

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

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Claudia Caballero, Ron Feinbaum, Cynthia Gibson, Kathy Hamilton, Celeste Herbert, Phyllis Nichols, and Dr. Craig Pickett, Jr.

Commissioners Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Herbert and a second by Commissioner Nichols, the September 18, 2025 Board meeting minutes were approved by a roll call vote. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Caballero, Feinbaum, Gibson, Hamilton, Herbert, Nichols, and Pickett. No Commissioner voted "nay".

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Consideration of Nominees for Commissioner Term Beginning January 1, 2026**

Commissioner Herbert gave the following report:

This year's nominating process for the term beginning January 1, 2026 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 nominees:

1. Andy Broyles
2. Allen Carpenter
3. Amy DeLong
4. William "Greg" Marret
5. Pierce "Pete" Pearson

Chair Gibson 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. Andy Broyles
2. Allen Carpenter
3. Amy DeLong
4. William "Greg" Marret
5. Pierce "Pete" Pearson

Chair Gibson stated the names of the five nominees would be submitted to Mayor Kincannon along with a complete set of all applications received this year. She thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

## **President's Report**

### **Mark B. Whitaker Water Main Break Update**

President Gabriel Bolas reminded Commissioners KUB experienced a significant water main break on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Mark B. Whitaker Water Treatment Plant, which temporarily impacted customers in the downtown, University of Tennessee, and South Knoxville areas. He recognized Kurt Stafford, Vice President of Engineering and Operations, to provide an update on the repairs and next steps.

### **SCADA Platform Replacement**

President Bolas advised Commissioners that KUB is modernizing the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. The upgrade will enhance data analytics, improve cybersecurity, and enhance monitoring of KUB's utility systems and infrastructure. He recognized Tim Corum, Director of Network Operations and Cybersecurity, to provide an update.

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**FY 26 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.

**Other Business**

None

**Public Comment**

Rick Wilkinson  
George Brantley

**Adjournment**

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Gibson declared the Board meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

  
Cynthia Gibson, Chair

Mark Walker, Board Secretary

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