

**Knoxville Utilities Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 28, 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 Monday, October 28, 2024, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 6, 2024, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Notice of the October meeting date change was published on the Knoxville Utilities Board website. Chair Adrienne Simpson-Brown called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Absent: Cynthia Gibson

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Commissioner Herbert and a second by Commissioner Caballero, the September 19, 2024 Board meeting minutes were approved by a roll call vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Caballero, Feinbaum, Hamilton, Herbert, Pickett, Jr, and Simpson-Brown. No Commissioner voted "nay".

Old Business

None

New Business

Consideration of Nominees for Commissioner Term Beginning January 1, 2025

Commissioner Caballero gave the following report:

This year's nominating process for the term beginning January 1, 2025 began in January of this year when the online application became available on KUB's website. The Committee met in July, and advertisements ran in the Knoxville News Sentinel and Compass in August and were featured 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. Daniel Carter
2. Lewis Cosby
3. Adam Keown
4. Phyllis Nichols
5. Julie Wheeler

Chair Simpson-Brown 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. Daniel Carter
2. Lewis Cosby
3. Adam Keown
4. Phyllis Nichols
5. Julie Wheeler

Chair Simpson-Brown stated the names of the five nominees would be submitted to Mayor Kincannon, and she thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

President's Report

Hurricane Helene Impact

President Gabriel Bolas advised Commissioners of the challenges Hurricane Helene brought to our service territory for the Electric, Water, and Wastewater systems. He recognized John Williams, Senior Vice President and Chief Infrastructure & Compliance Officer, and John Gresham, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineering & Operations Officer, to share an overview of this event.

FY 25 First Quarter Fiber Update

President Bolas recognized Jamie Davis, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, to provide an update on KUB's Fiber services.

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Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award

President Bolas shared KUB's recent recognition as a recipient of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award for 2024 in the Energy and Renewables category. KUB was recognized for the Community Solar Program and is the only utility to receive three Governor's awards.

Employee Recognition: 50+ Years of Dedicated Service

President Bolas recognized KUB employees Ray Cochran and Brenda Wright who have achieved impressive service milestones.

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 1:06 p.m.



Adrienne Simpson-Brown, Chair



Mark Walker, Board Secretary

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