



**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 3, 2025 AT 5:00 PM**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Members Present: Mayor Jackie Espinosa, Commissioners Noel Ortiz, Angela Eady, Carlos Alvarez, III, Janette Martinez

Staff Present: City Manager Mike Steigerwald, City Attorney Olga Sanchez de Fuentes, City Clerk Tameara Crespo

Mayor Espinosa called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.A Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) Board Candidate Interviews

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

5:00 p.m. - Mary Rose Cox

Ms. Cox's interview began at 5:03 p.m. She was asked a sequence of questions by the Commission regarding previous experience, skill set, qualifications, accomplishments, and strategic goals and objectives should she be selected to serve on the Board. The applicant highlighted her 15 years of experience as a Public Information Officer with Toho Water Authority and emphasized her community-oriented approach. She aims to bring a customer service perspective to the Board, prioritizing cost-effective rates and continued public outreach. Ms. Cox supports exploring innovative projects, including solar energy, and is committed to keeping KUA a collaborative, affordable, and customer-focused utility.

5:15 p.m. - Michele Lebron

Ms. Lebron's interview began at 5:15 p.m. She was asked a sequence of questions by the Commission regarding previous experience, skill set, qualifications, accomplishments, and strategic goals and objectives should she be selected to serve on the Board. She shared her background as an attorney and law firm owner in Kissimmee, emphasizing 10 years of experience in business management, strategic planning, and budgeting. She stressed the need for KUA to lead in reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy innovation, while educating the community and promoting energy efficiency. She expressed a strong commitment to transparency, public engagement, and fiscal responsibility. She views KUA's rates as fair and competitive and highlighted the importance of stable utilities in supporting local economic growth.

The meeting recessed at 5:21 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:27 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - Olga Gonzalez

Ms. Gonzalez's interview began at 5:27 p.m. She was asked a sequence of questions by the Commission regarding previous experience, skill set, qualifications, accomplishments, and strategic goals and objectives should she be selected to serve on the Board. The applicant highlighted her prior service as a Commissioner and Mayor, with eight years of public leadership experience, including four years on the KUA Board during her mayoral term. She emphasized KUA's strong role in community support. She noted the utility's efforts to keep rates low and make services accessible, including outreach efforts that educate residents on payment options and available assistance. She values KUA's commitment to community engagement through events and educational initiatives aimed at helping citizens better understand and use available resources.

The meeting recessed at 5:32 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:33 p.m.

After holding a discussion, the commission's consensus was that Michele Lebron was the most qualified candidate.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Espinosa adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.



ATTEST:

Tameara Crespo

CITY CLERK

Jackie Espinosa

MAYOR-COMMISSIONER