

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY,  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2004 at 4:00 P.M., BRINSON BOARD ROOM,  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1701 W CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA.**

Present were Vice Chairman Gemskie, Director Hart, Director Toro, Director Cumbie, Vice President and General Counsel Lacerte, and Recording Secretary Ambrosi. Chairman Shearer and Mayor Gant were absent. General Manager Welsh participated telephonically.

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Gemskie.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. BOARD MEMBER APPLICANT REVIEW**

Prior to calling the board applicants for interview, Vice Chairman Gemskie discussed with the Board and General Manager via telephone the procedures that would be followed for each applicant. General Manager Welsh stated that in the past he facilitated the process by asking the candidates the pre-arranged questions, but it was up to the Board if they would like to follow the same procedure. They agreed to follow this procedure.

**ACTION: Director Hart made a motion, seconded by Director Cumbie to approve the review process as established.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

At 4:15, Mr. Lacerte escorted James Kasper into the boardroom.

General Manager Welsh presented the standard questions to Mr. Kasper. He answered them and responded to additional questions from the Board. Mr. Kasper stated that he would like to see KUA branch out into different areas.

The Board thanked Mr. Kasper and he left the meeting.

The Board reached a consensus to deliberate at the end of the interview process after all of the candidates were finished interviewing.

At 4:40, Angel Irizarry arrived. All the Board members introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Irizarry.

General Manager Welsh presented the standard questions to Mr. Irizarry. He answered them and responded to additional questions from the Board. Mr. Irizarry stated that he had a lot to offer the Board through his management experience and experiences with the School of Government.

At 4:55 p.m., Vice chairman Gemskie called for a brief recess.

The meeting reconvened at 5:15.

Mayor Gant arrived at 5:15 p.m.

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At 5:15 p.m., Bob Makinson arrived. All the Board members introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Makinson.

General Manager Welsh presented the standard questions to Mr. Makinson. He answered them and responded to additional questions from the Board. Mr. Makinson stated that he would like to maintain the current rate structure and work with developers in reference to cost sharing underground utilities in new subdivisions.

The Board thanked Mr. Makinson and he left the meeting.

Joseph Colon arrived at 5:35 p.m.

General Manager Welsh presented the standard questions to Mr. Colon. He answered them and responded to additional questions from the Board. Mr. Colon stated that he would like to expand the customer base and shear up profitability.

The Board thanked Mr. Colon and he left the meeting.

At 5:50 p.m., Vice chairman Gemskie called for a brief recess.  
The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Samuel Flores arrived at 6:00 p.m.

General Manager Welsh presented the standard questions to Mr. Flores. He answered them and responded to additional questions from the Board. Mr. Flores stated that he would like to learn all he could about KUA and then contribute to the Board.

Mr. Flores left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Vice chairman Gemskie stated that she would like to avoid ranking the individuals but suggested that everyone give their top two or three candidates. All board members agreed that Bob Makinson and James Kasper were their top two choices. There was a discussion about the strengths of both candidates and the general consensus of the Board was that they could not make a bad decision with either candidate.

**ACTION: Director Hart made a motion, seconded by Director Cumbie to present James Kasper as the new Board member nominee to the City of Kissimmee.**

**MOTION CARRIED 3-1  
Director Toro opposing**

**ACTION: Director Toro made a motion to make the vote to present James Kasper as the new Board member nominee to the City of Kissimmee as unanimous. Motion was seconded by Director Hart.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**D. HEAR THE ATTORNEY, GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTORS**

General Manager Welsh stated that he would let Mr. Makinson know that it was the Board's wishes that he reapply for any future openings.

Vice President and General Counsel Lacerte thanked the Board for conducting their meeting so well.

Vice Chairman Gemskie encouraged the Board to be at the June 29, 2004 City Commission to show their support for the new nominee, James Kasper.

[Director Hart asked that a review of the candidate questions be put on the agenda for the next regular Board of Director's meeting, scheduled for June 30, 2004.](#)

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Gemskie adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Vice Chairman

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Secretary