

## Council Meeting Staff Report

June 8, 2021

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**Agenda No.:** 1)  
**Indexes (Council Goals):** \* 2021 Council Goal - N/A  
**Presenters:** County Council - Regular Session; James Robinson  
**Legislative File:** 14203-21

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### Title

Board/Commission Appointment(s) - Board of Public Utilities.

### Recommended Action

**I nominate Daniel Holladay (D), David Sarnowski (R), and Cornell Wright ( I ) to fill one vacancy on the Board of Public Utilities and move that Council appoint one nominee to the vacant position as follows:**

**By roll call vote, Councilors vote for one nominee, and the nominee with the highest total of four or more votes will be appointed to fill the term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30th, 2026.**

### Body

The purpose of this item is to fill one vacancy on the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

This vacancy represents a partial term currently held by Mr. Cornell Wright, which will end on June 30, 2021. Mr. Wright replaced Ms. Kathleen Taylor, who was appointed to her first term on July 1, 2016 and resigned on June 17, 2020. Ms. Taylor replaced Mr. David Powell, who served one full term.

This five-member board serves staggered five-year terms beginning July 1st and ending June 30th. The current members (and party affiliations) are: Stephen McLin (R), Eric Stromberg (R), Stephen Tobin (D), Carrie Walker (D) and Cornell Wright ( I ).

Party affiliations are noted as [D] Democrat, [R] Republican, [ I ] Independent, [G] Green, [L] Libertarian, [DTS] Declined to State, and [N] Not Registered to Vote.

Appointing any of the nominees will not violate the County Charter restriction concerning political party majorities on Boards and Commissions. Given the current makeup of the Board of Public Utilities, nominees may have any party affiliation.

All applicant party affiliations have been verified with the Clerk's Office and the BPU appointment process is outlined in Attachment A.

### The following applicants are presented to Council for their consideration:

Daniel Holladay (D) - new applicant  
David Sarnowski (R) - new applicant  
Cornell Wright (I) - incumbent

**All of the applicants were interviewed on May 6, 2021. The interview committee was comprised of the following:**

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Stephen McLin, BPU Vice-chair  
James Robinson, BPU Council Liaison  
David Reagor, Councilor  
Philo Shelton, Utilities Manager

**After careful consideration, the interview committee recommends Cornell Wright to fill the vacancy on the Board of Public Utilities.**

**Attachments**

- A - Appointment Process for BPU
- B - BPU Vacancy Brochure
- C - Board of Public Utilities Member List
- D - Application Packet for Daniel Holladay
- E - Application Packet for David Sarnowski
- F - Application Packet for Cornell Wright
- G - Interview Committee Recommendation Form