

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
May 27, 2020**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the directors of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 11:30 a.m., via electronically [via teleconference/telephone].

The following Directors were present via a roll call: Ronald A. Mims, Brenda J. Dickerson, Deborah Clark, William R. Muhammad, William “Butch” Burbage, Jr., Lucien Blankenship, Brett A. King, and George Munchus.

Others were present via telephone: Michael Johnson, General Manager; Iris Fisher, Derrick Murphy and Jeffrey Thompson, Assistant General Managers; Grace Amison, Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors; Vanessa Washington, Executive Assistant; Paul Lloyd, Human Resources Manager, Rick Jackson, Public Relations Manager and Spokesperson; and Marsha Hammonds, Information Technology Systems Support Supervisor; K. Mark Parnell, Parnell Thompson Law, LLC; Kelvin Howard, KWH, LLC.; Emory Anthony, Esq.; Patrick Flannelly, ARCADIS.

Inasmuch as a majority of the Board members were present, a quorum was in attendance.

Chairman Mims called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. Assistant General Manager Iris Fisher opened the meeting with prayer.

Next, Director Blankenship indicated that he wanted agenda items 2.2, 2.4, and 6.1 to be held for discussion before approving the agenda. In addition, he wanted to reword agenda item 8 to reflect that a contract would be approved later and separate from the memorandum of understanding for S’QUAD Consulting. Director Blankenship also stated that the language “*necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body*” should be removed from agenda item 8. Director Blankenship made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Dickerson seconded the motion. GM Johnson asked that agenda item 9 be presented at next week’s Finance Committee Meeting. Director Alexander entered the meeting via telephone at 11:38 a.m. Then, Director Blankenship amended his motion to approve the agenda except for agenda item 9, which was moved to the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting. Director Dickerson seconded. The amended agenda was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Mr. Lucien Blankenship and seconded by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson, that the Board hereby approves the Regular Board of Directors’ Meeting Agenda as amended. Resolution No. 8359 is hereby adopted by a unanimous roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director King, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes.”

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Following, GM Johnson asked the Board to approve the minutes of January 15, 2020, February 20, 2020, and March 11, 2020, as set forth in agenda items 1.1 through 1.3 respectively. The agenda items were unanimously approved by a roll call vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Dr. George Munchus, that the Board hereby approves minutes of the following meetings:

- 1.1 Regular Board of Directors’ Meeting held January 15, 2020
- 1.2 Regular Board of Directors’ Meeting held February 20, 2020
- 1.3 Regular Board of Directors’ Meeting held March 11, 2020

Resolution No. 8360 is hereby adopted by a unanimous roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director King, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes.”

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Next, GM Johnson asked the Board to approve payment of invoices for professional services, as set forth in agenda items 2.1 through 2.5, respectively. Director Blankenship asked that items be voted on separately. Therefore, GM Johnson asked the Board to approve payment of invoices from Dominick Feld Hyde, PC for professional services, as set forth in agenda items 2.1.1 through 2.1.3, respectively. The agenda items were unanimously approved by a roll call vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Ms. Deborah Clark, that the Board hereby authorizes staff to execute payment to the following:

- 2.1 Dominick Feld Hyde, PC
 - 2.1.1 For professional related to Other Benefit Plans (Longevity, Education, Etc.) performed January 6, 2020 through January 31, 2020 \$453.60
 - 2.1.2 For professional related to BWWB Pension Plan performed April 14, 2020 through April 20, 2020 in the amount of \$605.20
 - 2.1.3 For professional related to Other Benefit Plans (Longevity, Education, Etc.) performed February 4, 2020 through February 27, 2020 \$630.00

Resolution No. 8361 is hereby adopted by a unanimous roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director King, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes.”

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matter. Attorney Parnell stated a litigation summary had been previously provided to the Board, which provided detailed information. Per Attorney Parnell, as an attorney, he has an ethical obligation related to billing matters. In addition, there were some discussions on the number of personnel matters being handled by Mr. Parnell’s firm as opposed to having competent staff to handle issues in-house. Director Blankenship indicated his preference would be to table agenda item 2.4 until further information is provided. In a 6 to 3 roll call vote, the motion to table agenda item 2.4 failed. Director Alexander made a substitute motion to pay said invoice; however, the substitute was not honored, because it was the same as the original motion (to pay invoice). Following a motion and seconded on the original motion to pay said invoice, a roll call vote was taken with 6 in favor and 3 abstentions. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Mr. William “Butch” Burbage, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tommy J. Alexander, that the Board hereby authorizes staff to execute payment to the following:

2.4 Parnell Thompson, LLC
For professional services rendered for April 2020 \$89,190.00

Resolution No. 8364 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director King, Yes. Directors Muhammad, Blankenship, and Munchus abstained.”

Next, GM Johnson asked the Board to approve an invoice from ARCADIS US, Inc. for professional services, as set forth in agenda item 2.5. A roll call vote was taken with 8 votes in favor and 1 abstention. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Mr. William R. Muhammad and seconded by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson, that the Board hereby authorizes staff to execute payments to the following:

2.5 ARCADIS U.S., Inc.
For professional services performed per March 2020
progress report \$237,808.54

Resolution No. 8365 is hereby adopted by roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director King, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes. Director Blankenship abstained.”

Following, GM Johnson asked the Board to approve the BWWB’s proposed COVID-19 Employee Assistance Policy, effective May 4, 2020, as recommended by the Human Resources Committee; as set forth in agenda item 3. The Policy provides ten sick days to employees pertaining to the following categories in relation to COVID-19: (1) *Employee that is quarantined*

or sick (2) *Caring for immediate family member quarantined* and (3) *Caring for a Child due to School or Child Care Provider closure*. The employee would have to exhaust his/her available sick leave, before the additional 10 COVID sick days would be granted to employee. Once that time is exhausted the employee's vacation, comp time, and or other leave would be used. The employee would be paid at a regular base rate of pay. Employees in their introductory period would also be allowed to take accrued paid time off for reasons listed related to COVID-19. These provisions would apply from May 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The agenda item was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Ms. Deborah Clark, that the Board hereby approves the BWWB proposed COVID-19 Employee Assistance Policy, effective May 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020; as recommended by the Human Resources Committee. Resolution No. 8366 is hereby adopted by a unanimous roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director King, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes.”

Next, GM Johnson asked the Board to approve the proposed Emergency Pay Policy, effective June 1, 2020, as recommended by the Human Resources Committee, as set forth in agenda item 4. Director Muhammad made an amendment to agenda item 4. He made a motion for exempt employees to have the option to be paid or take time off for comp time earned from March 17, 2020 through May 3, 2020 during the pandemic/COVID-19. Director Munchus seconded. There was much discussion on the item. Eligible employees would be paid by the first pay period occurring after June 1st. Mr. Lloyd indicated he did not foresee an issue with exempt employees selling comp time in lieu of taking the time off. Director Muhammad stated he wanted equity for the exempt employees. GM Johnson was asked to confirm whether the expense was reimbursable to BWWB under the CARES Act. Per GM Johnson, the item would be submitted as an expense during the pandemic; however, he could not guarantee reimbursement. A roll call vote was taken with 5 votes in favor and 4 votes against. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Mr. William R. Muhammad and seconded by Dr. George Munchus, that the Board hereby approves the BWWB proposed Emergency Pay Policy, effective June 1, 2020; as recommended by the Human Resources Committee. Resolution No. 8367 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, No; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, No; Director Alexander, No; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director King, No; Director Munchus, Yes.”

Following, GM Johnson asked the Board to exercise its right to extend a 12-month contract to CJ Pressure Cleaning, Inc. as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee, as set forth in agenda item 5. A roll call vote was taken with 8 votes in favor. Director King was

not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. William R. Muhammad, that the Board hereby exercises its bid option to extend a 12-month contract to CJ Pressure Cleaning, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for Pressure Washing, per bid awarded March 27, 2019, at an annual estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$500,000.00. HUB Participation 100% (DBE), as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee; and to authorize the General Manager and/or the Assistant General Manager to execute a contract per Bid Specifications and Conditions. CJ Pressure Washing, Inc. is a HUB company. Resolution No. 8368 is hereby adopted by a unanimous roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes.”

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Next, GM Johnson asked the Board to take bids, as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee, as set forth in agenda items 6.1 and 6.2, respectively. Director Blankenship requested the vote be held on agenda item 6.1 as Director Munchus was having technical difficulties at the time. The Board agreed and proceeded to agenda item 6.2. Thus, GM Johnson asked the Board to take bids on BWWB Standard Patch Paving and Longitudinal/Transverse Paving Replacement, as set forth in agenda item 6.2. A roll call vote was taken with 6 votes in favor and 1 abstention. Directors King and Munchus were not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Ms. Deborah Clark, that the Board hereby authorizes staff to take bids on the following, as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee:

- 6.2 BWWB Standard Patch Paving and Longitudinal/Transverse Paving Replacement to be used within the limits of the Distribution and System Development Departments; necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body. May 2019 - bid awarded to Black Diamond, at an estimated amount of \$954,625.00.

Resolution No. 8369 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes. Director Blankenship abstained.”

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Following, GM Johnson asked the Board to award bids, as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee, as set forth in agenda items 7.1 through 7.4, respectively. Director Blankenship asked that items be voted on separately. The meeting was paused to reconnect Director Munchus to the meeting. The meeting resumed when Director Munchus was reconnected. GM Johnson asked the Board to award bid to Global Construction and

Engineering, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the relocation of Board facilities in conflict with ALDOT/Jefferson County Project along Patton Chapel Road in Hoover Alabama, as set forth in agenda item 7.1. Director Muhammad asked questions on HUB participation relating to contractors and subcontractors. AGM Murphy explained the process based on the item being an ALDOT project. A roll call vote was taken with 8 in favor. Director King was not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. William R. Muhammad, that the Board hereby authorizes staff to execute purchase orders and/or contracts for procurement of materials, services and supplies needed for the operation, construction, and maintenance of the water system to the following; as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee:

- 7.1 **Global Construction & Engineering, Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the relocation of Water Board facilities in conflict with ALDOT/Jefferson County Project No. STPBH 7020(601), Patton Chapel Road Widening – Hoover Topics (Crayrich Drive to Chapel Lane). This project includes the installation of approximately 40’ of 4” DICL pipe; 38’ of 6” DICL pipe; 140’ of 8” DICL pipe; 2,245’ of 12” DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 26 water services along Patton Chapel Road located in Hoover, Alabama this being at a bid amount of \$1,141,948.00; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$175,795.97; less ALDOT reimbursement totaling \$1,317,743.97 for an out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$0.00. HUB Participation 100% Sub Participation 5.8%.
Number of Bids: 3 Minority Vendor: Yes New Vendor: No

Resolution No. 8370 is hereby adopted by a unanimous roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes.”

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Next, GM Johnson asked the Board to take bids on the annual Landscaping Restoration throughout the limits of the BWWB Distribution System, as set forth in agenda item 6.1. Director Blankenship made a motion for the bid to be revisited for efficiency and sent back to the Engineering and Maintenance Committee for a possible vetted list of vendors and other options after reviewing the bid law to avoid any violations. AGM Murphy expressed concerns on the impact and explained the current process. Director Burbage stated his concerns of violating the bid law. He indicated that purchases above \$15,000.00 must be bid per bid law, and that bids are not allowed to be split. Afterwards, Director Munchus seconded. Attorney Parnell’s opinion was requested before voting on the matter. He stated that said agenda item complies with the bid law as it is currently put out to bid. However, if the Board is interested in doing the work differently, it is possible to prepare future work in a manner that is in line with the public works bid law. This particular contract is utilized throughout the year, and it is difficult to identify when services would be needed. Per Attorney Parnell, this type of work exceeds \$50,000.00, which places it under the public works bid law. AGM Murphy asked that said item be approved and to be given a year to research the issue. Director Blankenship withdrew his motion to table said item and Director

Munchus withdrew his second. Next, Director Dickerson made a motion to approve agenda item 6.1 as printed. Director Muhammad seconded. A roll call vote was taken with 6 votes in favor and 2 abstentions. Director King was not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. William R. Muhammad, that the Board hereby authorizes staff to take bids on the following, as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee:

- 6.1 The annual Landscaping Restoration throughout the limits of the BWWB Distribution System. May 2019 - bid awarded to Landscape Unlimited of Alabama, LLC., at an estimated amount of \$1,497,800.00.

Resolution No. 8371 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes. Directors Blankenship and Munchus abstained.”

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Following, a motion was made by Director Dickerson to discuss items 7.2, 7.3, and 7.4. Director Munchus seconded the motion. However, Director Munchus stated he would be abstaining on all 3 agenda items, as there are 5 questions that he needed the Board’s attorney to answer pertaining to the relationship of certain individuals. Director Clark expressed concerns towards Director Munchus on whether the information he was seeking would impact the Board and if it needed to be known by the Board, before placing a vote. Director Munchus stated that he could not discuss his questions in a public meeting. GM Johnson clarified that there was no known awareness of any information that has an impact on the responsiveness or whether said bidder is responsible as it relates to the proposal. GM Johnson then asked the Board to award bid to Rev Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for pipeline replacement along 33rd Street Ensley, 34th Street Ensley and Avenue “Q” Ensley located in the Ensley Community and the City of Birmingham, as set forth in agenda item 7.2. After a motion was made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with 6 votes in favor and 2 abstentions. Director King was not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. William “Butch” Burbage, Jr., that the Board hereby authorizes staff to execute purchase orders and/or contracts for procurement of materials, services and supplies needed for the operation, construction, and maintenance of the water system to the following; as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee:

- 7.2 **REV Construction, Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the replacement of approximately 820’ of 2” galvanized steel pipe and 1,440’ of 2” cast iron cement lined (CICL) pipe with approximately 1,580’ of 6” DICL pipe; 1,380’ of 8” DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 65 water services along 33rd Street Ensley, 34th Street Ensley and Avenue “Q” Ensley located in the Ensley Community of the City of Birmingham, Alabama at a bid amount of \$509,373.00;

plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$325,260.13; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$834,633.13. HUB Participation 32.2%.
Number of Bids: 9 Minority Vendor: No New Vendor: No

Resolution No. 8372 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes. Directors Blankenship and Munchus abstained.”

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Next, GM Johnson asked the Board to award bid to Rev Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for pipeline replacement along Monarch Avenue, Baker Drive, Park Street and Kingsbury Avenue located in the City of Birmingham, as set forth in agenda item 7.3. After a motion was made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with 5 votes in favor, 2 votes against and 1 abstention. Director King was not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson and seconded by Ms. Deborah Clark, that the Board hereby authorizes staff to execute purchase orders and/or contracts for procurement of materials, services and supplies needed for the operation, construction, and maintenance of the water system to the following; as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee:

- 7.3 **REV Construction, Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the replacement of approximately 3,040’ of 2” cast iron cement lined (CICL) pipe with approximately 1,780’ of 6” DICL pipe; 1,330’ of 8” DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 54 water services along Monarch Avenue; Baker Drive; Park Street and Kingsbury Avenue located in the City of Birmingham, Alabama at a bid amount of \$575,863.20; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$289,285.92; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$865,149.12. HUB Participation 31.9%.
Number of Bids: 9 Minority Vendor: No New Vendor: No

Resolution No. 8373 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Blankenship, No. Directors Muhammad and Munchus abstained.”

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Following, GM Johnson asked the Board to award bid to Rev Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for pipeline replacement along Court “R” Ensley located in the Ensley Community of the City of Birmingham, as set forth in agenda item 7.4. After a motion was made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with 5 votes in favor, 2 votes against and 1 abstention. Director King was not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Mr. William “Butch” Burbage, Jr. and seconded by Dr. Brenda J. Dickerson, that the Board hereby authorizes staff to execute purchase orders and/or contracts for procurement of materials, services and supplies needed for the operation, construction, and maintenance of the water system to the following; as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee:

- 7.4 **REV Construction, Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the replacement of approximately 2,110’ of 2” galvanized steel pipe / 2” unlined cast iron pipe and 600’ of 8” unlined cast iron pipe with approximately 2,660’ of 6” DICL pipe; 60’ of 4” DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 64 water services along Court “R” Ensley located in the Ensley Community of the City of Birmingham, Alabama at a bid amount of \$651,071.21; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$315,838.47; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$966,909.68. HUB Participation 32.6%.
Number of Bids: 9 Minority Vendor: No New Vendor: No

Resolution No. 8374 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, Yes; Director Burbage, Yes; Director Alexander, Yes; Director Blankenship, No. Directors Muhammad and Munchus abstained.”

Next, GM Johnson asked the Board to approve a memorandum of understanding with S’QUAD Consulting Associates, LLC., to provide America Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) consulting services to Community Water Systems (CWS) in Alabama, serving a population of less than 50,000, as set forth in agenda item 8. Director Blankenship reiterated that the memorandum is a separate item and requires a separate vote from a contract for said item. After confirming no contract was being approved, there was a motion made and seconded. A roll call vote was taken with 5 votes in favor and 3 votes against. Director King was not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Mr. Lucien Blankenship and seconded by Dr. George Munchus, that the Board hereby approve a memorandum of understanding with S’QUAD Consulting Associates, LLC., to provide America Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) consulting services to Community Water Systems (CWS) in Alabama, serving a population of less than \$50,000.00; and to authorize the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to execute said memorandum of understanding. Resolution No. 8375 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Clark, No; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, No; Director Alexander, No; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes.”

Following, agenda item 9, which requested the Board to hear the April 2020 Finance and Administration Division Report (*HUB & Overtime included*); necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body, was tabled for the Finance Committee Meeting.

Next, under new business, Director Muhammad stated that he wanted the Board to investigate accounts where the landlords rent property to customers (particularly single mothers) but refuse to fix leaks on the property. He wants the landlord to be charged instead of the tenant due to their refusal to fix leaks. GM Johnson suggested staff present information at the Communications Committee Meeting on the process relating to landlords, tenants, and BWB responsibility.

Following, under new business, Director Muhammad made a motion that no legal work be assigned without approval of the Board or Chair until further notice. Director Blankenship seconded. A roll call vote was taken with 5 votes in favor, 2 votes against. Directors Clark and Director King were not present for the vote. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

“BE IT RESOLVED By The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (“the Board”), on a motion duly made by Mr. William R. Muhammad and seconded by Mr. Lucien Blankenship, that the Board hereby approves that no legal work be assigned without approval of the Board or Chair. Resolution No. 8376 is hereby adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Director Mims, Yes; Director Dickerson, Yes; Director Muhammad, Yes; Director Burbage, No; Director Alexander, No; Director Blankenship, Yes; Director Munchus, Yes.”

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Lastly, Director Muhammad suggested having a live social distancing meeting and live stream to the public.

As there was no further business before the Board, Director Burbage made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll vote. Chairman Mims adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

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Ronald A. Mims
Chairman/President

Attest:
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William R. Muhammad
Secretary-Treasurer