

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Minutes

May 17, 2017

3:00 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Annie Orlando
Darin Cook
David Denslow
Robert Walpole
Mary Alford
Sandra Campbell
Michael Selvester*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Member Alford made a motion to adopt the agenda with the following change:

Take up the items under new business before the items under old business.

Member Walpole seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[170045.](#) **UAB April 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes (B)**

Attachments: [170045 UAB 4-19-17 Meeting Minutes 20170517](#)

Member Orlando made a motion to approve the minutes with the following change:

Move the Member Comment section below Citizen Comment.

Member Alford seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting as drafted.*

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen.

Citizens Jim Konish and Jo Beaty spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[170051.](#) **GRU Operational Update for April 2017 (B)**

Attachments: [170051 Ops Update - All Depts 2017-April 20170517](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

Chief Operating Officer Tom Brown gave an update on the state of GRU's operations for the month of April 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

[160843.](#)**Independent Utility Board (B)**

Attachments: [160843 HB 759 Governance 20170315](#)
[160843 HB 759 - Current Version 20170503](#)
[160843 Email from D.Cook re Indep Util Brd 20170517](#)
[160843 DRAFT - IUB ordinance 20170607](#)
[160843 DRAFT - IUB ordinance Source Material 20170607](#)
[160843 IUB ordinance - 2nd Draft 20170614](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss the issues surrounding the creation of an independent utility board for GRU.*

[160846.](#)**Commission's Decision on the GREC MOU (B)**

Attachments: [160846 GREC GRU History 20160316](#)
[160846 GREC MOU - Signed Final 20170503](#)
[160846 - Draft GREC APA 20170517](#)
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RECOMMENDATION *Discuss the Commission's decision on the GREC MOU and purchase price and take any action deemed appropriate.*

NEW BUSINESS

These items were heard before Old Business.

[170041.](#)**Replacement of Liquidity Agreements for the Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds, 2008 Series B and 2012 Series B Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds, approval of Reoffering Memorandums related thereto, and extension of Credit Agreement for Utilities System Commercial Paper Notes Series D (B)**

Attachments: [170041 2008 Series B Fee Letter 20170601](#)
[170041 2008 Series B Stand-By PBA 20170601](#)
[170041 2012 Series B Fee Letter 20170601](#)
[170041 2012 Series B Stand-By PBA 20170601](#)
[170041 First Amendment to Credit Agreement - GRU - Commercial Paper \(2017\) 20](#)
[170041 First Amendment to Fee Letter - GRU - Commercial Paper \(2017\) 20](#)
[170041 Cost Comparison 20170601](#)
[170041 Liquidity Facility Repl. Pres. 20170601](#)
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[170041_reofferingmemo2012B_20170601](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City Commission:

- 1) Approve the selection of the following liquidity support providers: Barclays for the 2008 Series B Bonds, Citi Bank for the 2012 Series B Bonds, and extension of the credit facility provider of State Street for the Series D Taxable Commercial Paper program,*
- 2) Approve the terms and conditions set forth in the respective draft Credit Agreements, and related fee letters, and extension of the credit facility for State Street for the Series D Taxable Commercial Paper Program, each in substantially the form submitted to the Commission and with such changes thereto as the officer executing the same may approve as necessary or desirable and in the best interests of GRU, such approval to be evidenced by the execution and delivery thereof, and subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and*
- 3) authorize the Clerk of the Commission, General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and other Authorized Officers to execute the Credit Agreements with the respective liquidity support agreements and amendments to extend the term of the credit facility with State Street for the Series D Taxable Commercial Paper Program, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

GRU Rates & Investment Director Mark Benton gave a presentation. The Board voted 7-0 to recommend the Commission approve the staff recommendation.

Citizen Jim Konish spoke on the matter.

[150562.](#)**Options for Consideration of a Forensic Audit Biomass Contract Procurement (B)**

Attachments: [150562 City Auditor Report on Options for Possible Forensic Audit of GREC](#)
[150562A Options For Forensic Audit 20170517.pdf](#)
[150562B Exhibits A- II w Appendix tabbed and labeled 20170517.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Auditor recommends that the City Commission consider the options presented and act according to Commission desires.

The Board heard an informational report from City Auditor Carlos Holt.

Citizen Jim Konish spoke on the matter.

[161006.](#)**Proposed Gainesville Renewable Energy Center Asset Purchase Agreement Evaluation (B)**

Attachments: [161006 Proposed GREC Asset Purchase Agreement Eval 20170517.pdf](#)
[161006 Proposed GREC Eval Appendix B 20170517](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Auditor recommends that the City Commission accept the report.

The Board heard an informational report from City Auditor Carlos Holt.

Citizen Jim Konish spoke on the matter.

[170042.](#)

Annual Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

Ask board members to make nominations for the office of Chair and Vice-Chair and make a selection by voice vote.

Member Walpole nominated member Denslow for the position of chair, but Dr. Denslow declined the nomination.

Member Denslow nominated Chair Cook to remain as the chair and member Orlando seconded. The board voted 6-1, with Chair Cook in dissent, to retain Darin Cook as Chair.

Citizens Jim Konish and Jo Beaty spoke on the nomination.

Member Walpole nominated Member Denslow as Vice-Chair. Member Alford seconded. Dr. Denslow initially declined the nomination but after some discussion, accepted. The board voted 3-4 against, with members Selvester, Cook, Campbell and Orlando in dissent.

Member Denslow then nominated Member Alford and Member Walpole seconded.

Citizen Jim Konish spoke on the nomination.

The Board voted 3-4 against, with Selvester, Cook, Orlando and Campbell in dissent.

Member Selvester then nominated Member Orlando and the Board voted 6-0 in favor, with Member Walpole absent.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 14, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.