

CITY OF RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities
Date of Meeting: March 13, 2017
Time of Meeting: 3:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street (at Main and Tenth Streets)
Riverside, California

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN

Roll Call

Present:	Dave Austin (Chair)	David Crohn
	Kevin Foust	Jennifer O'Farrell
	Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville (arrived late)	Andrew Walcker
	Gil Ocegüera	Jo L. Russo-Pereyra
Absent:	None.	

3:30 P.M.

OATH OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

City Clerk Colleen Nicol swore newly appointed Board Member Jo L. Russo-Pereyra into office.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1 None.

Board Member Sanchez-Monville arrived at the meeting at this time.

WORKSHOP

2 OVERVIEW OF UTILITY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COUNCILS

A presentation was made by Dawn Lund, Vice-President, Utility Financial Solutions, who also answered questions from the Board.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received and filed a presentation by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC providing an "Overview of Utility Financial Operations for Boards and Councils".

Motion – O'Farrell. Second – Crohn.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegüera, O'Farrell, Sanchez-Monville, Russo-Pereyra, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

RECESS

The Board of Public Utilities recessed at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber.

6:30 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS

3 INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARDMEMBERS; ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

The Board of Public Utilities:

1. Introduced two new Board Members, Gildardo Ocegüera (Ward 7) and Jo L. Russo-Pereyra (City-wide); and
2. Conducted elections for the Board offices of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chair Austin reviewed the rules for the Board elections.

ELECTION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OFFICERS

(1) Chair

Board Member Andrew Walcker nominated Dave Austin to the position of Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities.

The Board of Public Utilities closed the nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities.

Motion – O'Farrell. Second – Crohn.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegüera, O'Farrell, Sanchez-Monville, Russo-Pereyra, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

The Board of Public Utilities voted upon the Board Member nominated for the position of Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities. Eight out of eight voted for Dave Austin.

Dave Austin was elected Chairman.

(2) Vice Chair

Board Member Andrew Walcker nominated Jennifer O'Farrell to the position as Vice Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities.

The Board of Public Utilities closed the nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities.

Motion – Foust. Second – Crohn.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegüera, O'Farrell, Sanchez-Monville, Russo-Pereyra, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

The Board of Public Utilities voted upon the Board Member nominated for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities. Eight out of eight voted for Jennifer O'Farrell.

Jennifer O'Farrell was elected Vice Chairman.

A break was taken at this time for the Board Members to change positions on the dais

4 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD OF ELISSA ELIZONDO, UTILITY WEB DESIGNER

The Board of Public Utilities recognized Elissa Elizondo, Utility Web Designer for her hard work and dedication to Riverside Public Utilities and the City of Riverside.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

5 Jason Hunter addressed the Board regarding SCPA and inter-fund loans.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Motion – O'Farrell. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegura, O'Farrell, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, and Walcker.

Abstained: Austin, Ocegura and Russo-Pereyra – Abstained ONLY for Item 6

Absent: None.

Minutes

6 The minutes from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting held on February 27, 2017 were approved as presented.

Motion – O'Farrell. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Crohn, Foust, O'Farrell, Sanchez-Monville, and Walcker.

Abstained: Austin, Ocegura and Russo-Pereyra – Abstained ONLY for Item 6

Absent: None.

Other

7 OPERATIONS UPDATE ON MISSION SQUARE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3750 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

The Board of Public Utilities received an update on operations at Mission Square at 3750 University Avenue.

8 CANCELLATION OF THE MARCH 27, 2017 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

The Board of Public Utilities approved the cancellation of the regular Board meeting on March 27, 2017.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

9 UPDATE ON BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT MISSION SQUARE LOCATED AT 3750 UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL BUILDING EXPENDITURES FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND ELEVATOR SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000

Deputy General Manager Kevin Milligan provided a presentation on the building improvement projects at Mission Square, 3750 University Avenue, and answered questions.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Received an update on building improvement projects at Mission Square at 3750 University Avenue; and
2. Provided conceptual approval to staff to proceed with the replacement of the elevator mechanical systems and passenger cab refurbishment and the replacement of the entry doors to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, in the total estimated amount of \$1,700,000.

Motion – Walcker. Second – Sanchez-Monville.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegüera, O'Farrell, Sanchez-Monville, Russo-Pereyra, and Walcker.

Absent: None.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

10 SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF

Board Chair Dave Austin reported that he attended, with staff, the 2017 APPA Legislative Rally in Washington DC on February 27 to March 1, 2017.

11 ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

None.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

12 Aliso Canyon Update

13 Safety Update

- 14 City Council / Committee Agendas – February 21, 2017 and February 28, 2017
- 15 Water Highlights – January 2017
- 16 Monthly Power Supply Report – January 2017
- 17 Electric / Water / Consultant Contract Panel Update as of February 2017
- 18 RPU Water Drought and Conservation Efforts Update as of January 2017
- 19 Financial Report – December 2016
- 20 Upcoming Meetings
- 21 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

UPCOMING MEETING

Chair Dave Austin adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m. The next scheduled Board meeting on March 27, 2017 has been cancelled and the Board of Public Utilities will meet at its next regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: 

Girish Balachandran, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated April 10, 2017