



**Norwich
Public Utilities**

NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

January 26, 2016

The Regular January Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair.

Present: Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair, Secretary Larry Goldman, Commissioner Robert Groner, Commissioner Grace Jones and Commissioner Steven Becker. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining and Laura Huren.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. Mayor Deberey Hinchey addressed the Board and thanked them as well as the NPU staff for their work while General Manager Bilda was at City Hall as Acting City Manager for the past year. She stated that she felt both the City and NPU were much more integrated and that going forward that they need to work together and blend all City departments. Vice Chairman Boisclair thanked the Mayor for her attendance at the Board meetings and thanked General Manager Bilda for his service. Commissioner Jones commented that NPU didn't miss a beat in General Manager Bilda's absence and reaffirmed Vice Chairman Boisclair's sentiments. Commissioner Groner stated that General Manager Bilda proved his competence and thanked him for a job well done. Vice Chairman Boisclair thanked all of the NPU employees in the room for stepping up and helping. General Manager Bilda said that the NPU staff are were the unsung heroes in his absence. Commissioner Groner stated that Assistant General Manager Chris LaRose had done a fine job.

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular November Meeting held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. Commissioner Groner, seconded by Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular November Meeting held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, as written. Voted in favor: Secretary Goldman and Vice Chairman Boisclair. Abstained: Commissioner Becker.

Item 4. Informational. None.

Item 5. Action Items. Organization of the Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners. Vice Chairman Boisclair welcomed Commissioner Steven Becker to the Board. Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to appoint Diana Boisclair as Chairman. Unanimously approved. Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Commissioner Becker moved to appoint Robert Groner as Vice Chairman. Unanimously approved. Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Commissioner Becker moved to appoint Larry Goldman as Secretary. Unanimously approved. The slate of officers is as follows:

Diana Boisclair, Chairman
Robert Groner, Vice Chairman
Larry Goldman, Secretary
Grace Jones, Commissioner
Steven Becker, Commissioner

Item 6. NPU Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 7. Financial Report. Mid-term Financial Review. Laura Huren, Steve Sinko, Chris LaRose and Jeff Brining spoke to the Board regarding NPU's FY2016 Mid-term financial review. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 8. Strategic Presentations. Gas Expansion Update. Jeff Brining and Chris LaRose spoke to the Board regarding the Gas Expansion update. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 9. General Business. None.

Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Secretary Goldman moved to recess the Board Meeting at 7:13 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed at 7:16 p.m.

Item 10. Executive Session. Commissioner Becker, seconded by Secretary Goldman, moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. to Discuss Confidential Trade Secret & Commercially Valuable Confidential or Proprietary Information Not Subject to Inspection or Public Disclosure Pursuant to Section 1-210[5] and 7-232a of the CT General Statutes. This information is commercially valuable, confidential and proprietary and is not subject to public disclosure, pursuant to Public Act No. 98-212, as it relates to new business opportunities. Unanimously approved. General Manager Bilda, Chris LaRose and Steve Sinko were asked by the Board to stay for the purpose of providing proprietary information.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Item 11. Other Business. None.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Commissioner Jones, seconded by Secretary Goldman moved to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Attest:

Larry Goldman, Secretary