

**Knoxville Utilities Board  
Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Thursday, April 16, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

The Knoxville Utilities Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 16, 2020, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 4, 2020, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Due to social distancing safeguards related to the COVID-19 pandemic, KUB's April 16, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting was held electronically, using the Microsoft Teams Live Meeting video conferencing platform. Public Notice that the meeting was to be held electronically was published on the Knoxville Utilities Board website on April 9, 2020. Chair Kathy Hamilton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present Electronically: Jerry Askew, Kathy Hamilton, Celeste Herbert, Sara Pinnell, Tyvi Small, and John Worden.

Commissioner Absent: Adrienne Simpson-Brown

**Determination to Conduct Board Meeting Electronically**

Chair Hamilton advised the Board that pursuant to Executive Order 16 issued by Governor Bill Lee which allows for this public meeting to be conducted by electronic means to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, 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 Askew and a second by Commissioner Herbert, the Board made the determination that the April 16, 2020 Board meeting would be conducted electronically. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Askew, Hamilton, Herbert, Pinnell, Small, and Worden. No Commissioner voted "nay".

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Small and a second by Commissioner Herbert, the March 12, 2020 Board Meeting minutes were approved by a roll call vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Askew, Hamilton, Herbert, Pinnell, Small, and Worden. No Commissioner voted "nay".

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**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**President's Report**

None

**Other Business**

None

**Public Comment**

Kent Minault – 311 Glenwood Avenue – Knoxville, TN 37917

Stan Johnson – 2805 Woodbine Avenue – Knoxville, TN 37914

**Adjournment**

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Hamilton declared the Board meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

**FY 2021 Budget Workshop**

President Gabriel Bolas provided an overview of this year's workshop format and reviewed the agenda. President Bolas also provided an update on KUB's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He then introduced Susan Edwards, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, who discussed existing and proposed sustainability projects and energy and water efficiency programs for lower-income customers. Derwin Hagood, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer discussed fiscal year 2021 planned utility system improvements. Mark Walker, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, concluded the meeting with a review of KUB's updated ten-year plans, proposed rate actions for fiscal year 2021, and the fiscal year 2021 proposed budget. Mr. Walker advised the Board that resolutions for fiscal year 2021 rate recommendations, fiscal year 2021 budget and commitment appropriations, and authorizing the issuance of water and wastewater revenue bonds will be presented for the Board's consideration at the May Board Meeting.

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**Adjournment**

Chair Hamilton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

  
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Kathy Hamilton, Chair

  
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Mark Walker, Board Secretary

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