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Also present: Jeremy Ash, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Jerin Purtee, Interim Chief Operations Officer; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing; Doug Bowen, Direct Elect Prod Ops/Maint; Amber Oetting; Director Communications & Marketing; Gabriela Freeman, Director Customer Care; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Claudia Vazquez-Puebla, Talent Specialist; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

Mr. Haley called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. He informed all that the meeting was being recorded including video and audio. During the public comments section, community members who wished to speak to the Board would be asked to provide their name and address. Members of the public who wished to speak to the Board using Zoom needed to use the raise hand feature at the bottom of the application or window to signal that they wish to address the board during the public comment section. Members of the public connected by phone only, needed to press *9 to indicate they wished to address the Board in the public comment sections. Those attending in person should sign up on the sheet located near the entry. Public comments would be limited to five minutes and should be addressed to the Board. No confidential information should be shared, including, account information. Staff would not provide individual account information during an open meeting. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. He informed all participants to act respectfully to each other; personal attacks or accusations would not be tolerated. All concerns would be directed to the Board only, they would then determine staff involvement. If side discussion was necessary, it was to be conducted outside of the Board room to avoid interfering with presenters or other attendees. If any rules were breached during this meeting, the attendee was subject to removal.

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Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

Item #4– Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda of August 6, 2025, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Groneman, and unanimously carried.

Consent Items:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of August 6, 2025
- b. Approval of the Preliminary July 2025 Financials

Item #5– 20/20 Leadership – Marnie Morgan

Ms. Marnie Morgan, Executive Director of 20/20 Leadership, provided an overview of the program and introduced participating students of 20/20 Leadership. The students spoke about the impact the program had on their academic growth, as well as other areas such as; confidence, real-world opportunities and networking. They spoke about various projects they had completed as a result of their participation in 20/20 Leadership and thanked the Board for their support. Ms. Morgan added they were rebranding and would be changing the name of the program, and extended an invited to the Board to join their celebration.

Item #6– The Learning Club – Brooke VanHecke

Ms. Brooke VanHecke, Director of Human Resources and Development at the Learning Club (TLC), shared their mission, how the program had impacted youth in Wyandotte County, and how their outreach was expanding. She explained how BPU had partnered with TLC to volunteer weekly at Banneker Elementary School and shared other volunteering opportunities they offered in the community. (See attached PowerPoint.)

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Item #7– General Manager / Team Reports

- a) *2025 BPU Scholarship Presentation:* Ms. Claudia Vazquez-Puebla, Talent Specialist, spoke about working with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation regarding the BPU Scholarship program as well as employment recruitment efforts. She shared the eligibility requirements for students seeking the BPU scholarship and how BPU was promoting this opportunity to youth in KCK. Ms. Vazquez-Puebla asked scholarship recipients. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Ms. Vazquez- Puebla and Mr. Dumovich responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Mr. Ash and Mr. Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations, spoke about the Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) working with BPU to create a program to promote utility careers.

- b) *Resolution #5317 – Appointing Interim Ethics Administrator and Temporarily Transferring the Role of the Ethics Commission to the Ethics Administrator:* Ms. Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel, gave the current status of the Ethics Administrator position and explained the details of the resolution being presented. (See attached Resolution.)

A motion was made to approve Resolution #5317, a resolution appointing an interim Ethics Administrator of the Board of Public Utilities and temporarily transferring the role of the Ethics Commission to the Ethics Administrator, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by, Ms. Gonzales.

Ms. Lawson, Ms. Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer, and Mr. Ash responded to questions and comments from the Board prior to the vote.

Roll call was taken and Resolution #5317 passed unanimously.

Item #8– Public Comments

Ms. Jae Easley, Piper, called regarding her rental property and BPU practices when an account was final.

Mr. Ash provided his email address to the customer for further research.

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Item #9– Miscellaneous Comments

Mr. Ash reviewed items from the August Community Impact Report. Highlights included, electric crews replacing nine poles where a large tree had fallen, Nearman Water going 650 days without a recordable safety incident, and the multiple community meetings where BPU personnel attended and spoke. He said he was proud that the leadership team contributed 198 jars of peanut butter to the IBEW Local 53 Women’s Committee, in addition to their 151 jars collected, that would be donated to areas shelters.

Item #10– Board Comments

Ms. Mulvany Henry thanked TLC for the presentation and acknowledged the BPU volunteers for giving back to the community. She spoke about the Community Engagement Committee’s opportunity to tour the Nearman Water Treatment Plant and expressed appreciation to BPU staff and the importance of their work to the community. She wished Ms. Gonzales a Happy Birthday.

Ms. Gonzales recognized Mr. Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing, for the great safety record and mentioned that he had taken the gavel for the Kansas Water Environment Association and would be the chair for the next year. She said, as a former teacher, she was glad BPU was a part of the 20/20 Leadership and TLC programs as they greatly impacted the community, and thanked those who presented.

Mr. Parker echoed prior comments and said he was impressed by the dedication and work that all of the teams do throughout BPU, and as a fellow former teacher, he enjoyed the evening’s presentations and the impact those programs had on the youth in the community. He wished Ms. Gonzales a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Wakes thanked staff for their participation with TLC and encouraged their continued support. He said he was excited to see BPU working with KCKCC and to hear the feedback from 20/20 Leadership, and he was very proud to serve on the BPU Board.

Mr. Groneman said it was a good night and that he was glad to hear from 20/20 Leadership and TLC. He noted the BPU Foundation would be holding their annual golf tournament, which provided money to various groups in the community, and wished Ms. Gonzales a Happy Birthday.

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Mr. Haley echoed previous comments and expressed appreciation to Ms. VanHecke for her work with TLC, and thanked Ms. Vazquez- Puebla and Mr. Dumovich for their collaborative efforts. He also thanked Ms. Morgan and the students of 20/20 Leadership and said their words offered a great amount of hope. He spoke about the slogan “We’re owned by the people we serve.” and said it was great for the community to see how the utility was giving back. He was grateful for the meeting and wished Ms. Gonzales a Happy Birthday.

Item 11 – Adjourn

At 7:41 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:



Secretary

APPROVED:



President