



Sunflower Foundation 5860 SW 6th  
Avenue Topeka KS 66606  
<https://www.topeka.org>

## Governing Body Agenda

**April 8, 2024**  
**8:15 AM**

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### ***SPECIAL MEETING***

**Mayor: Michael A. Padilla**

**Councilmembers**

<b>Karen A. Hiller</b>	<b>District No. 1</b>	<b>Marcus D.L. Miller</b>	<b>District No. 6</b>
<b>Christina Valdivia-Alcala</b>	<b>District No. 2</b>	<b>Neil Dobler</b>	<b>District No. 7</b>
<b>Sylvia E. Ortiz</b>	<b>District No. 3</b>	<b>Spencer Duncan</b>	<b>District No. 8</b>
<b>David Banks</b>	<b>District No. 4</b>	<b>Michelle Hoferer</b>	<b>District No. 9</b>
<b>Brett D. Kell</b>	<b>District No. 5</b>		

**Interim City Manager: Richard U. Nienstedt**

**A SPECIAL MEETING** of the Governing Body has been called by Mayor Michael Padilla to conduct city manager interviews. The meeting will not be televised due to technical difficulties and there will be no public comment allowed at the meeting.

**WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT** may be personally submitted or mailed to the City Clerk's Office located at 215 SE 7th Street, Room 166, Topeka, Kansas, 66603 or submitted via email at [cclerk@topeka.org](mailto:cclerk@topeka.org) on or before the date of the meeting for attachment to the meeting minutes.

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Agendas are available by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday in the City Clerk's Office, 215 SE 7th Street, Room 166, Topeka, Kansas, 66603 or on the City's website at <https://www.topeka.org>.

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Executive Sessions are closed meetings held in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Open Meetings Act.**

The Governing Body will recess into Executive Session for a period of time not to exceed nine (9) hours to interview five (5) candidates for city manager as allowed under KSA 75-4319(b)(1). The following individuals will be present to aid in the discussion: Members of the Governing Body; City Attorney, Amanda Stanley; and the five candidates for City Manager.

The open meeting will resume at the completion of the executive session.

**3. ADJOURNMENT:**



City of Topeka  
Council Action Form  
Council Chambers  
214 SE 8th Street  
Topeka, Kansas 66603  
[www.topeka.org](http://www.topeka.org)  
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**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

**POLICY ISSUE:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**BACKGROUND:**

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

Press Release March 28, 2024

Special Meeting Notice (Revised) - April 8, 2024



# CITY OF TOPEKA

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## For Immediate Release

Contact for further information: Taylor Bugg, Interim Communications Co-Director,  
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March 28, 2024

## **Governing Body to hold City Manager finalist interviews, public meet and greet**

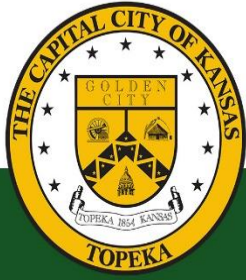
TOPEKA, Kan. – Five finalists have been selected to interview for the Topeka City Manager position.

The City of Topeka's Governing Body has worked with Strategic Government Resources (SGR) for the last several months on the search for a new City Manager. SGR led the recruitment campaign for the Topeka City Manager position. 42 candidates applied for the position. In February, the Governing Body narrowed that list down to a group of 14 semi-finalists for closer examination. After an in-depth review and follow-up with the 14 semi-finalists, SGR will be bringing in five finalists to interview with the Governing Body. None of the finalists are internal candidates.

The finalists will participate in two interview panels on Monday, April 8. One interview panel will be with the Governing Body, and the other will be with a panel of community stakeholders selected by the Mayor. The interview panels will not be open to the public, but the finalists will also attend a public meet and greet where community members are invited to attend. The meet and greet will take place on Monday, April 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hotel Topeka Emerald Ballroom located at 1717 SW Topeka Blvd. Light refreshments will be provided at the event.

Attendees will be able to provide feedback on the candidates to the Governing Body by filling out comment cards at the meet and greet.

Background information about the finalists will be provided next week.



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## Special Meeting Notice – Executive Session

A special meeting of the Governing Body has been called by Mayor Michael Padilla to conduct city manager interviews. The meeting will not be televised due to technical difficulties and there will be no public comment allowed at the meeting. Written comments may be submitted via email to [cclerk@topeka.org](mailto:cclerk@topeka.org) or delivered in-person to the City Clerk's Office located at 215 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 166, Topeka, Kansas.

**DATE:**                    **APRIL 8, 2024**  
**TIME:**                    **8:15 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**              **Sunflower Foundation**  
                                 **5860 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
                                 **Topeka KS 66606**

**AGENDA:**            (1) Call to Order  
                              (2) Roll Call  
                              (3) Executive Session  
                              (4) Adjournment

**SUBJECT:** Executive Session for a period of time not to exceed 9 hours to interview five (5) candidates for city manager as allowed under KSA 75-4319(b)(1). The following individuals will be present to aid in the discussion: Members of the Governing Body; City Attorney, Amanda Stanley; and the five candidates for City Manager.

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Contact:                Brenda Younger, City Clerk  
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                              [cclerk@topeka.org](mailto:cclerk@topeka.org)