

SUMMARY OF 2025-2026 DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

The summaries below indicate formal actions taken by the Department of Kansas Council for the period from April 5, 2024, to March 28, 2026. Voting members of the Council are:

Department Commander – Kent M. Melcher, PDC, Camp 10

Senior Vice Department Commander – James D. Thornton, PCC, Camp 5

Junior Vice Department Commander – Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 4

Department Secretary (term exp 2028) – Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16

Department Treasurer (term exp 2028) – Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, Camp 16

Council Member (IPDC) (term exp 2026) – Conrad M. Fisher, PDC, Camp 16, served until his death on September 13, 2025)

Council Member (term exp 2027) – Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4

Council Member (term exp 2026) – James H. Graves, PCC, Camp 1

Council Member (term exp. 2026) – Barrett E. Young, PCC, Camp 9

SUMMARY OF MAY 5, 2025, DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

1. A regular meeting of the Department Council was held on May 5, 2025, for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the business that came before it.
 2. Approved the minutes of the March 17, 2025, Council meeting. Motion carried.
 3. Approved the Proceedings of April 5, 2025, 29th Annual Department Encampment.
 4. Approved appointment of PDC Thomas E. Schmidt as Department Signal Officer.
 5. Approved donation of \$100.00 to the “Bobby Boyd Memorial Fund” in memory of PDC Robert D. Boyd II.
 6. Approved motion to not allow advertisements and charity appeals on the Department website.
 7. Approved motion the Department put out the challenge to the camps of the Department, with the challenge amended to be named “2025-2026 PDC Robert D. Boyd II Membership Challenge.”
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SUMMARY OF AUGUST 18, 2025, DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

1. A regular meeting of the Department Council was held on August 18, 2025, for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the business that came before it.
 2. Approved the minutes of the May 5, 2025, Council meeting.
 3. Approved new Department Form 1 for use in requesting reimbursement from Department funds.
 4. Approved motion to allow camps to submit certain limited numbers of Form 30 to the Department Secretary by email. These actions are ones which require neither supporting documents nor funds. Paper copies will continue to be submitted by the Department to National Headquarters.
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SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 13, 2025, DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

1. A regular meeting of the Department Council was held on October 13, 2025, for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the business that came before it.
2. Approved the minutes of August 18, 2025, Council meeting.
3. Approved the purchase of a new Department Commander badge from the National Quartermaster at a cost of \$50.00 plus shipping costs of up to \$9.00, for a total estimated cost at

or below \$59.00. The current Department Commander badge shall be retired at the earliest opportunity and placed in safekeeping under the control of the Department Treasurer.

3. Approved a \$200.00 donation from the General Fund be made to the William Braden Schall and Willis T. Reed Memorial Fund in memory of PCinC D. Brad Schall.

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 19, 2026, DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

1. A regular meeting of the Department Council was held on January 19, 2026, for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the business that came before it.

2. Approved the minutes of October 13, 2025, Council meeting.