

**Knoxville Utilities Board  
Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Thursday, April 16, 2026  
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, April 16, 2026, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 3, 2026, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Claudia Caballero, Cynthia Gibson, Kathy Hamilton, Phyllis Nichols, and Pete Pearson

Commissioners Absent: Ron Feinbaum and Dr. Craig Pickett, Jr.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Nichols and a second by Commissioner Pearson, the March 19, 2026 Board Meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Gibson, Hamilton, Nichols, and Pearson. No Commissioner voted "nay".

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**President's Report**

**Employee Recognition**

President Gabriel Bolas recognized KUB employee David Fourman, Fiber Installation Technician, who recently provided extraordinary assistance to an individual who experienced a medical emergency while driving.

**Other Business**

None

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**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Gibson declared the Board meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

**FY 2027 Budget Workshop**

President Gabriel Bolas provided an overview of KUB's fiscal year 2026 accomplishments, as well as fiscal year 2027 financial highlights. He then introduced Mathew Stinnett, Director, Operations, who provided details of the fiscal year 2027 budget and long-range plan for the Electric Division. Jocelyn McInturff, Director, Safety and Regulatory Compliance, provided details of the fiscal year 2027 budget and long-range plan for the Natural Gas Division. Nathan Babelay, Director, Engineering, provided details of the fiscal year 2027 budget and long-range plan for the Water Division. Josh Johnson, Director, Maintenance, provided details of the fiscal year 2027 budget and long-range plan for the Wastewater Division. Andrew Hmielewski, Vice President, Fiber Engineering and Construction, provided an overview of the fiscal year 2027 budget and long-range plan for the Fiber Division. Chris Hood, Vice President of Finance, concluded the meeting with a review of long-term funding plans for the Electric, Natural Gas, Water, Wastewater, and Fiber Divisions. Mr. Hood also provided an overview of the proposed FY 2027 budget appropriations. He advised the Board that resolutions for fiscal year 2026 additional budget appropriations for the Electric Division, fiscal year 2027 budget and commitment appropriations, and \$45 million in new revenue bonds to help fund the fiscal year 2027 capital budget, will be presented for the Board's consideration at the May Board Meeting.

**Adjournment**

Chair Gibson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



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Cynthia Gibson, Chair



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Mark Walker, Board Secretary