

JEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
September 26, 2023

The JEA Board met in regular session at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, N. 225 Pearl Street, Jacksonville, Florida. The public was invited to attend this meeting in-person at the physical location and virtually via WebEx.

**WELCOME**

**Meeting Called to Order** – Board Chair Bobby Stein called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Board members in attendance were General Joseph DiSalvo, Rick Morales, John Baker, and Kawanza Humphrey. Dr. Zachary Faison and Marty Lanahan were present virtually.

Others in attendance were Jay Stowe, Managing Director/CEO, Laura Dutton, Chief Strategy Officer; Sheila Pressley, Chief Customer Officer; Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer; Laura Schepis, Chief External Affairs Officer; Regina Ross, Chief Legal Officer, Office of General Counsel; Jordan Pope, Vice President, Corporate Strategy; Madricka Jones, Executive Assistant to the CEO, and Melissa Dalton, Manager, Board Services.

**Time of Reflection** – A moment of reflection was observed by all.

**Adoption of the Agenda** – On *motion* by General DiSalvo and seconded by John Baker, the agenda was approved.

**Values Moment** – Carolyn Griffin, Director, Residential Customer Experience presented a Values moment on respect.

**COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**

**Council Liaison's Comments** – Council Member Michael Boylan commented on the consistent responsiveness of JEA staff with solutions to issues concerning the constituents. Chair Stein extended his appreciation to Council Member Boylan for his partnership with JEA.

**Comments from the Public:**

**In-Person Public Comments:**

Logan Cross, Chair, Northeast Florida Sierra Club spoke to the Board on the Integrated Resource Plan and reduction of carbon emissions.

Dr. Lucy Sonnenberg spoke to the Board about the alternate resolution that was developed by her and Bud Para concerning JEA's commitment to clean energy.

Bud Para spoke to the Board about the Electric Integrated Resource Plan and future goals of reaching zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Soraya Aidinejad, Advocacy Specialist, St. Johns Riverkeeper, spoke to the Board on the urgent need to reduce greenhouse emissions.

Angela Damon, Brand Chief Operating Officer, Solo United Neighbors, spoke to the Board concerning customer-owned rooftop solar and the Integrated Resource Plan.

Stephanie Freeman, Chair, St. Johns Riverkeeper, spoke to the Board about investing in clean energy programs and to provide weatherization incentives to reduce bills.

Dr. Joshua Melko extended his appreciation to JEA staff for developing the Environmental Stewardship resolution and ways to increase transmission capacity relief.

**WebEx Public Comments:**

Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper, spoke to the Board concerning a more resilient and clean energy course for Jacksonville's future.

Mark Zimmerman, representing Commercial Metals Company, spoke to the Board on a reflection of where we have come from, rates, and expansion of renewables.

**Email Public Comments:** There were no emailed public comments

**Managing Director / CEO Report** – Jay Stowe, Managing Director/CEO, welcomed the Board, staff, and guests to the final Board meeting of the fiscal year and provided highlights on Public Power/Customer Service Week, mutual aid, Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Road Show, and the Jacksonville Small Emerging Business (JSEB) Summit. Mr. Stowe gave an update on the latest Employee Engagement Survey which indicated nearly the same engagement as has been seen in the past two rounds. This report was received for information.

**JEA Performance Update** – Isa Rodriguez, Senior Manager Customer Contacts, presented the JEA performance update through August 31, 2023. Ms. Rodriguez reported that JEA is seeing both stability and positive trending in the majority of our scorecard metrics, which is a good indication of continued strong performance as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year. This report was received for information.

**Finance & Operations Committee Report** – Finance & Operations Committee Chair General Joseph DiSalvo provided an update on the September 15, 2023 meeting. General DiSalvo highlighted the presentations provided on the pricing policy, quarterly financial review, Supplier Diversity Program and the proposed updated FY24 performance scorecard. This report was received for information.

## FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consists of agenda items that require Board approval but are routine in nature or have been discussed in previous public meetings of the Board.

On *motion* by John Baker and seconded by General DiSalvo, all Consent Agenda items were approved.

Board Meeting August 29, 2023

Finance & Operations Committee Minutes – June 23, 2023

Governance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Minutes – August 4, 2023

Pricing Policy

### DEEPEN CUSTOMER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Revenue Requirements/Rate Study Update** – Victor Blackshear, Director, Financial Planning & Rates presented to the Board the revenue requirements results and rate study updates to include FY2024 electric rate strategic goals consisting of achieving target revenue, improving rate structure, and revising tariff

language where needed. Mr. Blackshear informed the Board that in order to achieve the FY2024 target revenue, an increase would need to be imposed on the Residential and Interruptible Serve Extra Large Demand (ISXLD) rate classes and rate redesigns to the Interruptible Service Rider (IS) and ISXLD to include the current status of the IS and the proposed changes, proposed new time-based industrial rate and exploring the replacement of ISXLD with General Service Extra Large Demand – Time of Use Rate(GSXLDT). Mr. Blackshear went on to provide the committee with the FY2024 Electric Rate Restructuring Path. Discussions followed concerning transparency, customer communications, and impacts to the customer. Mr. Stowe provided a review of communications with Commercial Metals Company and provided a timeline for upcoming presentations to the Board. This presentation was received for information.

**Establishment of Debt Ceiling for JEA** – Randall Barnes, Treasurer, highlighted for the Board the current process of JEA requesting city council for authorization to issue new money and refunding borrowing, the proposed JEA debt ceiling along with actions and next steps. Mr. Barnes presented the proposed debt ceiling amounts, remaining City of Jacksonville authorization amount, and debt-to-asset ratio. Chair Stein posed a question about Plant Vogtle. Mr. Stowe noted this is a tool to be flexible and to respond to customer needs. Council Member Boylan expressed the need to continue conversations with council members and possible concerns about the request. Board Vice Chair Lanahan commented on her appreciation for a proactive approach.

On *motion* by Rick Morales and seconded by General DiSalvo, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposed debt ceiling amounts for the electric enterprise, water & sewer, and district energy systems and adopted Resolution 2023-40.

**Delegation of Authority** – Randall Barnes, Treasurer, highlighted the proposal for delegation of authority to include the proposed changes to the previously approved delegation which was on an as needed basis. Mr. Barnes stated the new proposal delegates authority to the Managing Director/CEO to refund existing debt, subject to the refunding parameter set forth in the Debt Management Policy and to issue new debt as approved by the JEA Board to be paired with approval of the JEA budget.

On *motion* by John Baker and seconded by Rick Morales, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposed Delegation of Authority and adopted Resolutions 2023-36, 2023-37, 2023-38, 2023-39, 2023-41, 2023-42 which repeals and replaces Resolutions 2023-1 through 2023-6.

*Rick Morales stepped out at 10:26am and returned at 10:28am.*

**Debt Management Policy** - A.J. Souto, Bond Compliance Specialist, presented the proposed Debt Management Policy revisions. Mr. Souto highlighted the purpose of the policy and the revisions to include updating references to include JEA's procurement code; changes to the debt authorization process; adjusting the annual plan of finance to a three-year period; and various other minor edits to simplify the language and provide clarity.

On *motion* by General DiSalvo and seconded by John Baker, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Debt Management Policy and adopted Resolution 2023-35.

## **PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

**Consideration of Environmental Stewardship Resolution** – Jay Stowe, Managing Director/CEO presented the resolution to JEA's commitment to environmental stewardship, customer solutions, and integrated resource planning for long-term lower carbon emissions. Mr. Stowe highlighted that the JEA Board of Directors remains focused on the mission and vision, the IRP goals which set aggressive goals by 2030, and committed to providing reliable, resilient, and affordable utilities to its customers while

minimizing environmental impact. Board members held discussions regarding net metering, decisions regarding specific IRP goals around new technologies, and the intent of Board resolution.

On *motion* by John Baker and seconded by Kawanza Humphrey, the Board of Directors unanimously approved and adopted Resolution 2023-34, Commitment to Environmental Stewardship.

**Supply Chain Update** – Raynetta Marshall, Chief Operating Officer, highlighted for the Board the current state of 3-phase transformers , impact on customer projects, steps JEA is taking to mitigate impacts, and the current forecasting model. This presentation was received for information.

*Bobby Stein stepped out at 11:10am and returned at 11:12am.*

**OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING CONSIDERATION**

**Old and Other New Business / Open Discussion –**

**Chair’s Report –** None

**Announcements –** None

**Adjournment –** With no further business coming before the Board, Chair Stein declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

APPROVED BY:

  
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Joseph DiSalvo, Secretary

Date: 29 SEP 2023

Board Meeting Recorded by:

  
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