

JEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2024

The JEA Board met in regular session at 11:00 am on Tuesday, February 27, 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 Rick Morales, the agenda was approved.

**Values Moment** – Zack Waldroup, Manager Pollution Prevention Programs, presented a Values moment on respect.

**COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**

**Comments from the Public:**

**In-Person Public Comments:**

Mark Zimmerman complimented the Finance, Governance, and Audit Committee on their handling of the contract ratification presentation and commented on Managing Director/CEO Jay Stowe's stewardship.

**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 the budget amendment being presented to city council. Chair Stein extended his appreciation to Council Member Boylan for his commitment to JEA and the public.

**Managing Director / CEO Report** – Jay Stowe, Managing Director/CEO, highlighted the upcoming trial and reiterated that JEA is not for sale; congratulated Board Member Kawanza Humphrey for being recognized as a Jacksonville Business Journal Women of Excellence Honoree; highlighted the Florida Municipal Electric Association Lineman Rodeo, and presented a short video. Mr. Walt Hiscox, Senior Manager, Distribution Construction & Maintenance, recognized some of the participants including apprentices Noah Sapp, Ryan Kornegay, and Hunter Thomas and Journeymen Cody Stokes, Caleb

Macabitas, David Hicken, and Mike Corbitt who all placed in the rodeo. Mr. Stowe provided information on the septic tank phase out program noting 2,425 property owners may soon be eligible for connection.

**State Economic Outlook** – Sheridan Meek, Florida Chamber Foundation, provided a review of the Florida’s economic outlook including the purpose of the Florida Chamber Foundation; goals to create economic opportunity; job growth; unemployment data; inflation rates; and 2024 housing market predictions. This presentation was received for information.

**FY23 Scorecard Results** – Juli Crawford, Vice President, Enterprise Strategy & Planning, presented the JEA performance update through January 31, 2024. Ms. Crawford provided an overview on safety; Glint Employee Engagement Pulse Survey results; electric and water reliability; total spend; and current average combined customer bill data. This report was received for information.

*Chair Stein stepped out at 11:44 am*

## **RATE HEARING**

**Meeting Called to Order** – Board Vice Chair Marty Lanahan called the rate hearing to order at 11:46 am and asked for public comments regarding today’s rate hearing.

*Chair Stein returned at 11:46 am.*

In-Person Public Comments:

Mark Zimmerman spoke to the Board about fuel costs, the incremental costs of new generation, and the cost of the substation.

Cornel Oliver spoke to the Board about the proposed rate increase.

Rates Overview – Victor Blackshear, Senior Advisor, provided a review of the proposed FY2024 electric rate adjustments; electric residential bill presentment; FY2024 electric tariff documentation revisions to include residential rates, commercial and industrial rates, tariff language adjustments, and the removal of load density improvement rider.

This item will be come before the Board for action at the March 26, 2024 Board meeting.

Chair Stein adjourned the Rate Hearing and returned to the regular Board meeting at 11:55 am.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Finance, Governance, & Audit Committee Report** – Committee Chair General Joseph DiSalvo provided an update on the February 23, 2024 meeting including background information on five water capital projects. General DiSalvo informed the Board that Mr. Morales will work closely with JEA staff to better understand how JEA is implementing controls for the Construction Management at Risk projects. General DiSalvo highlighted the compliance with JEA’s Disclosure Policy and Procedures and the Annual Disclosure Reports; Internal Audit and Ethics; and the Rating Agency presentation. Board members held discussions on a potential workshop to better understand the projects as well as a road map for future spending; proposal for internal audit or an external consulting firm to evaluate processes and procedures. Mr. Stowe assured the Board members staff will do a better job on transparency of costs.

**Executive Committee Report** – Executive Committee Chair John Baker provided an update on the February 26, 2024 meeting. Mr. Baker provided the following recommendations for a new slate of Officers:

General Joseph DiSalvo, Board Chair  
Rick Morales, Board Vice Chair  
Kawanza Humphrey, Secretary

The new slate of Officers will serve from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.

Chair Stain called for a motion to approve the slate of Officers.

On *motion* by Dr. Zachary Faison and seconded by Marty Lanahan, the new slate of Officers were approved.

## 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.

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**Internal Audit Charter**

## DEEPEN CUSTOMER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Rating Agency Presentation** – Joe Orfano, Vice President, Financial Services, provided an overview of the topics that will be covered with the Rating Agencies. Mr. Orfano provided answers to previously asked questions. Chair Stein extended appreciation to Mr. Orfano for his work. This presentation was received for information.

*Rick Morales stepped out at 12:23 pm and returned at 12:25 pm.*

**Plant Vogtle Update** – Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on Unit 3 noting it has been running for seven months and recent output is above the 1,102MW nameplate capacity. Joe Orfano, Vice President, Financial Services, provided the update on Unit 4, stating Plant Vogtle encountered startup issues due to the replacement of reactors. Mr. Orfano informed the Board that MEAG reimbursed production tax credits in January. This presentation was received for information.

## PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

**Long Range Resource Plan** – Juli Crawford, Vice President, Enterprise Strategy & Planning, recapped the 2023 Integrated Resource Plan goals which were approved at the April 23, 2023 meeting; electric capacity plan, energy mix. Board members held discussions regarding energy mix and water supply. Raynetta Curry Marshall discussed senate bill 64; water grid by supply; planning implications of regulations; 10-year plan. This presentation was received for information.

*Kawanza Humphrey stepped out at 12:53 pm and returned at 12:57 pm.*

## OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING CONSIDERATION

**Old and Other New Business / Open Discussion** – None

**Chair's Report** – None

**Announcements** – Next Board Meeting, March 26, 2024

**Adjournment** – With no further business coming before the Board, Chair Stein declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Marty Lanahan, Acting Board Secretary

Date:

3/26/24

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