



Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

Dr. Keshan Hargrove, Chair

TRUE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

*(Note: these minutes are not official until reviewed and
approved by the commission at a future meeting)*

November 6, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Lynwood Roberts Room

Attendance: Commissioners Hargrove (Chair), Barr, Bass, Oglesby, McHugh, Day and Rounsville

Excused: Commissioners Luhrs, Tyson, Pryor

Absent: Commissioners Letizia, Hoffman

Also: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research; Tommy Carter, Council Auditor's Office; David Johnston, Inspector General's Office; Kenneth Darity, KHA CAO

The meeting was convened at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Hargrove and the attendees introduced themselves for the record.

Approval of Minutes

The 10/9/25 preliminary minutes were approved unanimously.

Kids Hope Alliance – Kenneth Darity

Mr. Darity explained the grant process for the Kids Hope Alliance. He described the competitive bid (RFP) procurement procedures, scoring by subject matter experts, and the categories used. Mr. Darity said that the funds are dispersed to entities on a reimbursement basis with required documentation.

Commissioner Barr asked how KHA knows the organizations are doing what they purport to do. Mr. Darity said that KHA has a staff of roughly 50, with 9 contract managers, and financial oversight is maintained as to the accuracy of funds expended by the recipients. Commissioner Hargrove asked about site visits and Mr. Darity said that site visits are conducted for grant recipients. Commissioner Day asked whether the City is spending as much as it should for children's services. Mr. Darity explained the KHA Board structure and their role in setting priorities and creating a strategic plan. Mr. Darity said that the bulk of KHA funds go toward after-school and summer programs. Commissioner Barr asked about conflicts of interest among KHA staff, and Mr. Darity explained the required annual financial disclosures intended to prevent such. Commissioner Barr questioned the legitimacy of some of the entities that receive KHA funding and requested a follow-up at a later meeting about specific programs and the KHA strategic plan.

Public Comment

John Nooney spoke about the lack of OGC staffing for various boards, including the TRUE Commission and the Council on Elder Affairs.

Council Auditor's Report

Tommy Carter, Council Auditor's Office, reported on the #800C – Follow-up on City Wire Transfers Audit. Mr. Carter said that all issues identified previously have been resolved.

Legislative Tracking Committee

None

Audit Committee

None

Chair's Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business – Selection of Officers

There was discussion about retaining the current Chair for another year.

Motion/2nd Barr/Rounsville to retain the current Chair. The TRUE Commission by-laws specify a 2 consecutive year limit for the Chair position.

Motion/2nd Barr/Oglesby to waive the by-laws regarding the term limit for the Chair. Commissioner Day spoke in opposition to the waiver and expressed his desire to be considered for the new chair position. He talked about the importance of term limits, and he described his background and experience. 3 votes (Barr, Oglesby and Hargrove) in the affirmative of the 7 members present.

Motion/2nd Barr/Bass to confirm Commissioner Day as the Chair. Approved unanimously.

Motion/2nd Hargrove/Day to confirm Commissioner Barr as the Vice Chair. Approved unanimously.

Motion/2nd Barr/Day to confirm Velma Rounsville as the Secretary. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bass said he has had conversations with Parks Director Daryl Joseph related to athletic leagues, and park maintenance. He said that he plans to have a meeting with the Chief of Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Dave McDaniel regarding landscape maintenance contracts. Commissioner Bass requested that Mr. Joseph and Mr. McDaniel attend the December meeting.

Commissioner Day proposed a discussion at the next meeting about adjusting the start time of the meetings to 3:30 instead of 4:00 and creating new subcommittees to focus on revenue and spending. He said that the commission's rules of governance should be reviewed and he requested that the current by-laws be sent to all members.

Next Meeting

The next TRUE Commission meeting will be on December 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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