



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

March 28, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 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 Chairman Diana Boisclair.

Present: Chairman Diana Boisclair, Vice Chairman Robert Groner, and Commissioners Grace Jones, Steven Becker, and Stewart Peil. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda and NPU Staff Members Steve Sinko, Chris LaRose, Laura Huren, Jeff Brining, Barry Ellison, Eric McDermott, Mark Decker and Larry Sullivan.

Chairman Boisclair welcomed new commissioner Stewart Peil to the Board of Public Utilities Commission.

Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chairman Groner moved to nominate Diana Boisclair as Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities Commission. Following a discussion, a call for a vote was made. Voted in favor: Chairman Boisclair, Vice Chairman Groner and Commissioners Jones and Peil. Voted opposed: Commissioner Becker.

Commissioner Jones, seconded by Chairman Boisclair moved to nominate Robert Groner as Vice Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities Commission. Following a discussion, a call for a vote was made. Voted in favor: Chairman Boisclair and Commissioners Jones and Peil. Voted opposed: Commissioner Becker. Abstained: Vice Chairman Groner.

Vice Chairman Groner, seconded by Commissioner Peil moved to nominate Grace Jones as Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities Commission. Voted in favor: Chairman Boisclair, Vice Chairman Groner and Commissioners Jones, Becker and Peil.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period.

Linda Bertelson, 24 Manwaring Road. Ms. Bertelson provided comments with respect to the CMEEC Kentucky Derby trip and the Norwich Ethics Committee recommendations.

Joanne Philbrick, 10 Elm Avenue. Ms. Philbrick voiced her opposition to the salary amount for the recently posted Team Leader Customer Service position and voiced her displeasure over the reorganization of the NPU Board.

Gerald Martin, 19 Gillette Road. Mr. Martin discussed his involvement in creating the Norwich ethics policy and his concern over what the outfall of the CMEEC trip is doing to the community.

Sheila Hayes, 288 Central Avenue. Ms. Hayes challenged the Board to look at a process for implementing change. She stated that the Board has an opportunity to address issues such as weaknesses, fiscal, policy, and oversight.

Item 3. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Vice Chairman Groner, seconded by Commissioner Becker moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Action Items. Secretary Jones, seconded by Vice Chairman Groner moved to approved the Consent Agreement Disinfection By Products Resolution. Voted unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: John F. Bilda, General Manager of Norwich Public Utilities is hereby authorized to execute and file certain Consent Agreement DWS 16-104-044 on the behalf of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners with the Drinking Water Section Chief of the Department of Public Health, and to execute on behalf of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners all the applications, instruments, contracts and documents and do all other things that may be necessary for the implementation of a certain Consent Agreement.

The Consent Agreement consists of steps included in the NPU Compliance Action Plan for the purposes of complying with Sections 19-13-B102(e)(4), 19-13-B102(e)(11) and 19-13-B102(h) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA).

Item 5. NPU Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 6. Strategic Presentations. Chris LaRose presented information to the Board on procedural changes with respect to gaining access to metering infrastructure. Informative.

Item 6. Financial Report.

- Proposed Budget. Steve Sinko, Laura Huren, Chris LaRose, Jeff Brining, Barry Ellison, Eric McDermott, Mark Decker and Larry Sullivan presented an overview of the proposed FY 18 budget. Informative.

Item 7. General Business. General Manager Bilda informed the Board that at present time all reservoirs are at full capacity.

Commissioner Peil, seconded by Vice Chairman Groner moved to recess the Board Meeting at 7:52 P.M. Voted unanimously.

The meeting resumed at 8 P.M.

Item 8. Executive Session – 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 labor matters.

Vice Chairman Groner, seconded by Secretary Jones, moved to enter into Executive Session at 8 P.M. General Manager Bilda and Attorney Paul McCary were asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9 P.M. No votes were taken.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Vice Chairman Groner, seconded by Commissioner Peil moved to adjourn the Meeting at 9 P.M.

Attest:

Grace Jones
Secretary