

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date: May 8, 2025

Staff Contact: Leslie Herring, City Administrator

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Agenda Item: Consider Resolution No. 143-2025 Confirming Appointments to the Westwood Foundation Board

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### Background

The Westwood Foundation is a Kansas not-for-profit corporation organized and existing as an instrumentality of the City of Westwood, Kansas and is governed in the conduct of its affairs by its Board of Directors, its articles of incorporation, and its bylaws. The Westwood Foundation bylaws as amended state that residents of the City of Westwood, Kansas may be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Westwood City Council to serve terms of four (4) years on the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors.

Foundation Board members whose terms are expiring effective May 31, 2025 include:

Board Member with Expiring Term	Date Appointed
Justin Bridges	May 2021
Mary Bosco Heinrich	June 2024
Thomas Scott	May 2021
Rita Zeller	May 2021

Board members Bridges, Bosco Heinrich, and Scott are seeking renewal of their terms. Board member Zeller has not sought reappointment.

### Mayoral Recommendation

This Spring, the Mayor issued an open call for candidates. Statements of interest from three (3) residents were received. Following review of those statements of interest, Mayor David Waters and Westwood Foundation President Justin Bridges conferred, and the Mayor is recommending the Governing Body consent to the appointment of Karl Phares.

Mr. Phares is a 6-year resident of Westwood. Mr. Phares is an attorney, and has served in a variety of board roles, he currently serves on the Business for Education Committee of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

### Staff Comments

With the adoption of Resolution No. 143-2025, the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors would be as follows:

Westwood Foundation Board of Directors	Residential Address	Date Appointed	Term Expiration Date
Mary Bosco Heinrich	2321 W 51 <sup>st</sup> Terrace	June 2024	May 2029
Justin Bridges	2510 W 51 <sup>st</sup> Terrace	May 2021	May 2029
Jay Corazza	3000 W. 49 <sup>th</sup> Terrace	March 2025	May 2027

Leslie Greathouse	4939 Fairway Road	November 2024	May 2027
Sean O'Brien	4953 Norwood Street	April 2013	May 2027
Karl Phares	4942 Booth Street	May 2025	May 2029
Thomas Scott	2811 W 48 <sup>th</sup> Street	May 2021	May 2029

**Budget Impact**

N/A

*Suggested Motion*

*I move to adopt Resolution No. 143-2025 confirming the appointment of Karl Phares, and reappointing Justin Bridges, Mary Bosco Heinrich and Thomas Scott to the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors.*