

KCPS School Board Selects Kenneth T. Bacchus for Central City Economic Development Sales Tax Commission

Commission will provide oversight of new one-eighth cent sales tax

Kansas City, Mo., October 24, 2019: The Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) Board of Directors has selected long-time Kansas City, Mo., resident and former City Council member Kenneth T. Bacchus to represent the (KCPS) on the Central City Economic Development Sales Tax Commission. The commission will provide oversight of the one-eighth cent sales tax approved by voters. The KCPS Board approved Bacchus' selection at its October 23, 2019, meeting. Bacchus' appointment will be finalized pending completion of residency verification and other documentation.

Kenneth T. Bacchus is Vice President at the McDaniel Hazley Group, Inc. and serves as Executive for Large Public Clients. Bacchus is a detail-oriented insurance manager with over thirty-five years of experience in all areas of the Public, Corporate, Elementary, Middle to High School Operations and Non-Profit Clients. Bacchus' background includes assignments in the areas of Executive Management and Finance with excellent interpersonal skills and proven commitment to Kansas City's Urban Core communities. Bacchus continues to offer his wealth of experience and education to non-profit organizations and public-private partnerships providing services to advance the conditions and economic well-being of low-income neighborhoods and families.

In addition, Bacchus served two terms as an At-Large member of the Kansas City, Missouri City Council (1991-99). His professional work includes serving as an Executive with a community development organization, a Housing Finance Agency, and as Chief Operations Officer for a local K-12 School.

While in the City Council, Bacchus was Chairman of the Plans, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee for both terms and served as a Commissioner for both the LCRA and TIF Commissions. Bacchus currently serves as Chairman of the Urban Summit Board of Directors, Director and Secretary of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, the Real Estate Committee of the Blue Hills Neighborhood, the Board of Directors of the South Kansas City Alliance, and Freedom, Inc.

A graduate of Jackson State University, Bacchus studied Urban Planning at Southern Illinois University and a Master of Public Administration at the University of Missouri Kansas City. He is

a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Pi Alpha Alpha Honorary Society of Public Affairs and Administrators.

More information on the KCPS Board and the appointment process is available at www.kcpublicschools.org under Board of Education; or by contacting June Kolkmeier, KCPS Board Services, at (816) 418-7621.

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