



MEETING MINUTES
SESSION OF THE KUA BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS (SECOND
ROUND)
CITY OF KISSIMMEE
CITY HALL, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ROOM
101 CHURCH STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA 34741-5054
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026, 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 Kalanit Oded, Assistant City Clerk Lucia Gonzalez

Members Absent: Deputy City Manager Desiree Matthews, Deputy City Manager Austin Blake, City Clerk Tameara Crespo

Mayor Espinosa called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Mayor Espinosa welcomed each applicant and provided a brief overview of the selection process. The commissioners introduced themselves and asked each candidate a series of prepared questions.

5:00 p.m. - Javin Lopez

Mr. Lopez's interview began at 5:03 p.m. He was asked a series of questions by the Commission regarding community involvement, strategic goals, and prior experience that would be beneficial to the board if he were selected to serve. He recounted a 2005 natural disaster experience and how seeing KUA on the front lines shaped his view of community support. He praised KUA's impactful outreach and events, and the way it reflects the community it serves. Mr. Lopez mentioned the KUA budget, noting that costs are decreasing while proceeds are growing, indicating strong leadership. He highlighted his and his family's outreach efforts, emphasizing they do not conflict with the City of Kissimmee, Osceola County, KUA, or other government entities.

5:15 p.m. - Jordan White

Mr. White's interview began at 5:11 p.m. He was asked a series of questions by the Commission regarding community involvement, strategic goals, and prior experience that would be beneficial to the board if he were selected to serve. Mr. White believes KUA's social media outreach benefits the community by informing them about events and initiatives. He has increased his community presence by participating in organizations, which he believes will benefit the board, as he aims to remain involved in front-facing initiatives. Mr. Lopez thinks KUA's current public engagement, like hosting movie nights, is a good direction and should continue. He emphasized his active community participation does not create conflicts of interest with the City of Kissimmee, Osceola County, KUA, or other government entities.

After a discussion, the Commission was unable to reach a consensus between the two candidates. City Manager Steigerwald reminded the Commission that the by laws of the KUA board allow members to serve an additional 3-year term in addition to the two five-year terms.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to appoint Jordan White to the KUA Board. Commissioner Alvarez seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Ortiz	NAY
Commissioner Eady	AYE
Commissioner Alvarez	AYE
Commissioner Martinez	AYE
Mayor Espinosa	NAY

Motion failed 3 – 2.

Consensus was reached that the current Chairman, Manuel "Manny" Ortega, was the most qualified to remain on the KUA Board.

After the vote, City Manager Steigerwald presented a walk-on item providing an update on a settlement case between the City and Deputy Chief Munoz. Negotiations with lawyers from both sides over the past six months are complete, and he seeks commission approval to draft a settlement agreement. Once finalized, the settlement agreement will be presented at a future meeting for a formal vote. Mayor Espinosa will abstain from voting.

Commissioner Martinez moved to proceed with drafting a settlement agreement with Mr. Munoz and his attorneys. Commissioner Alvarez seconded the motion.

AYE: Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Ortiz, Commissioner Eady, Commissioner Martinez

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Espinosa

Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Espinosa adjourned the meeting at 5:38 PM.



ATTEST:

Tameara Crespo
CITY CLERK

Jackie Espinosa
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER