



## TENNESSEE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD

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### MINUTES of Board Meeting of November 20, 2019

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The board meeting of the Tennessee Underground Utility Damage Enforcement Board commenced at 10:12 a.m., in the Ground Floor Conference Room of 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

#### **Board Members Present:**

Earl Bolin  
Doug Burgess  
Wayne Hastings, Vice-Chairman  
Bill Hollin  
Eddie Hood  
Stephanie Howell  
Craig Jensen  
Kevin Kruchinski  
Scott Niehaus  
Bobby Pitts  
Kevin Raley  
Steve Raper  
Kevin Tubberville, Chairman  
Rick Tunnell  
Bill Turner

#### **TPUC Staff Present:**

Aaron Conklin, Legal Advisor to the TPUC staff  
Ryan McGehee, Legal Advisor to the TUUDEB  
Tim Schwarz, Director, Communications  
Chris Eaton, Fiscal Manager Administration

#### **I. Opening of Meeting and Roll Call**

Roll was taken and the Board adopted minutes from the previous meeting with one correction.

## **II. Program Update**

Mr. Aaron Conklin provided a report of the ongoing enforcement and show-cause proceedings. Mr. Chris Eaton gave an update on invoices and finances for the board.

## **III. Commission Invoice for Fourth Quarter, FY2019**

Mr. Chris Eaton gave an update on invoices and finances for the board. A motion to approve by Mr. Turner was seconded. The invoice was approved on a voice vote.

## **IV. Update of Training Program by Tennessee 811**

Mr. Turner reported the training of 335 individuals from 253 organizations. For 2019 year to date, ninety-six individuals from sixty-four organizations were trained with twelve scheduled for training in November and December. He also reported that overall feedback of the training has been positive.

## **V. Legislative, Education Promotion Procurement, and Scheduling Discussion**

Several of Tennessee 811's proposed legislative items were discussed. The Board set a public meeting for January 29, 2020, in which the Board would consider more specific legislative proposals and language.

The Board was updated on Tennessee Central Procurement Office requirements for procurement of a vendor for expending funds pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-31-117.

The Board discussed scheduling for 2020 Board Meetings and set dates for Board meetings on January 29, May 13, August 12, and November 4, 2020.

## **VI. General Discussion and Topics for Next Meeting**

Mr. Bill Turner stated that he is working with the Commission General Counsel and a meeting with TPUC was scheduled for December 11 to discuss the MOU. An update on the board's funding for public awareness was mentioned and the board discussed adding it to the agenda for the January meeting. Chairman Tubberville discussed the 2020 meeting dates. Future topics including legislation, rules, vacancies for the electric co-op and the cable industry were also mentioned.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.