



Douglas County Food Policy Council

Monday, June 1, 2026 6:30PM

Douglas County Sustainability Office

1006 New Hampshire Street, Lawrence, KS, USA

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Ben Sikes, Natalya Lowther, Shelby Ostrom, Mackie Moore, Aundrea Walker, Robert Hickerson, Quinlan Carttar, Tyler Lindquist, Hazlett Henderson, Margit Kaltenekker, Suzy Mooney

Members Absent: Christina Haswood

Staff: Connie Fitzpatrick

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes.
 - ACTION: Consider approval of the agenda and the previous meeting minutes.
 - i. The agenda was reviewed. The Indigenous Food Systems working group update was postponed.
 - ii. *A motion was made by Tyler Lindquist and seconded by Natalya Lowther to approve the agenda with modifications. The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Working Session

The Council will share updates on current working group efforts and collaborate as a full Council to support progress on these initiatives:

1. **Economic Development Working Group:** Building an equitable entrepreneurial ecosystem.
 - Mobile Food Vendors of Douglas County
 - i. A locally-rooted directory by the Douglas County Food Policy Council, created to spotlight connect local food vendors with World Cup–related events throughout summer 2026.

- ii. Currently hosting thirty two mobile food and ice cream vendors.
 - Mobile Food Vendor Food and Fire Safety Training
 - i. Training took place on May 11, 2026.
 - ii. An informative training session covering what mobile food vendors need to know as they prepare for the world's largest soccer tournament. Presented by representatives from the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Lawrence-Douglas County Fire.
 - Food Truck Hubs organized for the duration of the world cup at the following locations:
 - i. Central Bank of the Midwest
 - ii. Lawrence Central Station
 - SafeBar Alliance Training
 - i. The Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center and the BarSafe Alliance will be hosting a free one hour training via Zoom on Monday, June 8th at 10am.
2. **Food & Farm Working Group:** Building the local food economy and ensuring we maintain needed natural resources for continued local agricultural production. Serving as a partner-liaison with the Douglas County Health Department to advance the Food Security section of the Douglas County Health Improvement Plan.
- During the first quarter of the year the working group provided written testimony in opposition to the State Government Efficiency Committee. Bill# 26rs2581.
 - i. The proposal would have reduced participation in school meals programs by increasing paperwork and stigma for families.
 - The working group is prioritizing efforts to support food access for seniors.
 - A Halal foods guide is in development by Quinlan Carttar.
 - The working group will reconvene in July.
3. **Forward Working Group:** Eliminating food waste through reduction, recovery, and diversion.
- Co-Chair Hazlett Henderson accompanied City of Lawrence Sustainability Director, Kathy Richardson to the Climate Action KC meeting on regional compost pilots and activities. The event took place on April 30, 2026.
 - The working group expressed strong interest in advancing advocacy for composting as a key component of the food cycle and for promoting healthy soils. Recognizing the importance of precise and effective language, the group will prepare a draft statement for full council review.

C. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.