

Irma Faudoa, Executive Director

Laura Kelly, Governor

Wednesday, July 9th, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order Chairman DeLaRosa called the meeting to order at 10:04am

2. Roll Call of Commissioners, Staff, and Guests

a. Commissioners

Chairman Commissioner DeLaRosa -Present
Commissioner Ramos –not present,
Commissioner Gone – not Present
Commissioner Padilla –present
Commissioner Renteria – not present
Commissioner Jaramillo –present
Commissioner Aguilar- present

b. Technical Advisors

Laura Canelos, UnitedHealthcare , Advisor

c. Guests

3. Establish Quorum

Quorum established

4. Review and Approval of Agenda

Reviewed agenda
Commissioner Padilla moves to make motion
Commissioner Del Aguilar seconds
All in favor, none opposed

5. Approval of Previous Month Meeting

Commissioner Padilla Moves to make motion to approve
Commissioner Del Aguilar, Seconds
All in favor, none opposed

6. Guest Presentation

Sarah LaRosh, Community Entrepreneurship Director, “Network Kansas”
Juan Cancino, Product Manager, Impact Investment Services

Network Kansas was created from the Kansas Economic Growth Act of 2004 and our initial purpose is to help entrepreneurs. Being an entrepreneur is often like doing a connect the dot puzzle, but the dots aren't numbered.

- Connection to resources across state.
- Every entrepreneur’s journey is different.
- Entrepreneurs need financing, but there are gaps between what bank funds and what business needs. They assist in closing that gap.
- Partnership with the Federal government, the small business credit initiative

- All funding is customizable
- Programing designed to assist the entrepreneurship with mentorship, or educational opportunities. **
- They have technical assistance
- Youth initiatives specifically for that population. Youth entrepreneurship challenge

Equity

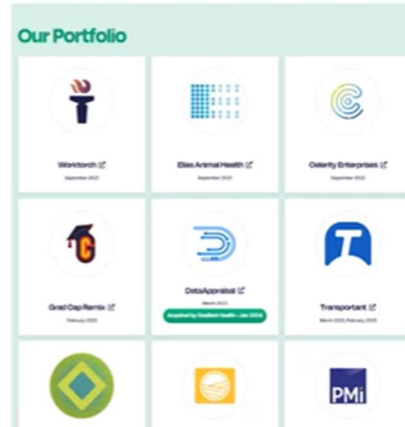
GrowKS Direct Equity Investment Program

- o 34 total Investments, 4 follow-ons
- o \$6.2M of investments, \$33.6M of leverage
- o 49% SEDI (Minority, Women, Veteran, Rural, Urban-distressed)
- o 62% VSB (<10 employees)
- o Industries: Software, BioTech, Medical Device, Cybersecurity, AgTech, Consumer Product

GrowKS Technical Assistance / Programming

- o Accessing Growth Capital Series (Fundamentals of equity startups)
- o Focused Perspective (Pitching to Investors)
- o Technology Development Institute (Manufacturing/product planning)

networkkansas.com/services/egrowth-ventures/



eCommunity Partnership

eCommunity application annual award

- Opens January 2026
- Closes April 2026
- Announcement June 2026

Gap Financing

- Approved Locally
 - Local Loan Committee
- Up to \$50,000 per loan
- Bank Match Required
 - 60/40 match (150%)

Programming grant funds

Technical Assistance grant funds

Community Entrepreneurship Professional

- Regionally Allocated

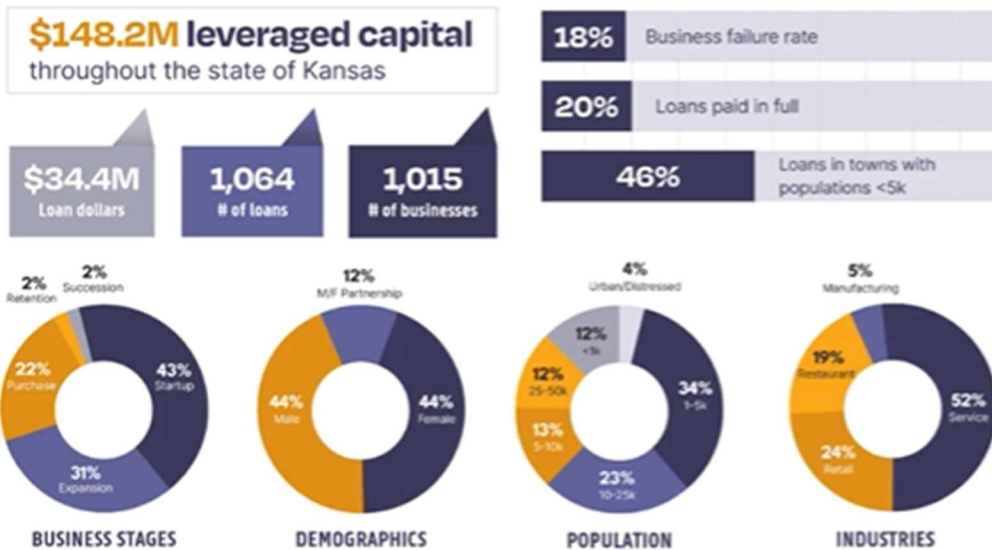


-Commissioner Padilla asked if Network Kansas works with local chambers of Commerce?

Network KS works closely with point individuals in the community, but they don't specifically work with the chamber, but some of these points of contact do work directly with the chambers.

-Commissioner Del Aguila, do you have educational programs do you offer?

The youth entrepreneurship program is the most widely program across the state, it's a broad-spectrum curriculum. NetWorked Kansas do not have any demographic information on Spanish language only businesses.



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-What are some of the challenges in assisting Latino, Hispanics, or first-generation immigrant entrepreneurs?
 Asked by commissioner DeLaRosa
 Individuals are not aware of the resources and programs that are available. They are not educated about the different types of licenses requirements for their businesses.

7. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Updates

Advocacy, Chairman DeLaRosa – working on a partnership with Mexican Consulate, we will host two events in Garden and Dodge City. More details to come soon.

Finalizing policy agenda for next year, approval will be done in October, waiting until December to do the Latino Advocacy dates, once the calendar is available. If there’s any feedback regarding the policy agenda, please provide feedback before October. We plan to schedule our Latino day at the capital and we want to be ready with the legislative agenda.

Event Planning, Commissioner Jaramillo – Meeting weekly, The theme for the Latino Leadership Conference is “Cultivating connections empowering generations” Date and speakers confirmed, waiting on Keynote and moderator commitments.

1st session “Immigrants powering Kansas

2nd Civic engagement and our role

3rd Law enforcement building trust and safety in our communities.

Needing at least \$25K in sponsorships and registration for this conference. We will know from the REACH Healthcare foundation and the Health Forward Foundation; we still need to reach the Kansas Health foundation. If any advisor or commissioner has any other connections, please let us know so we can reach out.

Booths will be available to set up at the conference. There will be opportunity for around 8 tables. If you have an organization to be present please let us know and the taskforce will figure out things.

Communication, Commissioner Gone – Not present, but Irma reported that we are working hard on creating flyers regarding summit.

8. New Business

a. Executive Director Report

Updates to the KHLAAC website have been done, go and look at that.

Community forum events in Dodge City and Garden City

October 10th, leadership summit, general admission \$25.00. need to register as of July 21st.

Happy to introduce Alvaro Escobedo as the Executive Director assistant. Prior to joining he was a legal assistant for an immigration law firm providing deportation relief and other legal guidance.

9. Announcements from Commissioners and Technical Advisors/ Public Comment

UnitedHealthcare will be a sponsor for our Summit.. thanks to Laura !!

10. Events Reminder:

11. adjournment done at 10:59

Commissioner Jaramillo made the motion

Commissioner DelAguilar seconded

All in favor no one opposed