

**MINUTES**  
**Colorado Springs Utilities Special Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023**

**Utilities Board members present via Microsoft Teams or Blue River Conference Room:**

Chair Wayne Williams, Vice Chair Mike O'Malley, Dave Donelson, Randy Helms, Bill Murray, Nancy Henjum, Stephannie Fortune, Tom Strand and Yolanda Avila

**Staff members present via Microsoft Teams or Blue River Conference Room:** Renee Adams, Andie Buhl and Bethany Schoemer

**City of Colorado Springs staff members present via Microsoft Teams or Blue River Conference Room:** Bethany Burgess and Tracy Lessig

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Wayne Williams called the special Utilities Board meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. and Ms. Andie Buhl, Utilities Board Administrator, called the roll.

**2. Executive Session**

Ms. Bethany Burgess, City Attorney – Division Chief, read the following language to enter Executive Session:

*In accordance with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), (c), (e), (f), and (g) and Utilities Board Bylaw Rules 10(c)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), the Utilities Board, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves conferences with the City Attorney's Office for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state law or rules and regulations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators, a personnel matter, and consideration of documents protected by the mandatory nondisclosure provisions of part 2 of article 72 of title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, all involving the Chief Executive Officer position.*

*The City Attorney's Office, on behalf of the Chair of the Utilities Board, shall poll the Utilities Board members, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may conduct a Closed Executive Session. In the event any Utilities Board member is participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session, each Utilities Board member participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session shall affirmatively state for the record that no other member of the*

*public not authorized to participate in the electronic Closed Executive Session is present or able to hear the matters discussed as part of the Closed Executive Session. If consent to the Closed Executive Session is not given, the item may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.*

Ms. Burgess called the roll and polled the Utilities Board. They voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 12:11 p.m. The Board took a break at 1:39 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 1:42 p.m.

**3. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.