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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Policy 2024-01: Public Recording of Commission Meetings

The Commission is a public entity subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), K.S.A. 75-4317 *et. seq.* Pursuant to KOMA, Commission meetings must be open to the public.

Additionally, K.S.A. 75-4318(e) allows for "[t]he use of cameras, photographic lights and recording devices" by members of the public in open meetings. However, the use of such cameras, photographic lights or recording devices "shall be subject to reasonable rules designed to insure the orderly conduct of the proceedings at such meeting." K.S.A. 75-4318(e).

The following restrictions apply to recording public Commission meetings:

- Audio and video recording of the meetings is permitted; however, if a member of the public's recording device is left in the Commission's meeting place during a confidential recess or executive session, then such person must delete the entirety of the recording of such confidential or executive session in the presence of the Executive Director and/or General Counsel. In the event the deletion of recorded materials is required, the person required to delete the recorded materials and the Executive Director and/or General Counsel must sign the declaration attached to this policy memorializing compliance with Policy 2024-01.
- Photography of the open portion of Commission meetings is also permitted. To avoid disruption of the Commission meeting, please do not use flash photography or other lighting equipment while the meeting is in progress.

Additional copies of this policy, Commission regulations, applicable statutes, and guidance documents are available on the Commission's website, <u>https://ethics.kansas.gov/</u>. Questions about this policy may be directed to the Commission's Executive Director or General Counsel via email at <u>kgec_ethics@ks.gov</u>.

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Declaration of Compliance with Commission Policy 2024-01

I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have complied with the requirements of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission's Policy 2024-01 by deleting the entirety of my recording of the Commission's confidential or executive session in the presence of the Executive Director and/or General Counsel. Further, I declare that no other copies of this recording have been saved, including, but not limited to copies saved in cloud storage.

Executed in Shawnee County, State of Kansas, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Name

Signature

I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I have witnessed the above-named person delete the entirety of their recording of the Commission's confidential or executive session from the device I witnessed them recording on in my presence.

Executed in Shawnee County, State of Kansas, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Name

Title

Signature

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