comments and then a question-and-answer session was held.

- **Conversation with current Johnson County Manager Penny Postoak Ferguson and former County Chair Annabeth Surbaugh**

Annabeth Surbaugh, former County Chair presented comments and then a question-and-answer session was held.

[Karin Brownlee left the meeting at 5:42 p.m.]

Penny Postoak Ferguson, County Manager presented comments and then a question-and-answer session was held.

**NEXT MEETING AGENDA (Monday September 13, 2021 at: Tentative Schedule 5:30 p.m.)**

- a. KU Edwards Campus BEST Conference Center – IN PERSON and Virtual
- b. Public Hearing

Chairman Musil noted the meeting of Monday, September 13, 2021 and discussed the Public Hearing process and noted the time change would be at 5:30 p.m. Noting also that comments would be accepted in-person and virtually.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Zach Thomas moved to *Adjourn* the meeting and Jimmy Gaona seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (23-0 with no objections)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

PREPARED BY Lynda Sader

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The journal entry for Wednesday, August 25, 2021, as recited above, having been read and considered by the Charter Commission, and having been found to be correct as written, was approved on this the twenty-second day of September 2021.

CHARTER COMMISSION  
JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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ED PETERSON, *Secretary*

ATTEST:

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LYNDA SADER, *Deputy County Clerk (Clerk to the Commission)*

## 2021 JOHNSON COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

### 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday September 13, 2021

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The eleventh regular meeting of the 2021 Johnson County Charter Commission convened on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:32 p.m. via In-Person KU Edwards Campus – BEST Conference Center and Zoom (virtual). Greg Musil, Chairman of the Charter Commission called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

#### 1. Roll Call

The roll being called, it was found the following Members were present and participated in the meeting, to wit:

#### **Officers:**

Greg Musil, Chairman

Dawn Rattan, Vice-Chair

Ed Peterson, Secretary

#### **Members:**

Wendy Bingesser

Mike Boehm

Karin Brownlee

Vicki Charlesworth

Jim Denning

Jimmy Gaona

Tedrick Housh

Randy Hutchins

Chris Iliff

Laura Klingensmith

Joy Koesten

Brent McCune

Eric Mikkelson

Leslee Rivarola

Don Roberts

Kyle Russell

Paula Schwach

Brenda Sharpe

Greg Shelton

Greg Smith

Zach Thomas

#### **Members Absent:**

Jane Dirks

Also present were Cindy Dunham, Deputy Director of Legal Services; Lynda Sader, Deputy County Clerk; Maury Thompson, Deputy County Manager.

Chairman Musil welcomed the Commission Members and the public, and made a statement pertaining to the meeting and the Public Hearing procedures.

Chairman Musil asked the assembled audience to comply with the venue's capacity limits of the room and the requirement of wearing a mask. Vocal portions of the crowd refused, leading to the adjournment of the meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider the Approval of the September 13, 2021 Agenda.
2. Consider the Approval of the August 25, 2021 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

[None]

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing

**NEXT MEETING AGENDA (Wednesday September 22, 2021 at: 4:00 p.m.)**

KU Edwards Campus BEST Conference Center – IN PERSON and Virtual

- a. Review of current Home Rule Charter
- b. Continued Requests for Proposed Amendments

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ed Peterson moved to *Adjourn* the meeting and Joy Koesten seconded the motion. Chairman Musil adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

PREPARED BY Lynda Sader

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CHARTER COMMISSION  
JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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ED PETERSON, *Secretary*

ATTEST:

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LYNDA SADER, *Deputy County Clerk (Clerk to the Commission)*

Attached: 2021 Johnson County Charter Commission Statement (dated September 13, 2021)

## **2021 Johnson County Charter Commission Statement**

September 13, 2021 – Tonight the 2021 Johnson County Charter Commission was scheduled to receive comment from Johnson County citizens regarding the County’s Home Rule Charter. The Charter Commission is a 25-member volunteer group appointed by a variety of stakeholders, including elected officials, from Johnson County.

A Charter Commission is required to be appointed every ten years and is charged with reviewing the County’s Home Rule Charter and the Commission may propose amendments to the Charter which would then be placed on the general election ballot the following November.

The 2021 Charter Commission initially met in March 2021 and has met 10 times since then. All meetings have been and are required to be open to the public for viewing and listening.

The Home Rule Charter requires the Charter Commission to hold at least one public hearing. The 2021 Commission committed in early meetings to hold two public hearings. The first public hearing was to occur tonight.

The public hearing was scheduled to be held at the KU Edwards campus. The public hearing notice clearly stated that all persons attending the public hearing would be required to wear masks. The public hearing notice included a link to the requirements applicable to all KU facilities.

Numerous members of the audience chose not to comply with the capacity limits of the room and the requirement of wearing a mask. Prior to the start of the meeting, Charter Commission chair Greg Musil asked the assembled crowd to comply and advised that if the policies of the venue were not complied with the public hearing could not occur.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. pursuant to the public notice. After roll call and introductory remarks regarding the purpose of the Charter Commission, Chair Musil again asked the assembled audience to comply with the previously announced requirements. Vocal portions of the crowd refused, leading to the adjournment of the meeting.

“Unfortunately, although we had 24 of the 25 Charter Commission members ready, willing and able to listen to public comment, and there were members of the public signed up to speak, many members of the audience made a choice to protest the meeting and disrupt the opportunity for the public to be heard tonight,” Musil noted. “It is disappointing because the Commission wants to hear from the public, and we will reschedule the public hearing,” Musil concluded.

Citizens may follow the Commission at [www.charter.jocogov.org](http://www.charter.jocogov.org)