Knoxville Utilities Board Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 19, 2017, 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 19, 2017, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 7, 2017, 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, Tyvi Small, Nikitia Thompson, and John Worden

Commissioners Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the September 21, 2017, Board Meeting were approved as distributed upon a motion by Commissioner Small and seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

Old Business

None

New Business

Consideration of Nominees for Commissioner Term Beginning January 1, 2018

Commissioner Thompson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave the following report:

This year's nominating process for the term beginning January 1, 2018 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.

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She advised the Board that she is in her second term and therefore ineligible to serve again.

The committee discussed submitted applications and identified qualified applicants to interview. 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. Wade Davies
- 2. Ford Little
- 3. Robert Sherrod
- 4. Adrienne Simpson-Brown
- 5. Petrcy (Petie) Wilson

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. Wade Davies
- 2. Ford Little
- 3. Robert Sherrod
- 4. Adrienne Simpson-Brown
- 5. Petrcy (Petie) Wilson

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

Gas System Pilot Growth Initiative

President Roach reminded Commissioners that John Williams, Manager and Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer, presented an update at the September Board Meeting on KUB's New Service department and how it supports land development in our community. But in addition to supporting the external development needs, the Board has asked staff to find ways where KUB can promote the growth of its customers. Ms. Roach recognized Mr. Williams to share the details of two new natural gas growth initiatives.

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KUB's Regulatory Role

President Roach advised Commissioners, that as a public utility, KUB must comply with the requirements of a number of federal and state regulatory agencies such as the EPA and TDEC. In order for KUB to meet all of their requirements, sometimes KUB itself must take on the role of a regulator towards its residential, commercial and industrial customers because KUB is required by law to protect the drinking water system, as well as the wastewater collection system and plants. She recognized Eddie Black, Senior Vice President, to discuss some of the details of KUB's regulatory role and how KUB balances that role with other core values such as "improving the customer experience" and "partnering for economic development".

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Herbert declared the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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