

# Board Meeting Agenda Thursday, February 20, 2025 Noon

Call to Order

Roll Call

**Approval of Minutes** 

**Official Action** 

**President's Report** 

**Other Business and Public Comments** 

# Adjournment

Note: The Chair may declare a periodic recess in these proceedings as may be necessary for comfort or convenience.



February 14, 2025

Knoxville Utilities Board 445 S. Gay Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1109

Commissioners:

There are no official action items on the agenda for the February 20 Board meeting. President's report items include updates on financial and organizational performance for fiscal year 2025, our Project Help Campaign, and the development of a long-term strategy for the modernization of our electric distribution system.

Respectfully submitted,

glacie Bales

Gabriel J. Bolas II President and CEO

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## Knoxville Utilities Board Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 16, 2025 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, January 16, 2025, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 4, 2025, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Vice Chair Feinbaum called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Craig Pickett, Jr.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

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

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

## **Oath of Office for Phyllis Nichols**

Vice Chair Feinbaum welcomed Phyllis Nichols and asked Bill Coley, the Board's General Counsel, to administer the Oath of Office to Ms. Nichols.

#### **Board of Commissioners Officer Election**

Mr. Coley stated that the Nominating Committee met on December 19, 2024 and recommended the following slate of officers for 2025: Chair; Cynthia Gibson, Vice Chair; Claudia Caballero, and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Walker as Board Secretary. He asked for other nominations and received none.

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Commissioner Herbert moved to elect the proposed slate of officers, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously adopted on a voice vote.

## Resolution 1503, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Disposal of Certain Utility Facilities of the Electric Division of the Knoxville Utilities Board ("KUB") Located on the University of Tennessee Campus in Knoxville, Tennessee

President Gabriel Bolas recognized Daniel Kembel, Manager of Procurement, to present Resolution 1503, authorizing the transfer of electric system assets located on the University of Tennessee campus.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Feinbaum and a second by Commissioner Caballero, Resolution 1503 (*Attachment 1*) was adopted by a roll call vote on first and final reading. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Caballero, Feinbaum, Gibson, Hamilton, Herbert, and Nichols. No Commissioner voted "nay".

## **President's Report**

#### Annual Disclosures

President Gabriel Bolas recognized Taylor Crosby, Business Analyst in Executive Services, to review the annual disclosure process for the Board. He also shared information about the Tennessee Open Meetings and Public Records acts.

## FY25 Second Quarter Fiber Update

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

#### **Grant Funding**

President Bolas recognized Matt White, Budget Team Lead in Accounting and Budget, to provide an update on work being done to secure grants that support our utility system investments and other initiatives.

#### **Other Business**

None

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# **Public Comment**

Sharon Wade

# Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Gibson declared the Board meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Cynthia Gibson, Chair

Mark Walker, Board Secretary

Attachment 1	Recommendation Letter and Resolution 1503 – A Resolution	Page(s)
	Authorizing and Approving the Disposal of Certain Utility Facilities	13374 - 13377
	of the Electric Division of the Knoxville Utilities Board ("KUB")	
	Located on the University of Tennessee Campus in Knoxville,	
	Tennessee	



January 9, 2025

Knoxville Utilities Board 445 S. Gay Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1109

Commissioners:

Official action items on the agenda for the January 16 Board meeting include the oath of office for new Commissioner Phyllis Nichols, Board officer elections for 2025, and a resolution authorizing the disposition of certain electric system facilities. An overview of the resolution is provided below.

#### **Resolution 1503**

The University of Tennessee operates and maintains its own electric power distribution system, providing service to various campus facilities. KUB has certain electric utility facilities ("Electric Facilities") on the University of Tennessee campus located on Andy Holt Avenue, Melrose Avenue, and Frances Street. The University is seeking to assume ownership of the Electric Facilities and will manage, operate, and maintain the assets as part of its distribution system. Because of the transfer of the Electric Facilities to the University, I have determined the Electric Facilities are no longer necessary for the continued operation of KUB's electric system or any other system.

Resolution 1503 authorizes and approves the disposition of the Electric Facilities. I recommend its approval on first and final reading.

Respectfully submitted,

glacie Bales

Gabriel J. Bolas II President and CEO

# **RESOLUTION NO. 1503**

## A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Disposal of Certain Utility Facilities of the Electric Division of the Knoxville Utilities Board ("KUB") Located on the University of Tennessee Campus in Knoxville, Tennessee

**Whereas**, the Electric Division of KUB has certain electric utility facilities along Andy Holt Avenue, Melrose Avenue, and Frances Street as described on Exhibit A (the "Facilities") on the University of Tennessee campus (the "University"); and

**Whereas,** the University seeks to assume ownership, management, operation and maintenance of the Facilities, which will allow the University to provide power to these Facilities through the University electric distribution system; and

**Whereas**, because of their transfer to the University, the Facilities are no longer useful and necessary for the continued operation of the Electric System as it now exists, and are not needed for use by any other KUB system; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section VII of the KUB Procurement Procedures previously adopted by the KUB Board of Commissioners (the "Board"), the President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of KUB has determined that the Facilities sought by the University are no longer necessary and useful for the continued operation of the Electric System and are not needed by any other KUB system; and

**Whereas**, the bond resolutions for the KUB Electric Division authorize the disposal of property of the Electric System which the Board determines to be no longer necessary, material to or useful in the operation thereof; and

**Whereas**, in accordance with the City Charter and KUB's Procurement Procedures and Procurement Guidelines, the sale or disposal of the Facilities sought by the University, may occur in a manner that is in the best interest of KUB and the Electric Division.

Now, Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Knoxville Utilities Board:

**Section 1.** That the Facilities are no longer necessary, material to or useful in the continued safe, efficient, and economic operation of the KUB Electric System, substantially as it now exists, nor are the Facilities needed by any other KUB system.

**Section 2.** That the President and CEO or the authorized designee of the President and CEO be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to sell or otherwise dispose of the Facilities in a manner that is in the best interest of KUB and the Electric Division, and consistent with KUB's Procurement Procedures and state law, to execute all documents that are necessary and proper to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of the Facilities and to do all things that the President and CEO or the authorized designee of the President and CEO deems reasonable and necessary to effectuate such sale, transfer or disposal.

**Section 3.** That the proceeds of any sale shall be placed into the accounts of the Electric Division in accordance with the Electric System Bond Resolution.

**Section 4.** That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

<u>Cynthia Gibson/s</u> Cynthia Gibson, Chair

Mark Walker/s Mark Walker, Board Secretary

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