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Claudia Caballero Joins KUB Board of Commissioners

Claudia Caballero was sworn in as the newest commissioner of the KUB Board at today's meeting. She succeeds outgoing commissioner Sara Hedstrom Pinnell, who has served on the Board since 2014.

Caballero is President and CEO of Centro Hispano de East Tennessee, a nonprofit that works to empower the Latino community through education, workforce development, youth and family engagement, and resource referral services. During her five-year tenure at Centro Hispano she has increased the organization's annual income tenfold and expanded its staff from one employee to over 30 full- and part-time team members.

Raised between Honduras and the United States, Caballero is both bicultural and bilingual. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Catholic University of Honduras. In addition to her work at Centro Hispano, she mentors three young Latinos and serves on numerous boards and committees, including those of the East Tennessee Foundation, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, Greater Knoxville Advisory Board for Johnson University, and Roane State Foundation.

She is a member of Conexión Américas' Mosaic Fellowship class of 2018, the 2019 class of Leadership Knoxville and class VII of Leadership Tennessee, and is the recipient of the YWCA Emerging Leader Award, the Young Professionals of Knoxville Outstanding Young Professional Award, and was named to the 2019 Knox.biz list of 40 Under 40 and VIP Knoxville's 2020 list of VIP Women.

In addition to Caballero, the KUB Board includes Dr. Jerry Askew, Kathy Hamilton, Celeste Herbert, Tyvi Small, Adrienne Simpson-Brown, and John Worden. At today's meeting, the Board also held an election of officers, with Dr. Askew elected Chair, Worden as Vice-Chair, and KUB Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Walker elected secretary.

KUB is a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties and provides electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 468,000 customers.

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