

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
Wednesday, October 20, 2021  
11:30 a.m.**

A Finance Committee meeting of the directors of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., via electronically [via teleconference/telephone-Public].

The following Committee members were present via a roll call: Committee Chairman Larry Ward, Ronald A. Mims and William “Butch” Burbage, Jr. Other directors present were George Munchus and Chris Rice.

The meeting was also attended by: Michael Johnson, General Manager; Derrick Murphy and Iris Fisher, Assistant General Managers; Cynthia Williams, Board Administrator; Vanessa Washington, Executive Assistant and Colandus Mason, BWB Employees; K. Mark Parnell, Parnell Thompson Law, LLC; Kelvin Howard, KWH, LLC and Peiffer Brandt, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.

Inasmuch as all of the Committee members were present, a quorum was in attendance.

Committee Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. GM Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.

Next, the Committee proceeded to approve the agenda as printed. Director Mims made a motion to approve the printed agenda and Director Burbage seconded the motion. The Committee approved the printed agenda by unanimous vote.

Following, the Committee proceeded to the approval of minutes. Agenda item 1 requested the Committee to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 and May 3, 2021. Director Mims made a motion to approve agenda item one and Director Burbage seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously voted to approve agenda item one to be moved to the full board for consideration.

Next, the Committee proceeded to the report of officers, which there were no reports given.

Following, the Committee proceeded to unfinished business, which there was none.

Subsequently, the Committee proceeded to new business. Agenda item two requested the Committee to recommend to the Board to approve a resolution that establishes a Community Educational Program including funding, criteria, and restrictions so as to participate in such events and functions while carrying out its Corporate Purposes. GM Johnson gave an overview on said agenda item. Per GM Johnson, staff worked with Attorney Parnell to craft a program that would meet the legal requirements to allow funding for programs/events that may be beneficial to BWB. The appropriation of funds would be approved by the board for each individual event or program when it occurs to ensure it meets the purpose and qualifications of the resolution. Attorney Parnell stated that years ago there was a lawsuit that resulted in a settlement with the Attorney General’s Office that placed restrictions on the type of activities that the board could make

contributions to. Per Attorney Parnell, the proposed resolution complies with the consent decree and the AGO will not object if the board is establishing the program. He also stated that safeguards are listed in the resolution to protect the rate payers. Attorney Parnell concluded with discussion on the various requirements listed in the resolution that must be met for contributions. Afterwards, Director Rice stated it was a good program and that the rules on how the process works should be simplified, as the item should go to the Finance Committee, then move to the Board. There were various questions asked and answered relating to a cap on the funds and amending the budget to accommodate the funding. Following, Committee Chair Ward acknowledged that Director Mims made a motion to approve agenda item two and Director Burbage seconded the motion. Thus, the Committee unanimously voted to approve agenda item two to be moved to the full board for consideration.

As there was no further business before the Committee, Director Mims made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Director Burbage seconded. Thus, Committee Chair Ward adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

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Larry Ward  
Director

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald A. Mims  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
William "Butch" Burbage, Jr., Esq.  
Secretary-Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Johnson, MBA, CPA  
General Manager