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Julia Fabris McBride Appointed Interim President and CEO of Kansas Leadership Center

Wichita, Kan. – At its quarterly meeting on July 22, the board of directors for the [Kansas Leadership Center](#) (KLC) appointed [Julia Fabris McBride](#) as the non-profit organization's interim president and CEO effective August 4. Fabris McBride currently serves as KLC's chief leadership development officer and will hold both roles concurrently until a permanent hire is made. Last month, KLC's founding President and CEO [Ed O'Malley announced his new role](#) as president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation starting August 10. His last day at KLC is August 3.

"Julia was the natural choice to serve as KLC's interim president and CEO," said KLC Board Chair David Lindstrom. "She's been with the organization nearly 12 years and has the experience, focus and capacity to continue her role as chief leadership development officer while also ensuring continuity of operations at KLC through this interim phase."

An author and certified coach, Fabris McBride oversees teacher and coach development at KLC and has created three professional programs for leadership developers that have drawn people to Kansas from four continents. Her latest book on Bard Press – *When Everyone Leads* – was co-authored with O'Malley and is expected to hit bookstores in early 2023. Fabris McBride is co-founder of the Know Your Worth Women's Leadership Conference and founding board president of the Pioneer Bluffs Foundation. She serves on the advisory committee for the Western Conservation Leadership Development Program and as secretary of the board of directors of the Adaptive Leadership Network. She splits her time between Wichita and Matfield Green.

To hire a new president and CEO, KLC's board of directors has created an executive search committee that will work with input from KLC staff and stakeholders to retain a recruitment firm and conduct a thorough search. Susan Kang, vice chair of the board and senior director of development recruitment and DEI at the KU Endowment Association, will serve as chair of the committee. Board members Ron Holt and Gennifer Golden House will also serve on the committee. Holt is a former Sedgwick County assistant county manager and Golden House is director of donor services at the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation.

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About the Kansas Leadership Center

The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a first-of-its-kind nonprofit educational organization with a civic mission, national reputation and global reach. Founded in 2007 to foster leadership for stronger, healthier

and more prosperous Kansas communities, KLC receives core funding from the Kansas Health Foundation (a private, philanthropic organization). It partners with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and communities to build cultures that are healthy, productive and well-positioned to make measurable progress on daunting challenges and emergent opportunities. KLC Press publishes leadership books and The Journal, a nationally recognized, award-winning civic issues magazine.

Over the past 15 years, KLC has built a strong and respected institution in Kansas designed to deliver leadership development and culture change at unparalleled scale. Now, organizations across the country and around the world look to us to provide resources and consultation to support their own aspirations for mission-driven leadership education. Learn more at www.kansasleadershipcenter.org.

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