

**MINUTES OF SKYPE STATUS CALL**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY**

**HELD ON**

**MAY 15, 2020**

**PUBLIC MAY JOIN MEETING BY VIA PHONE AT:**  
**1-(850)792-4985**  
**MEETING ID: 283073705**

**11:00 A.M.**

The following MEMBERS were present:

J. Robert Dean. . . . . Chairman  
Richard J. Toppino. . . . . Vice-Chairman  
David C. Ritz. . . . . Secretary/Treasurer  
Antoinette M. Appell. . . . . Member  
Cara Higgins. . . . . Member

Thomas G. Walker . . . . . Executive Director  
Kerry Shelby. . . . . Deputy Executive Director  
Robert T. Feldman. . . . . General Counsel  
Timothy Esquinaldo. . . . . Internal Auditor  
Jolynn Reynolds. . . . . Director of Engineering  
Peter Gomez. . . . . Director of Water Ops.  
Jay Miller. . . . . Director of Wastewater Ops.

A LIST OF ATTENDANCE IS RETAINED WITH THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THIS MEETING.

## COVID-19 STATUS CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean at 11:05 a.m.

Pam Albury presented the roll call.

## AGENDA

### **Latest Information and Response**

Mr. Walker reported that staff remains healthy with no positive COVID-19 cases. Mr. Walker advised that the phase one back to work schedule has been well received by work crews. Mr. Walker reported that the middle keys received upwards of eleven (11) inches of rain yesterday in a 24-hour period and crews worked day and night to keep systems working with no overflows.

Mr. Walker reported that the Executive Department moved to the new temporary office at the BB&T building yesterday. Mr. Walker advised that the move is staggered throughout the month of May for all remaining departments.

Mr. Walker advised that bids were open regarding the demolishing of the current Administration Building. The low-cost bid was submitted by Charlie Toppino & Sons, Inc. and will be on the May 27, 2020 agenda for the Board's consideration.

Mrs. Appell inquired when the demolishing was due to take place. Mr. Walker advised mid-June.

Mr. Walker reported that the new wells are being drilled at the Stock Island Reverse Osmosis plant and the DEP permit application has been submitted. He advised that staff had been in touch with Department of Economic Opportunity and although we have not received the grant application to date its expected within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Walker gave an FPL update. Mr. Walker advised that DEP issued a draft permit to FPL for industrial waste discharge into the cooling canals and filed a notice of intent. He explained that the Authority along with other interested groups asked for an extension of time regarding filing a petition for an administrative hearing and were given until June 4, 2020. Mr. Walker reported that FPL has not followed the Consent Order and would like the Board's approval in order for staff to file the petition. Mr. Ritz added that FPL's actions are threatening our water supply.

On recommendation of Mr. Walker and motion Mr. Ritz, seconded by Mrs. Higgins the Board approved for staff to file a petition for an administrative hearing regarding FPL's industrial waste discharge into the cooling canals.

**Current Financial Status**

Mr. Shelby reported that the first two weeks in May show collections are normal. Mr. Shelby advised that staff is continuing to assist customers with payment agreements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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By:   
J. Robert Dean, Chairman

Attest:

  
David C. Ritz, Secretary/Treasurer

**ATTENDANCE**

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**FKAA STAFF**

Tom Walker	Cindy Kondziela
Kerry Shelby	Pam Albury
Tim Esquinaldo	Randy Acevedo
Jay Miller	Peter Gomez
Julie Cheon	Rick Ketch
Jolynn Reynolds	Deanna Esquinaldo
Maghan Barber	

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

John Sweeting (Union Rep.)