



City Council Chambers 214 SE 8th  
Street, 2nd Floor Topeka, Kansas, 66603  
<https://www.topeka.org>

## Governing Body Agenda

November 7, 2024  
6:00 PM

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### ***SPECIAL MEETING - EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Mayor: Michael A. Padilla

#### Councilmembers

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

City Manager: Dr. Robert M. Perez

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If you need any accommodations for the meeting, please contact the City ADA Coordinator at 785-368-4470. Kansas Relay Service at 800-766-3777. Please provide a 48 Hour Notice if possible. Assistive listening devices are available for use in the community forum.

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:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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**3. ADJOURNMENT:**



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**DATE:** November 7, 2024  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Dr. Robert M. Perez, City Manager  
**DOCUMENT #:**  
**SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT:** Topeka Police Chief Interviews  
**PROJECT #:**  
**CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY**  
**CIP PROJECT:** No  
**ACTION OF COUNCIL:**  
**JOURNAL #:**  
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**DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:**

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**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Not Applicable

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Executive sessions are allowed pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Not Applicable

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Topeka received a total of 18 applicants for the police chief position. The recruiting firm SGR has narrowed the pool down to four or five finalists. The City will host a public meet and greet to provide residents an opportunity to meet and interact with the finalists on November 6, 2024.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Not Applicable

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

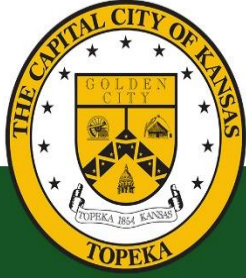
Not Applicable

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

Special Meeting Notice - November 7, 2024

Topeka Police Chief Finalists 11-03-24



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## Special Meeting Notice – Executive Session

A special meeting of the Governing Body has been called by City Manager Dr. Robert M. Perez for consideration of Police Chief candidates.

**DATE:** November 7, 2024  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** City Council Chambers  
214 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Topeka KS 66603

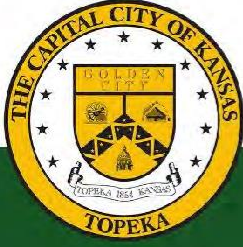
**AGENDA:** (1) Call to Order  
(2) Roll Call  
(3) Executive Session  
(4) Adjournment

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November 3, 2024

## City of Topeka Police Chief Finalists

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka will move forward with the interview process for the following two candidates: .

**Russ Klumpp** currently serves as a Major for the Topeka Police Department. Klumpp has 19 years of leadership and executive experience. He works in the Criminal Investigations and Field Operation units. Klumpp was appointed by Governor Laura Kelly as a member of the Kansas 988 committee to help reduce suicide rates. He received his Ph.D. in social psychology from Walden University. Klumpp says he plans to emphasize strong community relationships, a commitment to meaningful and open communication, police department accountability, improved care and procedural integrity for employees, advancements in the provision of police services, and increasing officer morale.

**Chris Vallejo** has 30 years of experience in law enforcement, having served in various roles during his tenure with the Austin Texas Police Department (APD). Vallejo holds a Master of Criminal Justice from Texas State University. During his time as Commander in Training at the APD, Vallejo helped to develop inclusive and diverse training programs and implemented recruitment strategies that resulted in the most diverse cadet class in APD history. He also pioneered the creation of a Chief Data Officer position that aimed to integrate community-based initiatives to foster trust and collaboration between the APD, elected officials and the community. Vallejo currently serves as a National Policing Institute Executive Fellow, regularly collaborating with Police Chiefs nationwide and advising on strategies to address evolving challenges in U.S. law enforcement.

To give residents an opportunity to meet the finalists, the city will host a public meet and greet on Wednesday, November 6, at Hotel Topeka, located at 1717 SW Topeka Blvd. The event will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will provide community members the chance to interact with the candidates and ask questions.

Following the public event, there will be a special meeting of the Governing Body at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, to discuss the police chief candidates, with the goal of selecting the next leader of the Topeka Police Department. They will meet in executive session.