

WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Work Session on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: David Haley, President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President; Brett Parker, Secretary; Mary Gonzales, Stevie A. Wakes Sr., and Thomas Groneman.

Also present: Jeremy Ash, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Amber Oetting; Director Communications & Marketing; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

A video of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities and can be found on the BPU website, www.bpu.com.

Ms. Mulvany Henry called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present. Mr. Haley joined via Zoom and arrived in person at 5:10 PM.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda, by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

Item #4 – Board Update/GM Update

Ms. Gonzales said she attended the Public Works and Safety Committee meeting and would serve on that committee this year. There were no items of business related to BPU.

Ms. Mulvany Henry gave an update on the status of quarterly joint meetings between BPU and the Unified Government (UG) Board of Commissioners and said she was invited to attend a meeting via Zoom regarding the bill separation and PILOT reduction.

Mr. Ash updated the Board on upcoming events.

Ms. Gonzales inquired about the Ethics Administrator vacancy. Mr. Ash, Ms. Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer, and Ms. Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel, provided an update on the status of the policy.

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Mr. Haley provided Board and staff a copy of Senate Bill 70 and Senate Bill 191.

Item #5 – Board / Staff Committee Discussion

The Board discussed committee assignments and agreed to keep members in their current committee roles. A motion was made to approve this action, by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Groneman and Ms. Gonzales agreed to attend a meeting with Mr. Ash and UG personnel on February 11th.

Ms. Mulvany Henry provided all future meeting dates for the Community Engagement Committee. The Board requested verbiage be added to future committee meeting notices stating a quorum of the Board may or may not be present.

Item #6 – Meeting Structure Discussion

Ms. Mulvany Henry discussed with the Board, items that could be added to a consent agenda in the future. The Board Policy Committee would meet to create a list of eligible items and present them to the full Board. Suggestions from the Board should be sent to Ms. Lawson to share with the committee at the next meeting. Items to be discussed include:

- Travel request authorizations
- Approval of staff appointments
- Approval of the minutes
- Monthly financial presentations

There was additional discussion regarding the newly added agenda item, “Public Comments on Agenda Items”, and how the Board could reinforce its purpose.

Item #7 – Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 5:58 PM, by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

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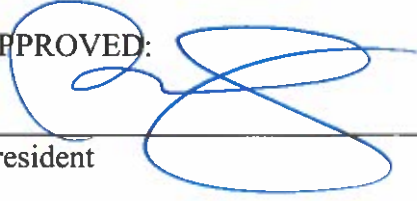
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ATTEST:



Secretary

APPROVED:



Acting President