

**Knoxville Utilities Board
Board Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, December 14, 2017, 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, December 14, 2017, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 7, 2017, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Chair Herbert called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jerry Askew, Celeste Herbert, Sara Pinnell, Tyvi Small, Nikitia Thompson, and John Worden

Commissioners Absent: Kathy Hamilton

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 16, 2017, Board Meeting were approved as distributed upon a motion by Commissioner Small and seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

Old Business

None

President's Report

Street Light Transfer Update

President Roach recognized Gabriel Bolas, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer, who provided an update related to the City of Knoxville's plans to purchase streetlights in the city from KUB and subsequently convert the system to LED lights.

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Employee Excellence Awards

Susan Edwards, Senior Vice President and CAO, provided an overview of the Employee Excellence Awards program and recognized Jamie Davis, Manager of Underground Construction, who presented an award to certain members of the Underground Construction Safe Driving Project Team; Ryan Holloway, Kevin Riehn, and Gary Underwood; Chris Thomas, Manager of Safety, Security and Technical Services, who presented an award to certain members of the Sodium Hypochlorite Project Team; Jeff Hooyman and Tyler Webb; Doug Miller, Manager of Overhead Construction, who presented an award to a certain member of the High Voltage Demonstration Trailer Project Team; Michael Bales; Brooke Sinclair, Manager of Gas Systems Engineering, who presented an award to certain members of the CNG Public Fueling Station Project Team; Salina Douglass, Leslie Emison, and Jocelyn McInturff; Kendall Stiles, Manager of Customer Support and Key Accounts, who presented one of two Board Chair awards to certain members of the Crowne Plaza Downtown Network System Upgrade Team; Harley Bryant and Tom Coleman; and Dennis Newcombe, Manager of Meters, who presented the second Board Chair award to Zachary Hamilton .

New Business

Resolution 1372 – A Resolution of the Knoxville Utilities Board Concerning Nikitia Thompson, who is Concluding Service as a Commissioner

Chair Herbert offered Resolution 1372 for the Board's consideration recognizing Nikitia Thompson for her service to the KUB Board of Commissioners. Bill Coley, Board's General Counsel, read Resolution 1372.

President Roach recommended adoption of Resolution 1372 on first and final reading.

Upon motion by Commissioner Askew and second by Commissioner Pinnell, Resolution 1372 (*Attachment 1*) was adopted by acclamation and a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Thompson thanked the Board, President Roach and the Senior Management Team for all they do. But most importantly, she thanked the employees, who she described as KUB's greatest asset.

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Other Business

Commissioner Thompson, Chair of the Board's Nominating Committee announced that the Committee met today to nominate a slate of officers for 2018. The following individuals were nominated: Celeste Herbert, Chair; Jerry Askew, Vice-Chair; and Mark Walker, Secretary. She also announced that the election of officers would be conducted in January 2018, as required by the Charter.

Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Herbert declared the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Celeste Herbert, Chair



Mark Walker, Board Secretary

Attachments

Attachment 1	Resolution 1372, A Resolution of the Knoxville Utilities Board Concerning Nikitia Thompson, who is Concluding Service as a Commissioner	<u>Page(s)</u> 9003 – 9004
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RESOLUTION 1372

A Resolution of the Knoxville Utilities Board Concerning Nikitia Thompson, Who is Concluding Service as a Commissioner

Whereas, Nikitia Thompson became a member of this Board in 2004 and has now served faithfully for fourteen years; and

Whereas, Commissioner Thompson supported KUB's accelerated wastewater system replacements in 2004 with the \$650 Million PACE 10 program, which addressed requirements from the federal Consent Decree issued to KUB in 2005, and increased KUB's wastewater capital program spending from \$1 million per month to \$1 million per week; and

Whereas, during her tenure, Commissioner Thompson has been an advocate for Project Help, an emergency assistance program for people who need temporary help with their utility bills and;

Whereas, Commissioner Thompson recognized the need to eliminate the root cause associated with ongoing emergency energy assistance and supported the implementation of Round It Up, a pilot program which allows customers to round up their monthly utility bills to the next whole dollar to provide funding for low-income home weatherization; and

Whereas, Commissioner Thompson was an advocate for customers, recognizing the balance between the needs of business and residential customers, the need to invest in the system and the need to manage costs; and

Whereas, Commissioner Thompson demonstrated leadership in the support of long-term funding plans for KUB's Century II and PACE 10 infrastructure programs, including the approval of bond issues and rate increases to balance the cost of needed system improvements over both current and future KUB customers; and

Whereas, this funding is allowing for the timely replacement of water and gas mains, overhead and underground electric lines, power poles and equipment at substations and is already benefitting customers through increased system reliability; and

Whereas, during her tenure, KUB's high-quality bond ratings were upgraded by rating agencies, including a historically high AAA rating for KUB's water system bonds; and

Whereas, during her tenure, Commissioner Thompson has been an advocate for TeenWork, an award-winning 22-year-old program partnership with Austin East Magnet High School which provides school-to-work experience for high school juniors and;

Whereas, during her tenure 392 students have participated in the TeenWork program and there are currently 10 former TeenWorkers employed full time at KUB in a range of jobs; and

Whereas, Commissioner Thompson has further distinguished herself and KUB through her involvement with associations focused on making positive contributions in our communities, including the Knoxville Area Urban League, Helen Ross McNabb, American Heart and Stroke Association's Go Red for Women, and YWCA Keys of Hope, and was recognized for outstanding Business and Professional leadership in the YWCA's 2016 Tribute to Women; and

Whereas, in addition to her active role as a Commissioner during her tenure, she served as the first African American female to serve on the Board and as Chair of the Board, as well as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee and the Nominating Committee; and

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

Section 1. That this Board hereby gratefully acknowledges and commends Nikitia Thompson for her dedicated service to KUB, its employees, customers, and our community.

Section 2. That the Board recognizes Commissioner Thompson's effective service and that the Board genuinely regrets that her time on the KUB Board of Commissioners has concluded.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and that a copy shall be provided to Commissioner Thompson.

Celeste Herbert/s
Celeste Herbert, Chair

John Worden/s
John Worden, Vice Chair

Jerry Askew/s
Jerry Askew, Commissioner

Kathy Hamilton/s
Kathy Hamilton, Commissioner

Sara Pinnell/s
Sara Pinnell, Commissioner

Tyvi Small/s
Tyvi Small, Commissioner

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