



**MEETING MINUTES
SESSION OF THE KUA BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS
CITY OF KISSIMMEE
CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
101 CHURCH STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA 34741-5054
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024 AT 5:00 PM**

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Members Present:** Vice-Mayor Olga Castano, Angela Eady, Carlos Alvarez, III, Janette Martinez
Staff Present: City Manager Mike Steigerwald, City Attorney Olga Sanchez de Fuentes, Deputy City Manager Desiree Matthews, Deputy City Clerk Tameara Crespo
Members Absent: Mayor-Commissioner Olga Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager Austin Blake

Vice-Mayor Castano called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.A Interview Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) Board Candidates

Vice-Mayor Castano welcomed each applicant and briefly explained the process. Each Commissioner introduced themselves and read a series of questions to each candidate.

5:00 P.M. Scott Grenald

Mr. Grenald's interview began at 5:07 p.m. He was asked a sequence of questions by the Commission regarding his previous experience, skill set, qualifications, accomplishments, and strategic goals and objectives should he be selected to serve on the Board. The applicant highlighted that he is a member of the City's historic preservation board and has had experience in previous city's serving on the planning and zoning board, events boards, and is looking to expand to KUA. He has been a City resident for three years. When responding to the Commission's questions regarding future objectives, Mr. Grenald does not believe KUA needs to make any changes.

5:15 P.M. - Felix Ortiz

Mr. Ortiz's interview began at 5:12 p.m. He was asked a sequence of questions by the Commission regarding his previous experience, skill set, qualifications, accomplishments, and strategic goals and objectives should he be selected to serve on the Board. He expressed that he possesses strong social and management skills; as a business man, he oversees a team of professionals. He identified that he prefers to look for solutions and not problems. Mr. Ortiz believes that KUA should remain resident focused and that they should continue to support local events. The applicant supports stabilized energy and fair values on utility bills.

5:30 P.M. - Melissa Thacker

Ms. Thacker's interview began at 5:17 p.m. She was asked a sequence of questions by the Commission regarding his previous experience, skill set, qualifications, accomplishments, and strategic goals and objectives should he be selected to serve on the Board. She expressed her background and skillset as a Senior Project Manager,

currently overseeing a budget in excess of KUAs. She supported the need for alternative energy and expressed a strong desire for the current generation to step up for the future generations in regards to renewal energy and green initiatives. Ms. Thacker listed a wide variety of involvements that KUA is currently sponsoring in the community, and seeks to continue to foster those public relationships. She indicated the need to continue managing and supporting the unprecedented growth in Kissimmee and would like to focus on maintaining affordability rates for citizens.

After holding a discussion, commission consensus was that Melissa Thacker was the most qualified candidate.

Commissioner Eady made a motion to appoint Melissa Thacker to the KUA Board of Directors. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion.

AYE: Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Castano, Commissioner Eady, Commissioner Martinez

NAY: None

Motion carried 4 - 0.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Vice-Mayor Castano adjourned the meeting at 5:31 PM.



ATTEST:

Tameara Crespo

CITY CLERK

Olga Gonzalez

MAYOR-COMMISSIONER