

**Knoxville Utilities Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 18, 2024 Noon**

Call to Order

The Knoxville Utilities Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 18, 2024, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 6, 2024, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Due to inclement weather, KUB's January 18, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting was held electronically, using the ZOOM video conferencing platform. Public Notice that the meeting was to be held electronically was published on the Knoxville Utilities Board website on January 17, 2024. Chair Adrienne Simpson-Brown called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Claudia Caballero, Ron Feinbaum, Cynthia Gibson, Kathy Hamilton, Celeste Herbert, Dr. Craig Pickett, Jr., and Adrienne Simpson-Brown.

Commissioner Absent: None

Determination to Conduct Board Meeting Electronically

Chair Simpson-Brown advised the Board that due to recent inclement weather and travel concerns; she would entertain a motion that the Board make the determination for the meeting to be conducted electronically. She asked for a motion and a second.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Herbert and a second by Commissioner Caballero, the Board made the determination that the January 18, 2024 Board meeting would be conducted electronically. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Caballero, Feinbaum, Gibson, Hamilton, Herbert, Pickett, Jr., and Simpson-Brown. No Commissioner voted "nay"

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gibson and a second by Commissioner Caballero, the December 21, 2023 Board Meeting minutes were approved by a roll call vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Caballero, Feinbaum, Gibson, Hamilton, Herbert, Pickett, Jr., and Simpson-Brown. No Commissioner voted "nay".

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Old Business

None

New Business

Board of Commissioners Officer Election

Mr. Coley stated that the Nominating Committee met on December 21, 2023 and recommended the following slate of officers for 2024: Chair; Adrienne Simpson-Brown, Vice Chair; Ron Feinbaum, and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Walker as Board Secretary. He asked for other nominations and received none.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hamilton and a second by Commissioner Herbert, the 2024 slate of officers was approved as presented by the Nominating Committee by a roll call vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Caballero, Feinbaum, Gibson, Hamilton, Herbert, Pickett, Jr., and Simpson-Brown. No Commissioner voted "nay".

President's Report

Utility Systems Update

President Gabriel Bolas recognized John Gresham, Senior Vice President & Chief Engineering & Operations Officer, to provide a brief update on KUB's systems and the impact of the weather our area has experienced over the past week.

Annual Disclosures

President Bolas recognized Liz Hannah, Manager of Communications and Executive Services, to review the annual disclosure process for the Board.

Inflation Response Plan Follow-Up

President Bolas reminded Commissioners that we presented KUB's Inflation Response Plan to the Board in November to address inflationary impacts and proposed modifications to KUB's Century II infrastructure programs. He recognized Mark Walker, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, for a follow-up discussion on the Inflation Response Plan.

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NACWA National Environmental Achievement Awards

President Bolas advised Commissioners that KUB recently earned two National Environmental Achievement Awards from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. The first award was in the Workforce Development category and recognized KUB's Utility Apprenticeship Program. The second award was in the Operations & Environmental Performance category and recognized our Biologically Enhanced High-Rate Clarifier at the Kuwahee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Other Business


None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Simpson-Brown declared the Board meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.



Adrienne Simpson-Brown, Chair



Mark Walker, Board Secretary

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