

**Knoxville Utilities Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

The Knoxville Utilities Board met in regular session in the Larry A. Fleming Board Room at 445 S. Gay Street, on Thursday, November 16, 2023, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 7, 2023, edition of the *News Sentinel* and on KUB's website. Chair Adrienne Simpson-Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Ron Feinbaum, Kathy Hamilton, Celeste Herbert, Adrienne Simpson-Brown, and Tyvi Small.

Commissioners Absent: Claudia Caballero and Cynthia Gibson

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Commissioner Herbert and a second by Commissioner Feinbaum, the October 19, 2023 Board Meeting minutes were approved by a roll call vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Feinbaum, Hamilton, Herbert, Simpson-Brown, and Small. No Commissioner voted "nay".

Old Business

None

New Business

None

President's Report

Natural Gas Purchasing Authority & Winter Update

President Gabriel Bolas reminded Commissioners that staff provides an update each fall on the natural gas industry and KUB's compliance with natural gas purchasing requirements and a winter energy bill forecast. He recognized Wayne Brintnall, an Analyst in Rates & Analytical Services, to provide this year's update.

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American Public Power Association Communications Award

President Bolas recognized Liz Hannah, Manager of Communications and Executive Services, to share details of a recent award from the American Public Power Association. KUB's first Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Report earned the Excellence in Public Power Communications Award of Merit in the Print and Digital category. Commissioner Hamilton offered her congratulations to the Communications and Environmental Stewardship teams on creating the first report in-house and winning a national award for the publication.

United Way Campaign Overview

President Bolas advised Commissioners that we recently completed our annual 100% employee-funded United Way campaign. The annual campaign reflects KUB's mission of service and employee commitment to the community. He recognized Tiffany Martin, Vice President and Chief Customer Officer, to share an overview of this year's campaign.

Other Business

Chair Simpson-Brown announced that from the nominees selected by the Board, Mayor Kincannon recommended Dr. Craig Pickett, Jr. for the new Commissioner position and City Council will vote on Dr. Pickett's election at their meeting on November 28th. She thanked Mayor Kincannon and City Council for their consideration.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Simpson-Brown declared the Board meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Inflation Response Plan Workshop

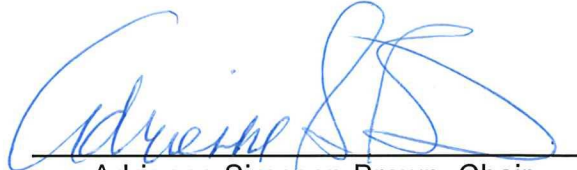
President Gabriel Bolas began the workshop with an overview of the Inflation Response Plan and the challenges KUB is facing. Mr. Bolas recognized John Williams, Senior Vice President of Engineering and Construction, to share details of the inflationary impacts on the utility systems. John Gresham, Vice President of Operations, reviewed Century II infrastructure needs and its impact on our ability to provide safe and reliable utility services. Mark Walker, Senior Vice President

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and Chief Financial Officer, shared details of the long-term financial strategy and reviewed potential funding scenarios for each of the utility systems.

Adjournment

Chair Adrienne Simpson-Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.



Adrienne Simpson-Brown, Chair



Mark Walker, Board Secretary

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