

MINUTES OF KENNESAW SISTER CITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
City Hall Conference Room
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)
July 14, 2026
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Anna Trapp called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Elizabeth Jamison (via Teams), Michael Ota, Chrislyn Turner, and Sheb True

Members Absent: Angelo Brown and Leslie Patton

Staff Liason: Anna Trapp

Other Attendees: Ken Hill, Kennesaw State University

Chrislyn Turner was welcomed to the Commission as its newest member. All present members and staff introduced themselves and provided background on who they are and why they joined the Commission.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A. Minutes: April 14, 2026 Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission Meeting

Approval of the April 14, 2026, Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission Meeting minutes.

Motion by Michael Ora to approve the April 14, 2026 Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Elizabeth Jamison. Motion approved unanimously 4-0.

3. Financial Report

4. Old Business

5. New Business

A. Officer Elections

2026 Officer Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Ms. Trapp explained the procedure of nominating or volunteering for the officer positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Sheb True volunteered to serve as Chair. Motion by Chrislyn Turner to elect Mr. True as Chair of the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission, seconded by Michael Ota. Motion approved unanimously 4-0.

Leslie Patton was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. Motion by Chrislyn Turner to elect Ms. Patton as Vice Chair of the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission, seconded by Sheb True. Motion approved unanimously 4-0.

Anna Trapp volunteered to continue her tenure as Secretary. Motion by Michael Ota to elect Ms. Trapp as Secreatry of the Kennesaw Sister Cities Commission, seconded by

Ms. Turner. Motion approved unanimously 4-0.

6. Public Comments

7. Staff Comment

A. KSSC Programming

Staff update on programming and potential projects with Montepulciano.

The Commission and Staff provided and discussed updates on collaborations between the City of Kennesaw, Kennesaw State University, and Montepulciano.

- Commemorative Wine Label: Shipments of commemorative wine created to honor the Friendship Agreement between Kennesaw and Montepulciano are on their way from Montepulciano to the local distributor. Once the wine is received, the distributor will work with local businesses to have the wine served in Downtown Kennesaw and the surrounding area.
- Cultural exchange with high-school aged students: The City of Montepulciano has shown interest in pursuing this program. As the Magnet Coordinator for North Cobb High School, Elizabeth Jamison will lead this program. Sheb True and Ken Hill will connect her with a counterpart in Montepulciano to begin planning. Staff and other Commission members will support Ms. Jamison and the program as needed.
- Cookbook/Recipe Book: As previously discussed, this project would combine recipes and artwork from Kennesaw and Montepulciano. Kennesaw State University students could assist with the design and printing of the cookbook. Mr. Ota will lead this project. Mr. True and Mr. Hill will coordinate to provide a contact in Montepulciano for collaboration. Ms. Trapp will provide support and City resources.
- Commemorative Signage: The Commission would like a sign placed in Kennesaw City limits to commemorate the Friendship Agreement between Kennesaw and Montepulciano, with the hope that Montepulciano will establish a similar sign or monument. Ms. Turner will lead this project with support from Ms. Trapp.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. True to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ota. Motion unanimously approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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