



Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of Directors for the Kansas City Public Schools. Enclosed in this packet is information pertaining to the Kansas City Public Schools Board of Directors (School Board)

Serving on the KCPS Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month (there may be only one meeting in July, November, & December) at 5:30 pm in the Board Room located in the Board of Education building at 2901 Troost. Regular Board business meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month and usually last 3-4 hours depending on the number and type of items on the agenda.

The Board of Directors also holds work sessions to study various district issues. The work sessions or other known as Lunch & Learns can occur on during the lunch hour. The full Board of Directors will determine when and if a special work session is to be called.

Three to four board members serve on one or more of the three (3) Ad Hoc committees; Government Relations, Finance & Audit, and Communications & Community Engagement. These meetings meet monthly at a time determined by the board members serving on each of the respective committees.

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Please review the training videos and webinars provided by the Missouri Ethics Commission at www.mec.mo.gov and the Missouri School Boards' Association at www.mosba.org/board-candidates/.

RSMo. 162.491 requires that all candidates gain signatures of people supporting them as a candidate for the KCPS Board of Directors. The requirements for getting signatures are as follows:

Persons wanting to fill the director seat in each Sub-district 1, Sub-district 3, or Sub-district 5 must submit 250 unique signatures from people who reside in their respective Sub-district. These petitions (signatures) must be turned in and notarized by the Secretary of the Board before 5pm on December 31, 2024.

Persons wanting to fill the one At-Large director's seat must submit 500 unique signatures from people who reside in the boundaries of the Kansas City Public Schools. These petitions (signatures) must be turned in and notarized by the Secretary of the Board before 5pm on December 31, 2024.

There is no start date for when you can begin asking individuals to sign your petition for candidacy. You may officially file your candidacy for a seat on the Board of Directors beginning at 8 am on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

You can turn in your signatures at that time (or later). If you have filed for a seat on the Board of Directors, you must turn in the required number of signatures no later than 4:59 pm on December 31, 2024 or your name will be removed from the ballot.

Each signature on the petition must be unique (one signature per person – one person per signature), and the person signing must reside in your sub-district, be a registered voter, and be over 18 years old.

The Secretary of the Board will take the signatures to the Kansas City Election Board for verification and count, and you will be informed that you have enough signatures or that you need more.