

City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final-revised

City Council

Friday, October 17, 2025 8:00 AM

City, County Chamber, CPS, University Joint Meeting

Aslin Administration Building 1818 W. Worley St. Columbia, MO 65203

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began at approximately 8:15 a.m.

Present: 6 - Buffaloe, Waterman, Peters, Carroll, Sample, and Elwood

Absent: 1 - Foster

II. COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE

Columbia Public Schools (CPS) Update

Dr. Jeff Klein, Superintendent, provided the update for the Columbia Public Schools (CPS). He shared some statistics about CPS, along with programs that make CPS unique. He invited Suzette Waters with the Board of Education shared information on how charter schools could affect public schools.

III. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Columbia Chambers Past, Present, and Future

Lily White-Boyd, Vice President of External Affairs, shared updates for the Chamber of Commerce. She shared information on the history of the Chamber, how our Chamber compares against others around the country, and upcoming Chamber programs and initiatives.

IV. CITY OF COLUMBIA UPDATE

Public Safety Update

Brian Schaeffer, Fire Chief, and Jeremiah Hunter, Assistant Police Chief, shared updates for the City. Schaeffer shared information on the Fire Department and how the City is utilizing available data to improve efficiency. Hunter shared a brief update from the Police Department, particularly focusing on safety in downtown.

V. BOONE COUNTY UPDATE

Boone County Update

Presiding Commissioner Kip Kendrick shared updates from Boone County. He updated the group on the senior property tax freeze, the Law Enforcement Training Center upcoming opening, and updates on several capital projects. He highlighted the Early Learning Center for first responders, and invited Childcare Safety Director, Amy Hayes, to speak on the project.

VI. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI UPDATE

University of Missouri Update

Ryan Rapp, Chief Financial Officer, presented the University of Missouri's updates, including some statistics related to enrollment and research.

VII. CLOSING REMARKS / ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Klein introduced and played a video used by CPS for convocation. Following that, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.