



April 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
April 17, 2026; 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Attendance: Hilary Koehn, Lisa Williams, Amber Dejmaj, Tabitha Morris, Maria Torres, Aaron Grunewald, Stacie Daniels, Janet Cody, Emily Goetz, Allee Huninghake, Brittany Denson

[Approval of March Minutes](#)

Janet moved to approve, Maria second, passed unanimously

Dana Clary joined the meeting.

KSDE update, Lisa Williams

- KSDE has announced Dr. Jake Steel as new commissioner
- KPAT Grant applications went out April 2nd, have word that we will be receiving level funding. Aware of the struggle this creates with increasing costs and receiving level funding at the state level. There is importance in the school districts putting money into the early childhood programming. Since the CIF is tobacco settlement funding, as tobacco use decreases, the cabinet is aware of the need to be thinking about this impact. Grant applications are due May 11, 2026. Possibility that 2 smaller programs may not reapply this year for funding. Will continue to share as applications come in and decisions are made in these areas.
- There is a clause in the assurances that districts cannot lower the amount of funding that they have previously put towards the programs
- MIECHV, which is federal funding that comes into the state that have matching requirements, the strategy has broadened to include more federal funding.
- Currently, MIECHV funding has hubs which receive the funding and then disseminates it to local region. Have hubs in Southwest and Southeast, and there is talk of a hub in Southcentral. MIECHV is funding at \$6500/family. There are additional requirements for reporting in DAISEY, there are incentives for home visitors. The caseload for an educator is 18-20 families.
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel update - Ashley Eck presented and did a phenomenal job.

President Report, Amber Dejmaj (*Reports will be noted as received for filing in minutes unless finance reports which require a vote*)

- Please complete ED Evaluation by the end of the day today

- Evaluations will be compiled and taken to the Personnel Committee, then a report shared with the Board.
- All Members Meeting
 - Some technical difficulties, but overall was a great meeting
 - Reviewed roles on the Board and what KPATA has been working on this past year
- Welcome emails have been sent to new incoming Board members

Noted and received

Executive Director Report, Hilary Koehn


- [April Executive Director Report](#)
- [Home Visiting Alliance- Kansas Home Visiting Works](#)
 - Booklet of Home Visiting history, data, return on investment, and impact on children in Kansas

Noted and received

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, shared by Janet Cody

- No committee meeting since last report at the March Board Meeting
- April meeting will be next week


Finance Report, Aaron Grunewald

-  KPATA, March 2026, Financials.xlsm
- There was a delay in some documents due to CCA's audit affecting their typical timelines for getting documents to KPATA, the finance committee reviewed, but we do not have all official documents yet due to this.

Janet Cody left the meeting at 1:01pm

- Discussion of why referrals are down this year and how that affects the budget
- There is funding available for licensed mental health consultation, which is available to staff, but has not been accessed as much as anticipated, they may do a time with staff and the consultant
- There may be an additional training offered in June for all members as funding allows

Aaron moved to accept the financial reports as presented, Stacie seconded, passed unanimously

-  KPATA Budget 2026-2027 for Board.xlsx
 - SCP runs on a different fiscal year
 - Supporting Syracuse again during FY 26-27
 - Intrify account to have the FDIC protection, the money swept from Cap Fed account is earning interest
 - %5 increase for cost of living and recommended 20% increase for premium increase
 - Travel for Hilary and SCP staff to PATNC Conference
 - Travel for presenting at another Conference

- Marketing and Exhibiting budget added
- RECORDING FOR MISSING ITEMS

Aaron moved to accept the budget, Tabitha seconded

- Discussion to request more time to review

Emily asked for an amendment to the motion to allow the Board 1 week to review the budget and vote via email, Aaron seconded

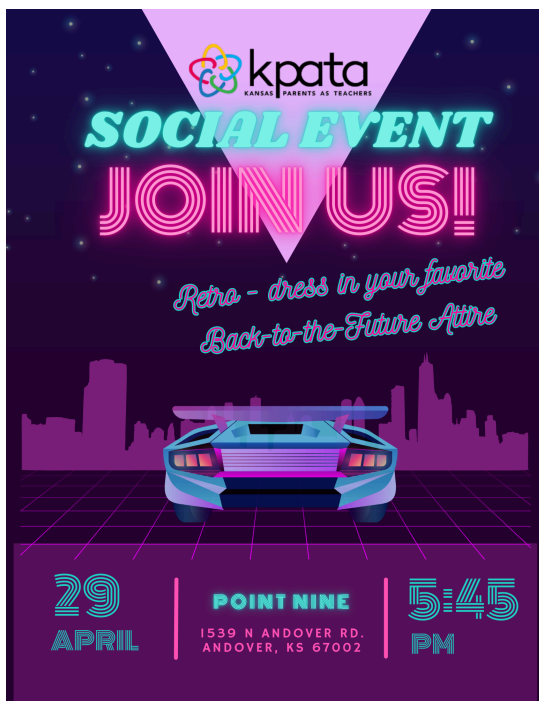
- Request to have email communication set a time for discussion and a time for voting passed unanimously

Advocacy Committee Report

- The committee did not meet this month due to scheduling conflicts.

Education and Training Committee Report, shared by Maria Torres

- 2026 “Back to the Future” conference planning is well underway. We currently have over 160 registered attendees.
- In addition, we have 20 vendors confirmed to participate, which will provide valuable resources and connections for attendees.
- We are also planning a network event on the first day following the conference to encourage collaboration and relationship-building among participants. If you as a board member are planning on attending the conference please join us.



Noted and received

Personnel Committee, shared by Amber Dejmaj

- The committee did not meet this month due to scheduling conflicts.

Membership and Nominating Committee, shared by Dana Clary

- KS PE of the year - announcement was made at All Members Meeting
- [All Members Meeting](#) - slides from meeting
- Membership fees will remain the same from this current year

Noted and received

Supporting Care Providers Update, shared by Becky Stewart

- May 7th Advisory Council Retreat
- Grant strategist to assist with grant goals
- Working on becoming a separate 501(c)3, with continuing collaboration with KPATA
- 2027-2028 Governance Model

Noted and received

FFPSA Committee, shared by Jenny Smith

- [FFPSA Evaluation Report Oct. 2019-March 2026](#)
- New website where information is being housed with data and reporting
- <https://familyfirst.ku.edu/family-first-impact>
 - Report is available on the website

Noted and received

Calendar invite was created for email voting to occur next week

Meeting adjourned 1:39

Next Meeting: May 15th - 12 to 2 pm, **Hilary is unable to attend in May**

Hilary Koehn emailed April 17, 2026 at 1:42pm

Please review the [proposed KPATA budget](#) for next year. We will give everyone at least a week to review and then Amber will call for a motion to approve.

Have a great weekend!

Hilary Koehn emailed April 21, 2026 at 11:30am

Good morning KPATA Board Members -

My preference would be to vote on the KPATA budget when we are together in a meeting, rather than via email. I believe having the opportunity to review the full picture as a group, ask questions in real time, and engage in discussion will lead to a more thoughtful and informed decision.

We are in no hurry and will hold on the vote until our May Board meeting. Aaron and Amber will be able to answer any questions as they are well-informed.

Thank you - I appreciate everyone's time and commitment to the continued work of the Board!
In the meantime, if you have any thoughts or questions, please feel free to reach out to me.