

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
Thursday, August 6, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

A Finance Committee meeting of the directors of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., via in person and electronically [via telephone].

The following Committee members were present via a roll call: Committee Chairman William “Butch” Burbage, Jr., Ronald A. Mims, and William R. Muhammad. Other directors present were Tommy J. Alexander, Lucien Blankenship, Deborah Clark, Brenda J. Dickerson, and George Munchus. Director Brett King was not present.

Others present were: Michael Johnson, General Manager; Derrick Murphy, Jeffrey Thompson and Iris Fisher, Assistant General Managers; Grace Amison, Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors; Anitra Hendrix, Executive Assistant to General Manger, Vanessa Washington, Executive Assistant; Marsha Hammonds, Colandus Mason, and Tim Garrett; BWWB Employees; K. Mark Parnell, Parnell Thompson Law, LLC; Kelvin Howard, KWH, LLC; and Emory Anthony, Esq.

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

Committee Chairman Burbage called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. General Manager Michael Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.

Next, agenda item one requested the Committee to consider a no-cost Real Estate Sales Agreement to exchange property with Fleming Branch, LLC such that Fleming Branch, LLC will acquire approximately 1.27 acres of land for a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress and utility installation. In exchange the BWWB will acquire 9.27 acres of property. GM Johnson recommended that item 1 be withdrawn and tabled. Director Mims made an amended motion to table said item and send it to the Engineering and Maintenance Committee. Director Muhammad seconded. On a motion duly made and seconded, the amended motion was unanimously approved.

Following, agenda item two requested the Committee to enter into Executive Session to consider a real estate transaction to discuss consideration the BWWB is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of said real property; necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body. Atty Mark Parnell stated the purpose was to discuss paying for property coming up for sale. He stated the lawyers and senior management needed to be present for the discussion regarding this item. Director Mims made a motion to enter Executive Session. Director Muhammad seconded. The Committee unanimously approved entering Executive Session. Thus, the Committee entered Executive Session at 9:08 a.m. Director Blankenship entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Afterwards, Director Mims made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Director Muhammad seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote and the Executive Session ended at 9:56 a.m.

Subsequently, Director Muhammad made a motion to adjourn, but withdrew his motion in order to address agenda item 3, new business; necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body. Director Mims stated he offered the two board positions to current BWWB employees. He indicated he wanted them to start in the new positions as of Monday. A discussion ensued on the matter. Director Clark expressed her concerns and asked to be presented with the background information and qualifications. Director Burbage, Jr., indicated that any discussion should be taken in consideration in an open meeting.

As there was no further business before the Committee, Director Muhammad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Mims seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll vote. Committee Chair Burbage, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

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William "Butch" Burbage, Jr., Esq.
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

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Ronald A. Mims
Chairman/President

William R. Muhammad
Secretary/Treasurer

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Michael Johnson, MBA, CPA
General Manager