

**Knoxville Utilities Board  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 15, 2024 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, February 15, 2024, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 6, 2024, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Chair Adrienne Simpson-Brown called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Claudia Caballero, Ron Feinbaum, Kathy Hamilton, Dr. Craig Pickett, Jr., and Adrienne Simpson-Brown.

Commissioners Absent: Cynthia Gibson and Celeste Herbert

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hamilton and a second by Commissioner Feinbaum, the January 18, 2024 Board Meeting minutes were approved by a roll call vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Caballero, Feinbaum, Hamilton, Pickett, Jr., and Simpson-Brown. No Commissioner voted "nay".

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Oath of Office for Dr. Craig Pickett, Jr.**

Chair Simpson-Brown welcomed Dr. Craig Pickett, Jr. and asked Bill Coley, the Board's General Counsel, to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Pickett.

**President's Report**

**Mid-year Financial & Organizational Updates**

President Gabriel Bolas advised Commissioners today's report would be a series of mid-year updates on KUB's organizational, financial, and operations performance. He recognized Mark Walker, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, who provided organizational and financial updates. Andrew

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Hmielewski, Vice President of Fiber Engineering and Construction, shared an update on the fiber system. Mathew Stinnett, Electric Systems Engineering Manager, provided an update on the electric system and Herschel Hall, Water Systems Engineering Manager, concluded the presentation with an update on the water system.

### **Project Help**

President Bolas reminded Commissioners that Project Help is one of the programs used to support low and limited-income individuals and families in the community with utility bill assistance. He recognized Anna Freshour, Lead Customer Counselor, to provide an update on this year's Project Help campaign.

### **Employee Recognition**

President Bolas introduced Jamie Davis, Senior Vice President of Fiber and Chief Technology Officer, to recognize KUB employee Austin LeQuire who recently provided extraordinary assistance to individuals involved in an automobile accident.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjournment**

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Simpson-Brown declared the Board meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.



Adrienne Simpson-Brown, Chair



Mark Walker, Board Secretary