



2026 MISSOURI 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 Missouri lawmakers to pursue a bold legislative agenda that enhances **competitiveness**, invests in 21st-century **infrastructure**, and strengthens the **workforce**. 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 Missouri compete for business growth, private investment, and top talent.

- Support for the 2026 KC Consensus Agenda on Economic Development and continued development of innovation, agriculture, animal sciences, and biosciences districts, including the KC BioHub, Critical Materials Crossroads, Animal Health Corridor, the American Royal and Health Sciences District.
- Support continued development of transformational regional projects, leveraging our tourism and global visibility.
- Enhance Missouri's economic competitiveness through strategic tourism promotion and awareness of the Kansas City region as a national and international healthcare destination.
- Advocate for balanced taxation and fiscally responsible measures that don't eliminate critical safety-net investments.
- Promote tax certainty for employers and remote workers; oppose punitive tax expansions on business services.
- Expand access to capital for entrepreneurs, especially in underserved areas, through MTC funding, angel tax credits, and Historic Preservation Tax Credits.
- Preserve local taxing authority, including long-term renewal of Kansas City's earnings tax.
- Oppose any expansion of sales tax to labor or professional services.
- Support measures to advance quality healthcare, improve access to ensure healthy Missouri communities, and address social determinants of health.

INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- Invest in transportation and logistics infrastructure, including roads, bridges, multi-modal freight, and transit projects like streetcar expansion.
- 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 Missouri's quality of life and business attraction.
- Expand digital infrastructure, including broadband access for underserved areas and business corridors.
- Make multimodal transportation investments that provide user choice and access to employment opportunities and basic services.
- Support early authorization of the State Road Fund in a supplemental appropriation.

WORKFORCE

Policies that ensure Missouri'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.
- Fund and expand workforce development programs, including Fast Track, Missouri One Start, Upskill Credentials, internships, and apprenticeships.
- 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, postsecondary, and public library infrastructure to expand digital access, literacy programs, and lifelong learning opportunities that strengthen Missouri's workforce pipeline. 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.

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2025 KC CHAMBER PUBLIC POLICY COUNCIL

PREMIER INVESTORS

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City of Kansas City, Missouri
Civic Council of Greater Kansas City

EXECUTIVE INVESTORS

AdventHealth
Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City
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Black & Veatch
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City
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Commerce Bank
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ECCO Select
Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City
Enterprise Mobility
Evergy
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
Full Employment Council
Garmin
Google Fiber
H&R Block
Hallmark
Health Forward Foundation
Heavy Constructors Association
HNTB
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Kansas State University
KVC Health Systems
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Metropolitan Community College
NKC Health
Oracle
Panasonic
Polsinelli
REACH Healthcare Foundation
Saint Luke's Health System
SchoolSmart KC
Shook Hardy & Bacon
Spencer Fane
Spire
Starlight
Stinson
The Builders, a chapter of the AGC
The University of Kansas
The University of Kansas Health System
T-Mobile
University Health
University of Missouri – Kansas City
VanTrust Real Estate

MISSOURI STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair – Stef Seger, Regional Manager | Community Development, Meta
Vice Chair – Dr. Larry Rideaux, Vice Chancellor for College and Community Relations, Metropolitan Community College

2026 MEETING DATES

Friday, January 9
Friday, February 13

Friday, March 13
Friday, April 17

TBD Missouri Legislative
Wrap-Up Luncheon

Missouri State Affairs Committee meetings take place from 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. in the KC Chamber Board Room on the first floor of Kansas City's historic Union Station.