# JEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES March 26, 2024

The JEA Board met in regular session at 11:00 am on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 225 North Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida. The public was invited to attend this meeting in-person at the physical location and virtually via WebEx.

## WELCOME

Meeting Called to Order – Board Chair Bobby Stein called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Board members in attendance were Marty Lanahan, John Baker, Dr. Zachary Faison, Rick Morales, Kawanza Humphrey. General Joseph DiSalvo attended the meeting virtually.

Others in attendance were Jay Stowe, Managing Director/CEO; Sheila Pressley, Chief Customer Officer; Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer; Laura Schepis, Chief External Affairs Officer; David Emanuel, Chief Human Resources Officer; Raynetta Curry Marshall, Chief Operating Officer; Regina Ross, Chief Legal Officer, Office of General Counsel; Madricka Jones, Executive Assistant to the CEO; and Melissa Dalton, Manager, Board Services.

**Time of Reflection** – A moment of reflection was observed by all.

**Adoption of the Agenda** – On *motion* by Marty Lanahan and seconded by John Baker, the agenda was approved.

**Values Moment** – Jennifer Connell, Organizational Effectiveness Senior Specialist was unable to present the values moment due to technical difficulties.

## **COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**

Comments from the Public:

**In-Person Public Comments:** 

John Nooney spoke to the Board regarding the increase in JEA's rates.

WebEx Public Comments: There were no on-line public comments.

Email Public Comments: There were no emailed public comments.

Council Liaison's Comments – Council Member Michael Boylan provided the Board with an update on Board Member John Baker's reappointment to the Board of JEA; Article 21 and the responsibility of JEA's Board; comments from the community regarding JEA leadership working and living in the service area; and reiterated JEA is not for sale and is committed to being the best utility in the nation. Council Liaison Boylan expressed his appreciation to JEA staff and the Board.

Dr. Faison joined the meeting in-person at 11:12am.

Managing Director / CEO Report – Jay Stowe, Managing Director/CEO, spoke on Chair Bobby Stein's final meeting as Board Chair and presented him with a clock as commemoration of his services. Board members thanked Chair Stein for his service and leadership to the Board and the community. Mr. Stowe highlighted the trial that took place and expressed his hope for healing with the conclusion of the trial; 2023

Annual Disclosure Reports to be filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; rating agency presentations; highlighted upcoming events to include Women's History Month, Senior Day, and April as Florida's Water Conservation Month; provided an overview of the presentations being given at today's meeting; the Invitation to Negotiate hire a consulting firm to assist in reviewing the efficiency of JEA's processes and policies; and introduced Vickie Cavey as JEA's new Board Advisor.

**JEA Performance Update** – Juli Crawford, Vice President, Enterprise Strategy & Planning, presented the JEA performance update through February 29, 2024 to include safety metrics reporting zero recordable incidents; employee engagement; and spend metrics. Chair Stein thanked Ms. Crawford for all her work. This report was received for information.

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consists of agenda items that require Board approval but are routine in nature or have been discussed in previous public meetings of the Board.

On *motion* by Marty Lanahan and seconded by Rick Morales, all Consent Agenda items were approved.

Board Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2024 Executive Committee Minutes – February 26, 2024 JEA Solar Sites – Florida Renewable Partners Affiliate Entities Annual Disclosure Reports

#### PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Fuel & Purchase Power Plan – Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief overview of the fuel & purchased power plan and turned the presentation over to Nancy Reinker, Manager, Fuels Management Services. Ms. Reinker highlighted JEA's fuel mix; natural gas market prices; Florida's natural gas daily pricing; operational management +Elba basis; natural hedging activity; natural gas hedging position; solid fuel markets; projected fuel expenses and rates; and provided a fuel and purchased power summary. Board members held discussion about transmission of electricity and gas inventory. Mr. Stowe thanked Ms. Reinker and her team for their hard work. This presentation was received for information.

Natural Gas Combined Cycle Update – Raynetta Curry Marshall, Chief Operating Officer, introduced presenters Pedro Melendez, Vice President, Planning, Engineering & Construction; Ricky Erixton, Vice President, Electric Systems; and Bradley Kushner, Executive Consultant, Black & Veatch and provided background information on the project. Mr. Melendez spoke on the Northside 3 decommission drivers; Mr. Erixton provided highlights of the operational considerations; and Mr. Kushner provided information on Florida Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA). Discussions were held on exploring cost saving methods to include the refurbishment of Northside 3 and future work by the Business Excellence Consultant. This presentation was received for information.

## **DEEPEN CUSTOMER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Electric Rates** – Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, provided information on electric residential bill presentment; FY2024 electric rate adjustment illustrations; and FY2024 electric tariff documentation revisions to include residential rates, commercial and industrial rates, tariff language adjustments, and rates and riders removals.

On *motion* by Marty Lanahan and seconded by John Baker the Board approved the requested revisions and adoption of Resolution 2024-08 and attachments, including electric tariff documentation changes.

Chair Stein stepped out at 12:46 pm and returned at 12:48 pm.

Historic Eastside Restore & Repair Project – Sheila Pressley, Chief Customer Officer provided and update on Historic Eastside demographics and extended her appreciation to Board Vice Chair Lanahan for her leadership on the project. Tim Hunt, Strategic Project Assignment, discussed the financial challenges and history of the neighborhood; housing and health survey common findings; recognized community partners that participated in the project; energy efficiency investments and calculated bill savings per home for the 15 pilot homes; and next steps. This presentation was received for information.

#### MAKE DOING BUSINESS WITH JEA EASY

Capital Delivery Methods & Contract Ratification – Board Member Rick Morales provided highlights on the March 7, 2024 meeting which was attended by Board Member John Baker and staff regarding capital projects. Raynetta Curry Marshall, Chief Operating Officer, provided a project summary of each capital project for ratification or approval. Chair Stein and Board member Lanahan extended their appreciation to Mr. Morales, Mr. Baker, and staff for their work.

On *motion* by Rick Morales and seconded by John Baker the Board approved ratification of Resolutions 2024-12; 2024-13; and 2024-15 and approved ratification and additional work related to Resolutions 2024-14 and 2024-16.

**Supply Chain Update** – Raynetta Curry Marshall, Chief Operating Officer, provided a summary on supply chain including large three-phase transformer challenges, current and forecasted project demand, and mitigation efforts to include reconfiguring design to do partial energization, assessing in-service underutilized transformers to harvest and re-deploy, evaluating and adding more suppliers, and reprioritizing production slots to align with demand. This presentation was received for information.

#### OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING CONSIDERATION

Old and Other New Business / Open Discussion — Board Member General Joseph DiSalvo provided highlights of the Finance, Governance, and Audit Committee meeting on March 12, 2024. General DiSalvo updated the Board on the process of hiring a senior consultant that will report to the Board and the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) submitted to consulting firms invited to bid stating the goal is to select a qualified consulting firm that will develop a comprehensive plan to optimize JEA's operational and capital efficiencies. General DiSalvo informed the Board that the ITN went out March 20,2024 and the final candidates will be asked to present at the May 21, 2024 Board meeting at which time a consulting firm will be chosen. This report was received for information.

**Chair's Report** – Chair Stein presented to the Board Vickie Cavey was hired as the JEA Board Advisor and presented her background, experience, and role as an advisor to the Board.

On *motion* by John Baker and seconded by Marty Lanahan the Board approved hiring Vickie Cavey as the JEA Board Advisor.

Chair Stein extended his appreciation to Board Vice Chair Lanahan for her dedication and service to JEA, the Board, and the community as she steps down from the JEA Board of Directors.

Announcements – Next Board Meeting, May 21, 2024.

**Adjournment** – With no further business coming before the Board, Chair Stein declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

APPROVED BY:

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Date: 24 May 2024

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