Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri		Section: 500 Resolution
Subject: POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS		Number: 96-11
Rescinds:	Date Approved: 08/30/96	Page: 1 OF 3

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Missouri invest the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners (Board) with exclusive management and control of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department (Section 84.460 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri); and

WHEREAS, the Board is composed of the Mayor of Kansas City together with four citizens of Kansas City as appointed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Board elects one of its members as President of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the law governing the President's powers to act on behalf of the Board are ambiguous in that Section 84.350 provides that "[t]he president...shall be the presiding officer of the board and shall act for it when the board is not in session," while Section 84.410 provides that "[n]o action shall be taken by the board unless three concurring votes are cast;" and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of the deliberation and participation of all five members in taking any Board action, and also recognizes that circumstances may arise which require immediate Board action when the Board is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to clarify the powers of the President to act on behalf of the Board in a manner consistent with the purpose and responsibilities of the Board as reflected in the laws creating and governing the Board;

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners as follows:

1. When the board is not in session , the President shall have the power and authority to act on behalf of or bind the Board only as provided in this resolution. When the Board is in session, it shall act only in accordance with the majority vote of its members, as provided by law.

2. At any regularly scheduled Board meeting, or at any special Board meeting lawfully convened, the Board may authorize the President to act on behalf of and bind the Board as to such particular and specific matters as are deliberated and approved by the Board in advance of such action by the President. Such authority shall be delegated to the President by a vote of the Board in accordance with the law, and the vote and minutes shall specifically state the purpose and scope of the President's authority.

3. When the President acts pursuant to the authority delegated in advance by the Board, as provided in the preceding paragraph, he or she shall advise the Board in writing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting of the action taken and the result of such action.

4. Should any matter arise when the Board is not in session which, in the opinion of the President, requires immediate Board action which cannot await the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, the President shall make all reasonable efforts to notify all Board members of the subject matter of the emergency and call a special Board meeting, in accordance with the law.

5. If, in the opinion of the President, emergency circumstances arise which require Board action which cannot await a special Board meeting, the President shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Board only with respect to such emergency. This authority should be exercised only in the most rare and extreme circumstances.

6. Should the President ever act in accordance with the powers authorized under the preceding paragraph, he or she shall, within 24 hours of taking such action, either call a special Board meeting or notify each Board member in writing regarding the circumstances presented and the actions taken by the President.

7. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to restrict the President from gathering information, expressing opinions, participating in events, or otherwise pursuing his or her responsibilities as a member of the Board. This resolution is intended only to clarify the powers of the President to act on behalf of and bind the Board when the Board is not in session.

RESOLVED this 30th day of August, 1996.

Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri

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