

**MINUTES OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015 AT 1:45 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD
ROOM AT 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK,
PENSACOLA, FL**

Members present: Lois Benson, Chairman
Dale Perkins, Vice Chairman
Vicki Campbell
Elvin McCorvey
Larry Walker (arrived at 1:56 p.m.)

Counsel present: Bradley S. Odom

Staff present: Stephen E. Sorrell, Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
Tim Haag, Director of Government Affairs
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer

ITEM 1 – INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prior to calling the organizational meeting of the Board to order, Chairman Benson provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2 – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Benson called the regular meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board to order at approximately 1:47 p.m.

ITEM 3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Benson relinquished the chair to Executive Director Sorrell to proceed with conducting the meeting through the election of Board Chairman. Once the election of the Board Chairman concluded, Mr. Sorrell returned the chair to the Chairman.

ITEM 4 - ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

(a) Election of Board Chairman

Ms. Campbell nominated Ms. Benson for the Board Chairmanship. There were no further nominations and Ms. Benson was unanimously (4-0) elected as Board Chairman.

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(b) Election of Board Vice Chairman

Mr. McCorvey nominated Mr. Perkins for the Board Vice Chairmanship. There were no further nominations and Mr. Perkins was unanimously (4-0) elected as Board Vice Chairman.

(c) Election of Committee Chairman

Mr. Perkins nominated Ms. Campbell for the Committee Chairmanship. There were no further nominations and Ms. Campbell was unanimously (4-0) elected as Committee Chairman.

(d) Election of Committee Vice Chairman

Mr. Perkins nominated Mr. McCorvey for the Committee Vice Chairmanship.

Mr. McCorvey nominated Dr. Walker for the Committee Vice Chairmanship, withdrawing his own name from consideration. There were no further nominations and Dr. Walker was unanimously (4-0) elected as the Committee Vice Chairmanship.

(e) Appointment and approval of members to the Citizens' Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Campbell, to reappoint the current ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee members [Deborah Benn, Tim Common, Louise Ritz, Hurey Smith, Chuck Kimball (At-large) Kelley Thompson (At-large)] and to appoint Mr. Randy Ponson as the replacement for Mr. Charles Green. Motion carried 5-0.

(f) Approval of staff advisor to the Citizens' Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Walker, to approve Executive Director Stephen E. Sorrell to serve as the staff advisor to the Citizens' Advisory Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

(g) Appointment of Parliamentarian

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Dr. Walker, to appoint Mr. Bradley S. Odom to serve as the Parliamentarian. Motion carried 5-0.

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(h) **Adoption of schedule of regular Board meetings for 2016**

A motion was made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to approve the meeting schedule for 2016 as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 5 - OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from the audience.

Chairman Benson disclosed that several weeks ago she inadvertently sent an e-mail to Board member Perkins commenting on a meeting at the Santa Rosa Island Authority. Further, she realizes that the e-mail was a possible violation of the Sunshine Law and she wanted to publicly disclose that she had sent it.

ITEM 6 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the organizational meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board, Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and
Secretary

**APPROVED BY THE ECUA BOARD
IN REGULAR SESSION ON _____.**

- () Without corrections/amendments.
- () With corrections/amendments being: