Knoxville Utilities Board
Board Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, October 18, 2018, Noon

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, October 18, 2018, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 6, 2018, edition of the News Sentinel. Chair Herbert called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jerry Askew, Kathy Hamilton, Celeste Herbert, Sara Pinnell, Adrienne Simpson-Brown, Tyvi Small, and John Worden

Commissioners Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the September 20, 2018, Board Meeting were approved as distributed upon a motion by Commissioner Pinnell and seconded by Commissioner Small.

Old Business

None

New Business

Oath of Office for Gabriel J. Bolas II, President and Chief Executive Officer

Chair Herbert asked Bill Coley, the Board's General Counsel, to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Bolas.

Consideration of Nominees for Commissioner Term Beginning January 1, 2019

Commissioner Pinnell, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave the following report:
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This year’s nominating process for the term beginning January 1, 2019 began in January of this year when the online application became available on KUB’s website. The Committee met in August, and advertisements ran in the News Sentinel that month.

The committee evaluated submitted applications and identified qualified applicants. The Charter requires that the Board provide the Mayor at least five nominees for each Commissioner vacancy. The Nominating Committee submitted the following five nominees:

1. Gracie Bishop
2. Lucille Griffio
3. Celeste Herbert
4. Ben Landers
5. Tammy White

Chair Herbert recognized Mark Walker, Board Secretary, who distributed and collected the ballots. Mr. Walker then reported that each of the following nominees received a majority of the votes:

1. Gracie Bishop
2. Lucille Griffio
3. Celeste Herbert
4. Ben Landers
5. Tammy White

Chair Herbert stated the names of the five nominees would be submitted to Mayor Rogero, and she thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

President’s Report

Natural Gas Supply Update

President Bolas recognized Sherri Ottinger, Manager of Rates and Analytical Services, to provide this year’s update on the natural gas industry and KUB’s compliance with natural gas purchasing requirements.

Investing in Growth

President Bolas recognized John Piotrowski, Manager of New Service, to provide an update on customer growth initiatives in KUB’s service area.
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Plant Operations Demand Response Program

President Bolas advised Commissioners that KUB is committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability of operations. He recognized, Joshua Johnson, Manager of Plant Operations, to provide an update on KUB’s water and wastewater plants’ participation in TVA’s Demand Response Program.

Public Comment

Alex Dunn – 9847 Crested Butte Lane – Knoxville, TN 37922
Debbie Smith – 1800 Saint Mary Street – Knoxville, TN 37917
Jim Von Bramer – 143 Hubbs Road – Luttrell, TN 37779
Ben Allen – 2412 Lawson Avenue – Knoxville, TN 37917
Raymond Peltier – 388 Hidden Valley Circle – Seymour, TN 37865
Maggie Shober – 4619 Sunflower Road – Knoxville, TN 37909
Laura Humphrey – 328 Taliwa Drive – Knoxville, TN 37920
Wayne Clark – 6103 Arcadia Drive – Knoxville, TN 37920
Renee Hoyos – 527 Woodlawn Pike – Knoxville, TN 37920

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Herbert declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Celeste Herbert, Chair

Mark Walker, Board Secretary