

CITY OF RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities

Date of Meeting: March 12, 2018

Time of Meeting: 6:30 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:	Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra (Chair)	Dave Austin (Vice Chair)
	David Crohn	Kevin Foust
	Jeanette Hernandez	Jennifer O'Farrell
	Gil Ocegüera	Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville
	Andrew Walcker	

Absent: None.

PRESENTATIONS

**1 INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARDMEMBER; ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS;
BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board of Public Utilities:

1. Introduced two Board Members, newly appointed Jeanette Hernandez (Ward 6) and re-appointed Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville (Ward 3); and
2. Conducted elections for the Board offices of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Assistant City Attorney Susan Wilson reviewed the rules for the Board elections.

ELECTION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OFFICERS

(1) Chair

Board Member Jennifer O'Farrell nominated Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra 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 – Walcker. Second – Crohn.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Hernandez, Ocegüera, O'Farrell, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, 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. Nine out of nine voted for Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra.

Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra was elected Chairman.

(2) Vice Chair

Board Member Jennifer O'Farrell nominated Dave Austin 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 – Russo-Pereyra. Second – Oceguela.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Hernandez, Oceguela, O'Farrell, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, 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. Nine out of nine voted for Dave Austin.

Dave Austin was elected Vice Chairman.

2 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD OF REBECCA CORTEZ, UTILITY MANAGEMENT ANALYST

The Board of Public Utilities recognized Rebecca Cortez, Utility Management Analyst, for her hard work and dedication to Riverside Public Utilities and the City of Riverside.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

3 None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion – O'Farrell. Second – Oceguela.

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

Absent: None.

Minutes

- 4 The minutes from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting held on February 26, 2018 was approved as submitted.

Other

- 5 RESCHEDULE THE MARCH 26, 2018 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING TO THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018 AT 6:30 PM

The Board of Public Utilities approved the rescheduling of the regular Board meeting on March 26, 2018 to Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 6 FORMATION OF AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES TASK FORCE

Board members had the following concerns which were communicated to Board Member Walcker, who will be the facilitator of the Agricultural Water Rates Task Force (Task Force):

- Ensure that the work plan for the Task Force is narrowly defined
- The need to balance the Task Force with members representing all Wards, Board Members Sanchez-Monville and Ocegueda will be providing names to Board Member Walcker by the end of the week of people who could serve as representatives from their wards. If no such names are provided from Ward 3 and Ward 7, Board would then rely upon previously-listed individuals interested in serving.
- Benefits could be derived from including younger members of the community, as they are the future of the City.
- The reporting relationship between the Water Committee, the Board and the Task Force; as a result, Board Member Walcker will be providing monthly updates to the Board on the activities of the Task Force.
- That Board Member Walcker not so much serve as a representative of Ward 5, but instead serve as a facilitator.
- The Task Force should be limited in size to 14, two from each Ward.

Because of the above concerns, the Board requested a new recommendation which follows:

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended a new list of members for an Agricultural Water Rates Task Force be formed by March 16, 2018 by Board Member Walcker of up to 14 members reflected of 7 Wards with focused nominations from Wards 3 & 7, and bring back the new list to the next Board meeting for approval and appointment.

Motion – O'Farrell. Second – Crohn.

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

Absent: None.

- 7 APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WESTIN TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR ELECTRIC WORK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT OPTIMIZATION PROJECT PHASE 1, FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS – IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,266,100 AND WORK ORDER NO. 1820191 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,600,000

Assistant General Manager/Energy Delivery George Hanson gave a presentation of the background, goals and objectives, scope and cost breakdown of the Work and Asset Management Optimization Project and answered questions from the Board.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Approved a Professional Services Agreement, Request for Proposal No. 1697, with Westin Technology Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$1,266,100 for a term of 2 years; and
2. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement, including making minor, non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transactions; and
3. Approved Work Order No. 1820191 in the amount of \$1,600,000.

Motion – Ocegüera. Second – Crohn.

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

Absent: None.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Newly appointed Vice Chair Austin reported that he attended the 2018 APPA Legislative Rally in Washington DC with staff.

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

- Update on SCPPA Budgets & what is RPU's portion to the budgets / Have the Director of SCPPA give a presentation to the Board regarding SCPPA

- 10 2018 Q1 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON ISSUES POTENTIALLY IMPACTING CITY OF RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES OPERATIONS

The Board of Public Utilities received and filed this legislative update covering state legislative issues.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 11 Safety Update
- 12 Water Highlights – January 2018
- 13 Monthly Power Supply Report – January 2018
- 14 SCPA Monthly Agenda / Minutes – January 18, 2018
- 15 RPU Water Drought and Conservation Efforts Update as of January 2018
- 16 City Council / Committee Agendas – February 27, 2018 and March 6, 2018
- 17 Upcoming Meetings
- 18 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

UPCOMING MEETING

Newly appointed Chair Russo-Pereyra adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities on Monday, March 26, 2018 has been cancelled and rescheduled to a special meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: 

Todd L. Jorgenson, Interim Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated March 29, 2018