

**MINUTES OF KENNESAW SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING**  
**CITY OF KENNESAW**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**  
**June 10, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

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**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Leslie Patton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: Leslie Patton, Angelo Brown, Neil Brunetz, and Sheb True

Staff Liaison Present: Anna Trapp

Council Liaison Absent: Anthony Gutierrez

Other attendees: Ken Hill, Site Director at Kennesaw State University's international educational facility in Montepulciano, Italy

**2. Old Business**

Ms. Trapp began introductions with the Commission, since this was the first time they had met following her appointment as Staff Liaison. Ms. Trapp and each Commission Member gave a brief overview of their professional backgrounds and what brought them to sit on the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission. Ms. Trapp also provided a brief overview of the status of the Commission, noting that three of the seven seats are currently open. Ms. Patton suggested that the City promote the three seats in an attempt to gain interest. Ms. Trapp agreed to work with the City Clerk to advertise and promote the open seats.

**3. New Business**

**A. Discussion: Next Steps to Establishing a Sister Cities Agreement with Montepulciano, Italy**

Ms. Trapp and Mr. Hill provided an update on the status of the communications with Montepulciano, Italy. In March, a Zoom call was held for introductions between Mayors Derek Easterling and Michele Angiolin. Following this Zoom call, Mr. Hill spoke with Mayor Angiolin's office while working at Kennesaw State University's campus site in Montepulciano, Italy, and they made the decision to move forward with creating a mutually acceptable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize the relationship between the City of Kennesaw and Montepulciano, with the goal signing date of October 8, 2025.

Ms. Trapp then presented a template MOU for the Commission to review. It was discussed that feedback on the MOU would be returned to Ms. Trapp by Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Once changes are implemented, the draft copy will be returned to Montepulciano's Public Information Officer, Mattia Nocchi, for review by Mayor Angiolin and his staff. Once those edits are approved by the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission, the MOU will be presented to Kennesaw's Mayor and Council for approval.

Once the MOU is approved and signed by both municipalities, Kennesaw staff will work on the application to register as an official "Sister City" with the International Sister Cities organization.

#### **4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **5. Staff Comment**

Ms. Trapp noted that the next meeting would fall on Tuesday, July 8th. With no-one having any known conflicts, the members plan to meet again on that date at 6:00 p.m.

#### **6. Adjourn**

Motion by Mr. True to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Brunetz. Vote taken, motion approved unanimously 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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