

AUSTIN UTILITIES
MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, April 15th, 2025 Regular Meeting Steve Greenman
Date President

- Members Present: Steve Greenman, President Jay Lutz, Commissioner Geoff Baker, Commissioner Tyler Hulsebus, Commissioner
- Members Absent: Kristin Johnson, Commissioner
- Others Present: Mark Nibaur, General Manager Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director Kory Robinson, Finance & Customer Care Director Marc Oleson, Information Technology Director Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director Michelle Orozco, Customer Service Supervisor

President Steve Greenman called the meeting to order.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Geoff Baker, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 18th, 2025. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Geoff Baker, to approve the disbursements summary, accounts payable list, additional bills and expenses, and authorize warrants to be drawn for their payment. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented a request for a \$5,000 sponsorship to the Austin Enhancement Group for the 2025 Freedom Festival, which was included in the 2025 budget. Mark and Taylor Bliese shared planned activities for the two-day event and examples of how sponsors would be recognized. Commissioner Baker requested a copy of the group’s most recent IRS form 990. Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the \$5,000 sponsorship upon receipt of a copy of the 990. Approved unanimously.

Michelle Orozco, Customer Service Supervisor, presented the 1st quarter 2025 charge-offs. Commercial loss was \$4,589.15 and residential loss was \$11,828.94. Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the charge-offs as presented. Approved unanimously.

Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director, presented the surcharge for denial of access to equipment policy statement. The policy is a tool for AU staff to utilize to gain the attention of our customers in an effort to gain access to AU equipment on their premise. Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the Denial of Access to Equipment Policy as presented. Approved unanimously.

Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director, provided an update on the General Manager search. Approximately 20 resumes have been received. Virtual interviews are being scheduled for six of the candidates that met the requirements. The Personnel committee has been involved in narrowing down the applicants. Commissioner Baker requested the top six resumes be shared with all the Commissioners. Staff also updated the commissioners that AU had hired an Electrical Engineer and a GIS analyst.

Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director, updated the board on the discontinuation of the Natural Gas Interruptible Rate Program. Staff members have discussed options for continuing the program under both the existing structure and a modified rate structure and have concluded there is very little benefit to AU to continue the program, therefore AU will notify the six customers of the program elimination effective October 1, 2025. AU’s propane plant will continue to be used during critical events if necessary.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, also updated the Board on the following:

- SMMPA meeting minutes
- Safety committee minutes
- APPA online governance classes
- SMMPA orientation planned for May 2nd at AU

The next regular board meeting was set for 4:00 pm, May 20th, 2025.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to adjourn. Approved unanimously at 4:40 pm.

Secretary President