

# AUSTIN UTILITIES

## MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm August 16th, 2022  
Date

Regular Meeting

Jeanne Sheehan  
President

**Members Present:**

Jeanne Sheehan, President  
Steve Greenman, Commissioner  
Jay Lutz, Commissioner  
Tom Baudler, Commissioner  
Kristin Johnson, Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Mark Nibaur, General Manager  
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director  
Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director  
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager  
Kelly Lady, Marketing & Energy Services Manager

**Members Absent:**

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President Jeanne Sheehan called the meeting to order.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Kris Johnson, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 12th, 2022. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jay Lutz, seconded by Tom Baudler, 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, introduced Dave Geschwind, Executive Director and CEO of SMMPA, and Beth Fondell, Director of Finance and Accounting and CFO, of SMMPA. The SMMPA staff spoke about the need for a rate increase starting on November 1st of up to 10%. Its Board of Directors also approved the release of \$12 million in contingency funds to supplement general operating reserves and approved the elimination of the second \$6 million installment of the 2022 cash distribution to members. AU's portion of the second distribution would have been \$743,293. As a result of not receiving the second distribution AU's 2022 purchased power expenses will be much greater than budgeted. AU has therefore chosen to implement a PCA of \$0.0050 for the remainder of the year to recover this increase in purchased power costs.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the proposed AU Lineworker and Utility Related Trade Scholarship Program. The program would provide a \$1,000 scholarship to one student each year who is pursuing a career as a lineworker or a trade program related to utility careers. A brief discussion was held on who would be eligible and how applications would be judged. AU staff will continue to fine tune the program.

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

- SMMPA board meeting minutes
- Safety committee minutes - MMUA has hired a new safety coordinator.
- Sewer rate increases passed by the City of Austin

Commissioner Jay Lutz reported on his APPA Policy Makers meeting in Washington D.C.

The Budget Committee has scheduled a meeting on September 9th to review the 2023 personnel budget. Commissioner Sheehan noted that the Personnel Committee should review the Base Pay System.

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, September 20th, 2022.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 5:16 pm.

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President

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Secretary