

Important Notice: AUSTIN UTILITIES appoints Kristin Johnson to Board

AUSTIN, Minn. — Kristin S. Johnson was appointed to the Austin Utilities Board of Commissioners at the May 2020 meeting. Ms. Johnson was sworn in at the May board meeting in the first Zoom administered ceremony. General Manager Mark Nibaur said, “We are excited to have Kristin, and the experience she brings in finance and planning, as part of our board.”

Kristin, a 28-year veteran at Mayo Clinic, is currently the Vice Chair of Administration, Southeast Region of Mayo Clinic Health System. Ms. Johnson holds an active CPA license and received her Master of Business Administration degree from Augsburg College and her bachelor’s degree in Accounting from the College of St. Benedict & St. John’s University. Her background includes experience in financial models, compensation plans, designing and implementing new practice models. “I am hoping to apply some of the skills and knowledge I have developed to the position on the Austin Utilities board,” said Ms. Johnson, “and in turn learn more about the many facets of the utilities industry. I am very appreciative of the opportunity and am excited about being part of this committed group of representatives.”

When asked if she had any special area of interest in the utility business, she replied she is especially interested in the many advancements on the horizon for delivering, using and monitoring utility products (gas, electricity and water). “I am excited to learn more about and help further the innovations to better serve our customers and support the outstanding staff of Austin Utilities.”

Kristin was appointed amongst a group of excellent candidates to fill a vacancy left by Geoff Baker, who recently resigned after eight years of service. The appointment process involves the Mayor submitting a board replacement, and City Council approving. Nibaur commented on Geoff’s contribution, “Geoff, through his leadership and focus on financial stability, made Austin Utilities a better company, I truly appreciate his eight years of service to our community and company”.

Austin Utilities is one of two municipal utilities in the state of MN governed by an elected Board of Commissioners. Appointments can be made when a position needs to be filled mid-term. Board terms are four years.



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Austin Utilities is a municipal utility serving approximately 12,300 electric customers, 10,300 natural gas customers, and 9,000 water customers. Their mission is to offer utility products and services in a safe, reliable and responsible manner in order to enhance the quality of life in our community. Austin Utilities' Board of Commissioners are elected by the consumer-owners of Austin to represent their best interest. For more information on Austin Utilities visit their website at www.austinutilities.com.

