

# TPUC Commissioner's Meeting

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Minutes: August 9, 2021  
Nashville, TN

## Commissioners:

**Present:** Vice Chairman Herbert Hilliard, Commissioner John Hie, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Robin Morrison, Executive Director Earl Taylor

**Via telephone:** Chairman Kenneth Hill

**Others Present:** General Counsel Kelly Grams, Communications Director Tim Schwarz, HR Director Jaclyn Hammons

## Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hill at 12:20 p.m.

**Chairman Hill:** Chairman Hill inquired about the reappointment timeline of Executive Director Earl Taylor. Commissioners plan to take up reappointment once the two (2) new Commissioners are appointed.

**Kelly Grams:** Cybersecurity Discussion:

Kelly discussed how to approach the regulated utilities about their emergency recovery/contingency plans for cybersecurity. Kelly suggested the TPUC Commissioners, and selected staff, have a high-level/informal briefing, starting with the agency's 5 largest regulated utilities, to discuss what they are currently doing and any future plans for cybersecurity of their networks and plants. Kelly is going to work with TPUC Directors Jerry Kettles, David Foster and Tracy Stinson to prepare informational materials for the Commissioners in advance of the briefings.

Commissioners agreed to hold the briefings virtually on a date(s) separate from the conference.

**Tim Schwarz:** Presented Legislative update:

Tim continues to inquire with the Legislature on the appointment of the vacant Commissioners as well as the vacant Underground damage board seats.

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The renewable natural gas industry reached out to Tim about proposing new legislation for next year. Tim plans to meet and discuss.

Earl Taylor:

Legislature Report Update:

Staff is working diligently on the report regarding the transfer of the CAD function to TPUC. The first draft will be ready for the Commissioners' review by the September conference.

Kelly Grams:

December Conference:

The December conference will be moved from December 13<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

\*Next conference will be Monday, September 20, 2021 at 9:00 am.

\*Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.