



AGENDA

Douglas County Food Policy Council Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Various Locations



The [Douglas County Food Policy Council \(FPC\)](#) works to identify the benefits, challenges, and opportunities for building a successful, sustainable local food system. Its purpose is to advise elected officials on food-system-related policy issues and to serve as a community forum for local food system development.

Meeting details and materials can be found at: <https://www.dgcoks.gov/public-meetings/food-policy-council/food-policy-council-fpc-mon-sep-15-2025-630-pm>

A. APPROVE AGENDA:

The DCFPC reserves the right to amend, supplement, or re-order the agenda during the meeting.

1. September 15, 2025 DCFPC Agenda

ACTION: Consider agenda approval

B. APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the previous DCFPC meeting.

ACTION: Consider minutes approval

C. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public Introductions. Round of introductions from community members, guests, and observers.

ACTION: No action required

2. **Food System Updates:**

- Welcome Christina Haswood, City of Lawrence appointed DCFPC Member
- Kansas Food Action Network Annual Convening, November 12-13 in Manhattan, KS
- Kaw Valley Farm Tour, October 4-5

ACTION: No action required

3. **Healthy Food For All: Mobilizing Stronger Food Systems, Request for Partnership**

- Purpose: Raise awareness on local, state, and national policies efforts and educate on what efforts individuals and organizations can take to support creating more equitable conditions to reduce food insecurity.
- Potential date: October 23, 2025

ACTION: Consider partnering with the Healthy Food For All working to host the Mobilizing Stronger Food Systems event.

4. **Douglas County Legislative Priorities, DCFPC Discussion**

- **2026 Douglas County Legislative Statement Recommendations Draft:**

- Consider moving “Sustainable Agriculture” from the “Climate and Environmental Sustainability” section to the “Economic Security” section of the legislative statement.
- Consider including language that emphasizes the preservation of all food security programs.

- **2025 Douglas County Legislative Statement, Food Systems:**

- Healthy School Meals for All. We support developing and expanding programs and policies that strengthen local food systems and address food insecurity for vulnerable populations.
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), SNAP & FMNP. We support expanding access to the WIC, SNAP, & FMNP programs, including increasing the Fruit and Vegetable Cash Value Benefit.
- Kansas Food Action Network (KFAN) Policy Platform. Douglas County is a member of KFAN, a statewide network of food and farm councils advocating for equitable access to healthy, affordable food. We support KFAN's State Policy Platform.

ACTION: No action required

5. **Lawrence Farmers Market Permanent Location Feasibility Study and Community Engagement, Update**

- Presenter: Emily Lysen
- LFM Director of Development and DCFPC member Emily Lysen will provide an update on the Lawrence Farmers Market Permanent Location Feasibility Study and Community Engagement.
- The LFM website now includes information about the study and opportunities for community involvement:
<https://www.lawrencefarmersmarket.org/>

ACTION: No action required

D. NEXT MEETING:

Date: Monday, October 20, 2025

Time: 6:30–8:30 PM

Location: Virtual and In-Person 1006 New Hampshire St.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourns.