



2026 KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY AGENDA

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The **Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce** represents more than 2,000 employers working to grow a strong, inclusive, and resilient regional economy. As Kansas City welcomes the world for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, we reaffirm our commitment to being a welcoming community that values diversity, opportunity, and shared prosperity. In 2026, we urge Kansas lawmakers to pursue a bold legislative agenda that enhances competitiveness, invests in 21st-century infrastructure, and strengthens the workforce more. This agenda is rooted in pragmatic policies that improve our business climate, expand opportunity, and modernize the systems that support economic vitality. From workforce housing to infrastructure and innovation, we seek outcomes that allow Greater Kansas City to thrive - for residents and employers alike.

COMPETITIVENESS

Policies that help Kansas compete for business growth, private investment, and top talent.

- Support continued development of transformational regional projects , leveraging our tourism and global visibility.
- Expand access to capital for small businesses and businesses in underserved or LMI communities through tools like Opportunity Zones, STAR Bonds, and financing incentives.
- Promote tax certainty for remote work and oppose punitive tax expansions on labor or professional services.
- Advocate for economic development in biosciences, animal health, and innovation, including KC BioHub, Animal Health Corridor, the American Royal, and commercialization and research stemming from NBAF.
- Advocate for balanced taxation and fiscally responsible measures that don't eliminate critical safety-net investments
- Support local control in taxing and spending authority, preserving municipal autonomy and flexibility.
- Enhance Kansas's economic competitiveness through strategic tourism promotion and awareness of the Kansas City region as a national and international healthcare destination.
- Support measures to advance quality healthcare, improve access to ensure healthy Kansas communities, and address social determinants of health.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Policies that ensure Kansas's infrastructure supports future growth and economic resilience.

- Invest in transportation and logistics infrastructure, including highways, transit, and STAR Bond-enabled redevelopment projects that spur growth.
- Support modernization of water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure, with fair and predictable utility rates.
- Prioritize grid reliability and energy diversification, ensuring access to clean, affordable, and reliable energy for employers and residents.
- Fund arts, tourism, and cultural assets as foundational to Kansas's quality of life and business attraction.

- Expand digital infrastructure, including high power computing and broadband access for underserved areas and business corridors.
- Make multimodal transportation investments that provide user choice and access to employment opportunities and basic services.

WORKFORCE

Policies that ensure Kansas's workforce meets evolving business needs, including housing, training, childcare, and healthcare access and affordability to support working parents, especially in low- and moderate-income communities.

- Expand access to workforce housing by supporting local and state policies that incentivize the development of attainable housing near job centers, transit, and services.
- Support measures expand health care licensing reciprocity via healthcare compacts to attract more professionals.
- Support business-education partnerships that align curriculum with in-demand skills and streamline credentialing for high-need professions.
- Address childcare and early learning/Pre-K access and affordability to support working parents, especially in low- and moderate-income communities.
- Sustain investments in K-12 and postsecondary education infrastructure, essential for preparing Kansas's future literate and numerate aware workforce.
- Oppose diverting federal or state funds from public schools including withholding, tuition tax credits, scholarship tax credits, and vouchers.
- Promote inclusive hiring and workplace practices that expand labor force participation across all demographics.
- Strengthen Kansas's healthcare workforce pipeline by increasing funding for healthcare-related education, certification, and upskilling programs. Support initiatives that help healthcare providers attract, retain, and diversify talent to meet statewide demand and sustain quality care delivery.

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Stinson
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KANSAS STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair – Molly Haase, Executive Director | Government Advocacy, AdventHealth
Vice Chair – TBA

2026 MEETING DATES

January 7 - Kansas Legislative Kickoff Event
February TBD - Kansas Legislative Topeka Reception
February 20 - KSA mid session Lunch
May 8th - KSA Wrap Up