

**Knoxville Utilities Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 19, 2023 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, 2023, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 7, 2023, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Vice Chair Tyvi Small called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Claudia Caballero, Ron Feinbaum, Cynthia Gibson, Kathy Hamilton, Celeste Herbert, and Tyvi Small.

Commissioner Absent: Adrienne Simpson-Brown

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gibson and a second by Commissioner Caballero, the September 21, 2023 Board Meeting minutes were approved by a roll call vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Caballero, Feinbaum, Gibson, Hamilton, Herbert, and Small. No Commissioner voted "nay".

Old Business

None

New Business

Consideration of Nominees for Commissioner Term Beginning January 1, 2024

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

This year's nominating process for the term beginning January 1, 2024 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, as well as advertisement on KUB's website and on social media.

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

1. Chet Hunt
2. Patrick Hunt
3. Cavanaugh Mims
4. Craig Pickett
5. Clarence Vaughn

Vice Chair Small 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. Chet Hunt
2. Patrick Hunt
3. Cavanaugh Mims
4. Craig Pickett
5. Clarence Vaughn

Vice Chair Small stated the names of the five nominees would be submitted to Mayor Kincannon, and he thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

President's Report

Fiber Update

President Gabriel Bolas recognized Britt Emore, Manager of Fiber Network Engineering, to provide an update on Fiber construction and service installation and Jamie Davis, Vice President of Fiber and Chief Technology Officer, to provide a first quarter budget update.

Employee Recognition

President Bolas recognized KUB employees Dewaine Lane and Dustin Lynch who recently went above and beyond what's expected of them to assist a community member in need. Vice Chair Small also offered his thanks and appreciation for the employees' actions.

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Knoxville College Award

President Bolas advised Commissioners Knoxville College recently held its Presidential Gala, during which KUB received the Importance of Giving award for support we've provided for their efforts to improve their utility infrastructure.

Other Business

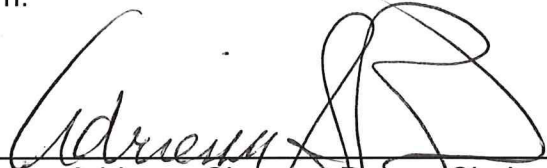
None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Vice Chair Small declared the Board meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.



Adrienne Simpson-Brown, Chair



Mark Walker, Board Secretary

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