

2023 Kansas Statutes

12-5811. Same; governing board; appointment; terms; officers; meetings; procedure. (a) The governing and administrative body of the authority shall be a board consisting of six members, to be known as the riverfront board. Members of the board shall be residents of Kansas. No member of the board shall be an elected official.

(b) Members shall not be paid a salary, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

(c) Members of the board shall be appointed as follows: Three shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and three shall be appointed by the commission. Of the first appointees, the council and mayor shall designate one member to serve a term of one year, one to serve two years and one to serve a three-year term. The commission shall designate the terms of its appointees likewise. Should the city and county consolidate, then the members shall be appointed by the governing body of the consolidated government as set forth above.

(d) Upon the expiration of the term of any member, all successor members of the board shall be appointed and hold office for terms of three years from the date of appointment. The city clerk or county clerk shall certify the action of the respective governing body with respect to such appointments and file such certificates as a part of the records of the office of either the city or county clerk. Before entering upon the duties of office, each member of the board shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and same shall be filed in the office of the city clerk and county clerk.

(e) Any member may resign from office to take effect when a successor has been appointed and has qualified. The mayor, with the approval of the council and the commission, may remove any member of the board in case of incompetency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The member shall be given a copy of the charges and an opportunity to be publicly heard in person or by counsel upon not less than 10 days' notice. In case of failure to qualify within the time required, or of abandonment of office, or in case of death, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude or removal from office, the office of a member shall become vacant. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment.

(f) As soon as possible after the appointment of the initial members, the board shall organize for the transaction of business, select a chairperson and a temporary secretary from its members and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations to govern its proceedings. The initial chairperson and successors shall be elected by the board from time to time for the term of the chairperson's office as a member of the board or for the term of three years, whichever is shorter.

(g) Regular meetings of the board shall be held at least once each calendar month, the time and place of such meetings to be fixed by the board. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(h) All action of the board shall be by resolution and the affirmative vote of at least three members shall be necessary for the adoption of any resolution. All such resolutions before taking effect shall be approved by the chairperson of the board and, if the chairperson approves thereof, the chairperson shall sign the same. If the chairperson does not approve any such resolution, the chairperson shall return it to the board with the chairperson's written objections thereto at the next regular meeting of the board occurring after the passage thereof. If the chairperson fails to return any resolution with the objections thereto by the prescribed time, the chairperson shall be deemed to have approved the same and it shall take effect accordingly. Upon the return of any resolution by the chairperson with the chairperson's objections, the vote by which such resolution was passed shall be reconsidered by the board. If upon reconsideration the resolution is passed by the affirmative vote of at least five members, it shall go into effect notwithstanding the veto of the chairperson. All resolutions and all proceedings of the authority and all documents and records in its possession shall be public records, and open to public inspection, except such documents and records as shall be kept or prepared by the board for use in contract negotiations or civil proceedings to which the authority is a party.

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