

September 3, 2026

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media contact: Jake Lowen, Executive Secretary-Treasurer · 785.267.0100

Kansas AFL-CIO Endorses Cindy Holscher for Governor

TOPEKA, Kan. — The Kansas AFL-CIO Executive Board voted today to endorse State Senator Cindy Holscher for Governor of Kansas.

The endorsement follows the Board's review of the 2025–26 Kansas AFL-CIO Legislative Scorecard, the federation's official record of how every legislator votes on working-family issues. Across 60 key Senate votes, Senator Holscher voted with working people 60 times, a 100 percent record. Those votes included pay for state employees, workers' compensation and unemployment protections, licensing standards for the skilled trades, public school funding, paid sick leave, and raising the minimum wage.

"Our endorsement is earned on the record, not in a speech," said Kansas AFL-CIO President Brian Alexander. "Sixty key votes, and sixty times Senator Holscher stood with working Kansans. That is the standard we hold every candidate to, and she met it every time."

The next governor will sign or veto the bills that set state worker pay, workers' compensation rules, and public school funding.

"An endorsement is not a blank check. It is the start of a working relationship," Alexander said. "Working people should have a real say over their own future, and that takes a governor who keeps every union in this federation at the table. We expect Senator Holscher to keep listening, and we will be there to make sure she does."

Affiliated unions will now carry the endorsement to union members and their families at worksites and on doorsteps ahead of the November 3 general election.

About the Kansas AFL-CIO. The Kansas AFL-CIO is the state federation of the AFL-CIO, uniting 361 local unions that represent more than 140,000 union members and their households across Kansas. The full scorecard is at scorecard.ksaflcio.org. The complete 2026 endorsement list is at imvotingunion.com. ###

President **Brian Alexander** · Executive Secretary-Treasurer **Jake Lowen** · Executive Vice President **John Nave**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Luke Bizzell · Brian Burnett · Tony Cahill · Robert Cammarn · Adam Figgs · Joey Flicker · Tom Gebken
Russell Hardy · Shaun Junkins · Mike Kane · Tatum Keister · Jeff Kurtz · Donna Lehane · Andy Martin · Julie Perry
Dennis Phillips · Emil Ramirez · Carol Russell · Scott Tummons · Chris Ubel · Katie Warren · Mike Wolke