

***KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

The Knox County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Street. Those members present were Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs. Commissioner Beeler was present electronically via zoom. Also present were Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, Mr. Zack Webb, Director for the Knox County Information Technology Department, and Mr. Chris Caldwell, Knox County Finance Director.

Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, presided.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:

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**IN RE: CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, called the meeting to order.

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**IN RE: ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Angie Nesbitt, Clerk Recorder, called the roll.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION WITH THE ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:**

Consideration of the re-organization of the Knox County Commission with the election of Chair and Vice-Chair was before the Board of Commissioners.

Upon roll call for nominations for Chair of the Knox County Commission, Commissioner Lundy nominated Commissioner Jay. Commissioner Durrett passed. Commissioner Smith passed. Commissioner Ward nominated Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Schoonmaker passed. Commissioner Hill passed. Commissioner Busler passed. Commissioner Beeler passed. Commissioner Dailey passed. Commissioner Jay passed. Commissioner Biggs passed.

Commissioner Dailey moved that the nominations cease.

Commissioner Schoonmaker seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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Upon roll call for Chair of the Knox County Commission, Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, and Jay voted for Commissioner Jay. Commissioners Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill and Biggs

voted for Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Jay received 6 votes.  
Commissioner Smith received 5 votes.

Commissioner Larsen Jay was elected Chair for the Knox County  
Commission.

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At this time, Ms. Witt, Knox County Clerk, stepped down from the  
Chair and Commissioner Jay, Chairman, presided.

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Upon roll call for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Knox County  
Commission, Commissioner Lundy nominated Commissioner Smith.  
Commissioner Durrett nominated Commissioner Schoonmaker. Commissioner  
Smith passed. Commissioner Ward passed. Commissioner Schoonmaker passed.  
Commissioner Hill passed. Commissioner Busler passed. Commissioner Beeler  
passed. Commissioner Dailey passed. Commissioner Jay nominated  
Commissioner Dailey. Commissioner Biggs passed.

Commissioner Biggs moved that the nominations cease.  
Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

At this time, Commissioner Smith withdrew his name from  
nomination.

Upon roll call vote of the motion to cease nominations,  
Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler,  
Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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Upon roll call for Vice-Chair of the Knox County Commission,  
Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Dailey, Jay and  
Biggs voted for Commissioner Schoonmaker. Commissioners Busler and Beeler  
passed. Commissioner Schoonmaker received 9 votes.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker was elected Vice-Chair for the  
Knox County Commission.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION  
OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO  
THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION  
(STANDING COMMITTEES NOT COMPOSED OF THE ENTIRE  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDE THE RULES  
COMMITTEE, COURT SUBCOMMITTEE, INSOLVENCY BOARD AND  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE) - R-20-9-101-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County,  
Tennessee, appointing Commissioners to the Standing Committees of the Knox  
County Commission (Standing Committees not composed of the entire

membership of the Commission include the Rules Committee, Court Subcommittee, Insolvency Board and Legislative Affairs Committee) was before the Board of Commissioners.

See Page \_\_\_\_\_ for the motion on Resolution R-20-9-101-SS.

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A brief recess was taken at this time and the Cable TV Committee elected its Chair and Vice-Chair as follows:

Cable TV Committee: Commissioner Beeler - Chair; Commissioner Hill - Vice-Chair.

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The Board of Commissioner's meeting reconvened at this time.

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The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Court Subcommittee: Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Hill, Dailey and Biggs.

Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

Commissioner Smith moved that the nominations cease and that Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Hill, Dailey and Biggs be appointed to the Court Subcommittee by acclamation. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Insolvency Board: Commissioners Busler, Beeler, Jay and Biggs.

Commissioner Schoonmaker moved that Commissioners Busler, Beeler, Jay and Biggs be appointed to the Insolvency Board. Commissioner Durrett seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Legislative Affairs Committee: Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Schoonmaker, Busler and Dailey.

Commissioner Smith moved that the nominations cease and that Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Schoonmaker, Busler and Dailey be appointed to the Legislative Affairs Committee by acclamation. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Rules Committee: Commissioners Lundy, Hill, Busler, Dailey and Jay.

Commissioner Biggs moved that Commissioners Lundy, Hill, Busler, Dailey and Jay be appointed to the Rules Committee. Commissioner Schoonmaker seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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A brief recess was taken at this time and the following committees convened and elected its Chair and Vice-Chair as follows:

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Court Subcommittee: Commissioner Dailey - Chair; Commissioner Hill - Vice-Chair.

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Finance Committee: Commissioner Smith – Chair; Commissioner Ward – Vice-Chair.

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Insolvency Committee: Commissioner Busler – Chair; Commissioner Biggs – Vice-Chair.

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Legislative Affairs Committee: Commissioner Schoonmaker – Chair; Commissioner Dailey – Vice-Chair.

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Rules Committee: Commissioner Busler – Chair; Commissioner Dailey – Vice-Chair.

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The Board of Commissioner's meeting reconvened at this time.

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Commissioner Hill moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-101-SS – Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioners to the Standing Committees of the Knox County Commission (Standing Committees not composed of the entire membership of the Commission include the Rules Committee, Court Subcommittee, Insolvency Board and Legislative Affairs Committee). Commissioner Busler seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF KNOX COUNTY ALONG WITH THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION - R-20-9-102-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing a commissioner to serve on the Board of Directors of the Development Corporation of Knox County along with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner Biggs. There were no other nominations.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-102-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, reappointing Commissioner Justin Biggs to serve on the Board of Directors of the Development Corporation of Knox County along with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING FOR THE COMMISSION'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021 AND APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING THREE (3) COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON SAID COMMITTEE - R-20-9-103-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, providing for the Commission's continued participation in the Joint Education Committee through August 31, 2021 and appointing/reappointing three (3) commissioners to serve on said Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Schoonmaker nominated Commissioner Durrett.

Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-103-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, providing for the Commission's continued participation in the Joint Education Committee through August 31, 2021 and reappointing Commissioners Richie Beeler and Carson Dailey; and appointing Commissioners Dasha Lundy and Courtney Durrett to serve on said Committee. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON THE KNOX COUNTY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE ALONG WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION - R-20-9-104-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing a commissioner to serve on the Knox County Investment Committee along with the Chair of the Commission was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Biggs nominated Commissioner Ward. There were no other nominations.

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-104-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Kyle Ward to serve on the Knox County Investment Committee along with the Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Jay seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING THREE (3) COMMISSIONERS TO THE KNOX COUNTY RETIREMENT AND PENSION BOARD - R-20-9-105-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing three (3) commissioners to the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner Ward. Commissioner Dailey nominated Commissioner Busler.

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-105-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, reappointing Commissioner Randy Smith; and appointing Commissioners Kyle Ward and Charles Busler to the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER RANDY SMITH ON THE KNOX COUNTY AUDIT**

**COMMITTEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO COMPLETE THE UNFULFILLED TERM OF COMMISSIONER RANDY SMITH ON SAID COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS TO THE KNOX COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE – R-20-9-106-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the resignation of Commissioner Randy Smith on the Knox County Audit Committee, appointing a commissioner to complete the unfulfilled term of Commissioner Randy Smith on said committee and appointing/reappointing two (2) commissioners to the Knox County Audit Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner Schoonmaker. Commissioner Dailey nominated Commissioner Beeler. Commissioner Biggs nominated Commissioner Lundy. Commissioner Lundy withdrew her name from nomination and nominated Commissioner Ward. Commissioner Ward withdrew his name from nomination and nominated Commissioner Jay.

Commissioner Dailey moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-106-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the resignation of Commissioner Randy Smith on the Knox County Audit Committee, appointing a commissioner to complete the unfulfilled term of Commissioner Randy Smith on said committee and appointing/reappointing two (2) commissioners to the Knox County Audit Committee with the amendment to revise the caption to read as follows:

Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the resignation of Commissioner Randy Smith on the Knox County Audit Committee, reappointing Commissioner John Schoonmaker; and appointing Commissioners Richie Beeler and Larson Jay to the Knox County Audit Committee.

Commissioner Durrett seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AN UNFULFILLED TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021 ON THE AREA USE COMMITTEE - R-20-9-107-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a commissioner to serve an unfulfilled term expiring

December 31, 2021 on the Area Use Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Busler nominated Commissioner Dailey. There were no other nominations.

Commissioner Beeler moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-107-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Dailey to serve an unfulfilled term expiring December 31, 2021 on the Area Use Committee. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AN UNFILLED TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021 ON THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COMMITTEE - R-20-9-108-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a commissioner to serve an unfilled term expiring December 31, 2021 on the Agricultural Extension Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Schoonmaker nominated Commissioner Jay. There were no other nominations.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-108-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Jay to serve an unfilled term expiring December 31, 2021 on the Agricultural Extension Committee. Commissioner Beeler seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CONFIRMING THE KNOX COUNTY MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER RICHIE BEELER TO THE KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION - R-20-9-109-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, confirming the Knox County Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Richie Beeler to the Knox County Public Records Commission was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-109-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, confirming the Knox County Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Richie Beeler to the Knox County



Public Records Commission. Commissioner Busler seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO THE EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFITS COMMITTEE - R-20-9-110-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing a commissioner to the Employee Insurance Benefits Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Biggs nominated Commissioner Durrett.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-110-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Durrett to the Employee Insurance Benefits Committee. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE KNOX COUNTY MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER KYLE WARD FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE THREE RIDGES GOLF BOARD - R-20-9-111-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Knox County Mayor's recommendation of Commissioner Kyle Ward for appointment to the Three Ridges Golf Board was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Resolution R-20-9-111-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Knox County Mayor's recommendation of Commissioner Kyle Ward for appointment to the Three Ridges Golf Board. Commissioner Biggs seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:**

At this time, there was discussion regarding the following items:

(1) Ad Hoc Committee to serve as a liaison between the Sheriff's Department and the Merit Council.

(2) Clarification information for the CAC Committee; and the Knox County Ethics Committee.

Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE:**      **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Knox County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Jay declared the meeting adjourned.

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***KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

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***LARSEN JAY, CHAIRMAN***