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	ANAT, ESQUIRE OPHER GARRETT, ESQUIRE	2	BY MR. GRANAT:
	J. POWELL, ESQUIRE	3	Q Good morning.
	HARRELL, ESQUIRE	4	A Good morning.
	EODORESCU, ESQUIRE	5	MR. MULLEN: Good morning, Sean. A couple of
	LIPS, ESQUIRE	6	preliminaries for the record because I think we
	General Counsel Duval Street, Suite 480	7	ended with some discussion of text messages and -
	lle, FL 32202	8	that I provided those to you. We were able to
7	200 <b>€</b> =.─○5555555)	9	process them and provided them to your office last
8		10	night. And I think that is — I know that is all
	CES FOR OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL:		The second of th
	INE L. NINS, INVESTIGATOR Inspector General-City of Jacksonville	11	of the text messages that Aaron has on his phone.
	Forsyth Street, Suite 470	12	So I think we have made that production. I
	lle, FL 32202	13	wanted to make sure that we have that and put it on
12		14	the record.
13		15	You did receive it?
14 15 ALSO PRES	ENT: JOHN MULLEN, ESQUIRE	16	MR. GRANAT: I did.
	ACOB R. PEEK, ESQUIRE	17	MR. MULLEN: All right.
J. J.	,	18	I also wanted to note that obviously Mr. Zahn
J. J.		19	has asked excuse me, has answered questions
		1 00	about all the documents you've put in front of him.
16 17 18		20	
16 17 18 19		20	Most of the documents were not provided to us ahead
16 17 18 19 20		21	Most of the documents were not provided to us ahead of time, and I know that you did provide some, but
16 17 18 19		21 22	of time, and I know that you did provide some, but
16 17 18 19 20		21 22 23	of time, and I know that you did provide some, but with respect to the ones that Mr. Zahn did not have
16 17 18 19 20 21		21 22	of time, and I know that you did provide some, but

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1	Garrity rights statement where Item Number 1 does	1	Q Would you have expected the CFO to let you
2	say "You have the right to be informed of the	2	know that there was perhaps a problem with the PUP
3	allegations involved," unquote. And Mr. Zahn has	3	formula?
4	given full and forthright testimony and will	4	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the
5	continue to do so today with the caveat that he has	5	question.
6	not had the opportunity to review some documents	6	You can answer.
7	ahead of time.	7	A I don't know if this means there's a problem
В	Ironically, perhaps, I have noticed that all	8	to the formula or the attorneys were miscalculating. I
9	or nearly all the documents that were shown	9	have no idea what this email means. I wasn't part of
10	yesterday and were used as exhibits happened to be	10	the conversation.
11	part of a public records request that I made on	11	Q Okay. And so on August 23rd, she continues
12	January 10 of 2020, 12 days ago now, for which	12	and says, "Do you have any PUP formula calculations that
13	we've received very little response.	13	you can share with us? It would be helpful to see your
14	I understand that there were many items	14	calculations, even if rough, so that we can reconcile
15	requested. If we had received those pursuant to	15	the calculations to the formula and adjust the formula
16	our PRR, we would have had that opportunity to	16	and the PUP, if necessary."
17	review them ahead of time.	17	Do you know if Mr. Wannemacher ever produced
18	In any event, Mr. Zahn is here to conclude the	18	any PUP calculations?
19	interview today and move forward.	19	A Not to my knowledge.
20	MR. GRANAT: Okay.	20	Q So do you know whether or how the situation
21	BY MR. GRANAT:	21	was resolved as far as this is concerned?
22	Q Mr. Zahn, having heard your attorney say that,	22	A Post July 23rd, again, I relied on my chief
23	having a chance to reflect on yesterday and having seen	23	administrative officer, my chief financial officer, my
24	any documents that you say you hadn't had a chance to	24	president and chief operating officer, my vice president
25	see before, is there anything you want to clarify about	25	of HR, the OGC and all counsel that continued the
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1	questions about the documents?	1	diligence that we talked at length about yesterday.
2	A No.	2	Q Okay. I just wanted to know if you were aware
3	Q Would you look in Exhibit 7, the Diamond	3	of that.
4	hearing notebook, Page 640?	4	A I was not aware of this one,
5	MR. MULLEN: Do you know what tab that is,	5	Q Okay. Thank you.
6	Scan?	6	Did you have something called an executive
7	It's all right. I found it. It's Tab 46.	7	leadership team?
8	BY MR. GRANAT:	8	A No, but I had my direct reports.
9	Q Actually, if you look at Page 642, it's all a	9	Q So who were your direct reports?
10	big email string. But I want to ask you about the email	10	A Ryan Wannemacher, Herschel Vinyard, Melissa
11	on Page 642 dated Friday, August 23rd, 2019. It's from	11	Dykes, and ultimately Shawn Eads.
12	Jessica Lutrin to Ryan Wannemacher.	12	Q Okay.
13	Would you just read that email?	13	A And La Trece Bartley.
14	A Okay.	14	Q Were they all part of the senior leadership
15	Q You see where Jessica Lutrin informs Ryan	15	team as well?
16	Wannemacher that she spoke to Michael Kirwan at Foley,	16	A Yes.
17	and based on his calculations the PUP formula is	17	Q Okay. But they were your direct reports. You
18	spitting out much larger numbers than we anticipated?	18	didn't refer to that as an executive leadership team?
	A That's what the email says.	19	A No.
19		1	Q Was there a restricted computer drive or
19 20	Q That's what it says.	20	Q mas diete a restricted comparer diffe or
	Q That's what it says.  Were you aware of that?	21	restricted computer file that only you and your direct
20		1	38-74   1   1   2   2   3   3   3   3   3   3   3   3
20 21	Were you aware of that?	21	restricted computer file that only you and your direct
20 21 22	Were you aware of that?  A No.	21 22	restricted computer file that only you and your direct reports had access to?
20 21 22 23	Were you aware of that?  A No.  Q Did Ryan Wannemacher ever let you know he had	21 22 23	restricted computer file that only you and your direct reports had access to?  A So there was a file on the G-DRIVE. I don't

2	Page 285		Page 287
1	I don't remember the name of the file. Actually, I	1	A We gave it back immediately I gave it to
2	think it probably was called executive team, correct.	2	Jake Peek immediately upon December 18th, and he
3	Q It was a folder within the G-DRIVE?	3	returned it to JEA.
4	A Yeah.	4	Q It was returned to JEA?
5	Q But you don't know if there was limited access	5	A Yeah.
6	or not?	6	MR. PEEK: It was.
7	A No. Actually, I didn't control access to the	7	MR. GRANAT: Okay. Because well, the
8	to the G-DRIVE folders.	8	public records person says that they don't have it,
9	Q Did you ever ask for limited access to be put	9	but
10	on the folder?	10	MR. PEEK: Sean, my paralegal coordinated
11	A So I asked that we have the appropriate access	11	handing it over. I'm happy to get the name of who
12	for SLT and other folders so but I didn't control	12	she gave it to and
13	any - who had the access.	13	MR. GRANAT: Okay. That's fine. We'll work
14	Q So what was kept in the executive team folder?	14	it out. Sounds like that they have it over there
15	A So there was I believe there would be a	15	and they need to track it down. Just wanted
16	folder for all the different just working documents	16	THE WITNESS: Part of my contract said return
17	that people would use. Each individual would have their	17	all property immediately and I did.
18	own folder. I know there's a team does folder that	18	BY MR. GRANAT:
19	would have different PowerPoints and presentations and	19	Q And you've done that. Okay.
20	things like that.	20	Now, it's been reported that you frequently
21	Q Did you work off of the G-DRIVE?	21	used an iPad
22	A Yeah.	22	A Yes.
23	Q Okay. Was there was there any other drive	23	O – for work?
24	on the JEA system that you would use or save information	24	Was that your own personal iPad?
25	to?	25	A Correct.
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1	A Yes. There's an SLT folder.	1	Q Did you save files and JEA work product to
2	O Within the G-DRIVE?	2	your iPad?
3	A Yeah.	3	A No. What I would do is, I would take mostly
4	Q Okay.	4	personal notes on my iPad. To the extent I was asked to
5	A I think it's the G-DRIVE. Again, I think it	5	provide comment to a PowerPoint, I would PDF the
6	would be called the G-DRIVE. And then there would also	6	PowerPoint and then I would make comments on the on
7	be a drive that directors and managers would use to	7	the iPad in a PDF format, and then resend it to the
8	communicate information, and they would each have their	8	person that was asking for comments.
9	own individual folders. And so if I was working with	9	But I wouldn't save I wouldn't actually
	communications on a presentation for something with, you	10	save, you know, work product on my iPad. Does that mak
10	know, David Goldberg, I'd work I'd save something to	11	1/15
10			
11			Sense?
11 12	David Goldberg's file, or if, you know, Juli Crawford,	12	Q It does. And we requested any documents that
11 12 13	David Goldberg's file, or if, you know, Juli Crawford, rates and planning had — was doing something around	12 13	Q It does. And we requested any documents that you might still have, and you've produced
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1	A Yes.	1	A I don't know how to do that, but I'll try.
2	Q Okay. Because I'm not able to access those,	2	Q Okay.
3	and it's probably just because I don't know how to	3	A PII ask somebody for advice on how to do
4	access them. But approximately how many text messages	4	that.
5	was it that you provided yesterday?	5	Q Okay. And I'm sure that we could provide
6	MR. MULLEN: 1 can testify. 1 think it was	6	assistance from JEA if you need help with that
7	about 20 roughly.	7	A Again
8	BY MR. GRANAT:	8	Q as well.
9	Q Okay. And were those all messages that were	9	A most you know, I did not try to conduct
10	sent within the last 30 days?	10	any JEA business on JEA on text message. Any JEA
11	A Yeah.	11	business that I normally conducted would be on GroupMe
12	Q Okay.	12	which we coordinated through OGC to retain those files.
13	A And by the way, for the record, once 1	13	Q Right. But I do believe there are some
14	realized the setting, I changed the setting back.	14	business-related texts, and to the extent that they were
15	Q So you - so when did you do that?	15	made, they're public records. So we'd like a good
16	A When he asked for the text messages and I	16	effort made
17	started looking through my phone for text messages and	17	A Oh, absolutely.
18	noticed the issue, I tried to figure out why there was	18	O to retrieve those. Okay.
19	an issue and went in and started figuring out	19	The copy I showed you a copy of I don't
20	Q So are you saying that you looked in your —	20	remember what exhibit it was, but it was a list it
21	you said you had a rather new iPhone 11.	21	was a series of texts between you and Mike Hightower.
22	A Yeah.	22	Do you recall that?
23	Q And when you looked in it you saw that it was	23	A Can you point me to the exhibit, what number
24	actually set to delete texts after 30 days?	24	it was?
25	A There's a 30-day setting and so 1	25	Q It would have been one of the later exhibits.
1	Page 290  Q And that was clicked and checked?	1	Page 292  MR. POWELL: It was the last exhibit of the
2	A Not checked or clicked. It was just that's	2	day, 28.
3	how it was, and so I looked at it. And I'm not aware of	3	THE WITNESS: Okay.
4	that type of setting, but		
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2	A Okay.	2	analysis.
3	Q And the gist of this letter is your	3	And I said, well, you know, Jason, we're now
4	announcement that the PUP is going to be put on hold	4	four or five months into this, and if that's - if where
5	A And killed.	5	we are is that there's so many outstanding questions and
6	Q - indefinitely?	6	we've had special counsel looking at this and we have AG
7	A And killed.	7	looking at this, I said, then let's just be done with
8	Q Why is the letter addressed to Jason Gabriel?	8	it. And I said, it's not material.
9	A So I talked to the Chair as well as - so I	9	And as I as I mentioned yesterday, you
10	talked to April Green as the Chair and I talked to	10	know, I started to realize the very real impact that
11	Camille Lee-Johnson, and this is a direct result of the	11	Scenarios 3, 4, and 5 might have on the performance unit
12	November 5th, you know, call it output and then a series	12	plan and so decided to kill it, which is why the
13	of discussions with Jason. And it was determined to be	13	second-to-last paragraph says, you know
14	appropriate. I copied and I copied all the board of	14	Q Right. But a long-term incentive plan was
15	directors on this letter as well.	15	important to you to be included as part of the comp then
16	Q Okay. So you've why wouldn't the	16	for JEA; correct?
17	announcement that the PUP was going to be killed be	17	A Correct.
18	written and addressed to the board as opposed to	18	Q And so on November 12th, you made a decision
19	Jason Gabriel?	19	to scrap the long-term incentive plan because you were
20	A It was cc'd to the board and it was discussed	20	pursuing Scenario 3, the privatization; is that right?
21	with the board and it was discussed with Jason that	21	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the
22	this would be the appropriate path to do it, and then	22	question.
23	that's how we did it. And then what we talked about	23	A 1 made a decision based upon good advice from
24	with April Green was that she would bring it up as a -	24	counsel and advice from advisers and discussion with the
25	at the next available board meeting to actually take	25	Chair of my board and the Chair of my comp committee and
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Q - the PUP plan would be moot?

A For incentivizing employees from a long-term behavior perspective. The idea of the long-term incentive plan was to drive long-term behaviors and 50 ---

Q Now, shouldn't you have known that on July 23rd when the PUP plan was put before the board?

MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the question.

A I don't know.

Q I mean, shouldn't diligence have been done by you and your team and your CFO on running numbers on seeing what would happen based on different scenarios that you were asking the board to consider before you presented the PUP to the board for passage? A I guess that's kind of the same question back

to OGC about the letter that they signed on July 22nd

1 you chose to not have those resolved and know the 2 answers to those before you presented the PUP to the

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A Part of it is I received direction from the board in June to bring them back a plan to be approved in July.

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Q The board was pushing this to go forward?

A I didn't say that. I said I had that direction. But at the end of the day I also knew that, you know -- that there's no reason why you can't continue to do diligence and if you see an issue, bring it back. That happens all the time in business.

CEOs will, you know, bring materials in front of a board, say, you know, here's some options, here's the direction I would like to head. The board will say we authorize you to take such steps as necessary to implement, and if through the course of implementation or further diligence you find something, you go back and say, you know, we found something.

Q Did you appreciate a difference in the way business is conducted in the private sector and in the way that business is conducted as a public entity?

A There are a myriad of differences, sure. But I don't think that this specific policy issue is one that would have any difference in how you would conduct

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that says, hey, we authorized this all, but we want to do more diligence. I mean, we did -- you know, we got

3 the approval -- because at the June board meeting, the

4 board said - gave us a direction to come back with a

5 formal plan in July. That's part of the minutes of the

6 June board meeting.

> In July we came back with a formal plan. Were there a lot of checks that had to -- checks and balances that still needed to be completed? Absolutely, and that's exactly what we did.

Q Why not do all those checks and balances before you asked the board to pass it?

A Same reason as I mentioned -- you know, the board passed signing a \$70-plus million long-term lease with the Ryan company before having a formal lease. They had a form of a lease that they approved.

The board passes a lot of direction that is policy related and then relies on management to either implement it, or if they see a problem, come back to the board and say, here's an issue. That's normal

21 business --

O Well --

23 A -- course.

Q - I'm just asking you, as the CEO, if there 24 25 was so many outstanding questions about the PUP, why did Page 300

1 yourself. I think, you know, you're making policy 2 decisions. That's neither right nor wrong. That's just 3 policy decisions.

> Q The way that the PUP was passed after you did - after July 23rd, after you completed whatever diligence that you decided had to be completed, you could initiate the PUP plan and issue - and issue PUP units without going back to the board; correct?

A No, I could not.

MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: No, I could not. The plan administrator was the delegated board member that actually administered the plan.

BY MR. GRANAT:

Q Without going back to the full board?

A That's what the board authorized through their resolution was to delegate that authority to the plan

Q And so knowing there were a lot of questions, a lot more diligence to be done, you presented the PUP to the board. It was passed, and from that point you were able to initiate the PUP with the compensation

A It's no different than the pension bill which

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1 required a whole lot of diligence and work with City 2 Council in order to get that approved or - and OGC or the retention plans which needed to be collectively bargained.

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I mean, yeah, I appreciate your line of questioning, but there's, you know, a lot of things the board would pass that you have to complete a thorough set of analyses and diligence before you ever move forward. And then as a CEO, if that analysis and diligence with your appropriate consultants and advisers says that you have a difference of kind of what you thought the intent was, you can either kill it or you can go back to the board. So I don't know what the issue is there.

Q Well, but you didn't answer my question. And my question is, did you know there was a lot of questions and a lot of diligence to still be done on the PUP, and knowing that, present it to the board, which they passed, and then all you would need to do to initiate the PUP is to work with the compensation Chair? MR. MULLEN: For the record, Mr. Zahn did

22 answer your previous question. Now you've stated a 23 new question.

24 A That's exactly how the resolution read, so 25 yes, that the board approved.

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- at OGC had had the opportunity. And so this exact memo was the work product that they chose to produce.
  - Q And so your testimony is you didn't request this memo from Jason?
    - A 1 requested written authorization to proceed.
- Q And didn't -- did you direct Herschel Vinyard to go and retrieve this memo and bring it to you?
  - A Herschel Vinyard is my chief administrative officer and oversees all legal elements so he was the person that would handle that issue.
- Q But did you ask Herschel to go get this memo from Jason Gabriel for you prior to July 23rd?

13 MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the question.

> A Not in a direct -- I just said, look, I need -- I need -- I need written authorization -- it's completely appropriate to make sure that your general counsel signs off on anything that you're going to present to your board and ask for them to vote on.

> A great example of that would be Vogtle where apparently we never had the proper - the CEO at the time never had the proper authority to move forward.

Q So I'm just asking -- let me ask this. Did Herschel Vinyard hand you or produce to you this memo?

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1 And I'd refer you to Resolution 2019-10 which 2 lays that all out in very clear and concise language that the board reviewed and ultimately voted on. 3 MR. POWELL: Do you need it? 4

MR. GRANAT: I want to refer to it. I think it's in here.

7 BY MR. GRANAT:

Q I'm going to ask you to look in Exhibit 7, the 8 Diamond materials. In Tab 5, Page 344. 9

A Okay.

Q This is the July 22nd memo that Jason Gabriel 11 12 wrote.

A Sure. 17

14 Q Didn't you personally request that

15 Jason Gabriel write this memo?

> A No, I did not personally request that he write this memo. I personally requested that any actions that were going to be taken on July 23rd by the board contemplated -- whether that was implementation of Scenario 2, that I wanted to make sure OGC had done a thorough and full review so that all the appropriate authorities were in place.

And I understood the gravity of the July 23rd meeting, and so absolutely wanted to make sure that Jason and Lawsikia and anybody who needed to review it Page 304

- A It would be either Herschel or Lynne that would have given me this.
  - Q And when we say "this," it's Exhibit 344.

Yeah.

5 Q Were you provided this from either Herschel or 6 Lynne before July 23rd, 2019?

A Not that I'm aware of. 22nd, 2019?

Q Did you get this memo, 344, and read it before the board meeting on July 23rd?

A I was provided it on July 22nd.

O And did you read it on July 22nd?

Again, this is not related just to PUPs. It's related to the ITN. It's related to the employment agreements. It was related to a lot of things. It was related to all the actions that the board was contemplating including implementation of Scenario 2.

Q You were put on administrative leave on December 17th, I believe. Since that time -- let me ask

You know that the board charged OGC with an investigation --

A I do.

Q - right?

Are you aware of the names of any of the

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1	people that we've interviewed?	1	Q When was that?
2	A I guess you've interviewed the senior	2	A It would be between the 17th and the end of
3	leadership team members.	3	the year.
4	Q Well, I'm asking, do you know for a fact who	4	Q Did you discuss any conversations Jon may have
5	we've interviewed so far? Do you know of anyone that	5	had
6	you know we've interviewed?	6	A No.
7	MR. MULLEN: I'll instruct the witness to	7	Q with OGC?
8	answer only to the extent he has knowledge that has	8	A No. It was very directed at healthcare,
9	not come from an attorney his attorney.	9	because my son had surgery and trying to deal with kind
10	So if you can answer that question without	10	of healthcare and insurance-related matters.
11	referring to information that you've learned only	11	Q When's the last time you've had any
12	from your attorney	12	communication with Steve Amdur?
13	THE WITNESS: From you?	13	A Year end. He called to check in on me and see
14	MR. MULLEN: then you can answer. Yes.	14	how I was doing.
15	THE WITNESS: Then no.	15	Q So it was a phone call?
16	MR. GRANAT: Okay.	16	A Yeah.
17	MR. POWELL: That's almost as interesting.	17	Q And how many phone calls have you had with
18	BY MR. GRANAT:	18	Steve Amdur between December 17th and today?
19	Q Then let me just kind of think about how I ask	19	A Maybe two, three.
20	my next question.	20	Q Was anything regarding JEA discussed?
21	Have you discussed with any of your any	21	A No. Basically, you know, he called to check
22	members of the senior leadership team their interviews	22	in on me. He said, you know, I feel really bad for how
23	with OGC?	23	everything's going. It's clearly a tough time. You
24	A No.	24	know, he wanted to know if I was mentally okay, you
25	Q When is the last time you've spoken with	25	know, if my family was okay. You know, that's about all
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1	Ryan Wannemacher? And when I say spoken, let me say	1	I can recall from those conversations.
2	when's the last time you've communicated with him	2	Q Was there any discussion about an OGC
3	through writing, verbally, in person?	3	investigation?
4	A Would have been the day I heard that he was	4	A No.
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	terminated, and I texted, I think, hey, want to grab a	5	Q Any discussion about outstanding bills to
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1	other attorneys whether they were from outside firms or	1	And then the CIO oversaw all technology
2	within OGC regarding JEA business since December 17th?	2	services and communications.
3	MR. MULLEN: You're talking about other	3	And then LaTrece Bartley was the manager of
4	attorneys besides Mr. Zahn's attorneys; is that	4	all EAs and so she oversaw the entire EA population.
5	correct?	5	Q Okay. There were some ITN meetings in
6	MR. GRANAT: Sure.	6	Atlanta
7	THE WITNESS: Other attorneys. With Phelps.	7	A Uh-huh.
8	BY MR. GRANAT:	8	Q correct?
9	Q Anyone at Foley?	9	Was it your decision to hold those meetings in
10	A No.	10	Atlanta?
11	Q Anyone at Pillsbury	11	A No.
12	A No.	12	Q Whose decision was it?
13	Q besides Steve Amdur?	13	A Negotiating team. They were originally
14	A No.	14	scheduled for New York, and it was chosen that Atlanta
15	Q What about any of the investment bankers	15	would be significantly less expensive.
16 17	related to the ITN, Morgan Stanley, J.P. Morgan?  A So on the date of December 17th, I received	16	Q When you say the negotiating team, which team?  The second team?
18	four or five phone calls from different bankers saying,	18	A The third team.
19	I'm so sorry how JEA's treating you, that they'd never	19	O The third team of
20	seen anything like it in their lives and that was the	20	A Yeah.
21	extent of the conversation.	21	Q City employees?
22	Q Do you recall who those people were?	22	A Well, the so the first negotiating team was
23	A J.P I'm sorry. Isaac Sine, Todd	23	intended to be Todd Giardinelli, Isaac Sine, and a M&A
24	Giardinelli, Eddie Manheimer. That's about those are	24	attorney, which would have been the lead M&A advisers
25	the names I can recall.	25	from Morgan Stanley, J.P. Morgan, and Pillsbury. That
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1	Q And you didn't have any discussions with them	1	was deemed by Carla Miller to have conflicts because
2	regarding the ITN or any of Scenario 3?	2	they were outside consultants to JEA.
3	A No.	3	And so - and this was hotly debated because
4	Q Within your senior leadership team, did	4	they were we hired them specifically because they
5	Lynne Rhode report to Herschel Vinyard?	5	were the best in the business. And Lawsikia, Lynne,
6	A Yes.	6	Jason Gabriel, Carla Miller and had a very long
7	Q Can you explain to me what the different roles	7	discussion about that.
8	were within JEA of your direct reports? You were the	8	Q Well, this is
9	CEO. There was the CAO and a COO.	9	A And then the 17
10	What are the different functions of all those	10	Q I'm just
11	different jobs?	11	A I was just
12	A Sure. The president and chief operating	12	Q I'm just really asking about who made the
13	officer oversaw operations of the business day to day,	13	decision to have the negotiations in Atlanta.
14	so implementation of strategies, tactics, other things.	14	A So I was not in negotiating meetings or in
15	And so reporting to her would be Deryle Calhoun, the GM	15	negotiation strategy meetings. So I don't know who
16	of water; Caren Anders, the GM of electric;	16	exactly, but I was informed out of those meetings that
17	Kerri Stewart, communications external and internal;	17	it was the negotiating team.
18	Jon Kendrick and VP of HR; and Steve McInall, VP of	18	Q How does travel for CEO work in JEA as far as
	planning for water and electric.	19	what approval do you need? How does that work?
19	The CFO oversaw all accounting, treasury,	20	A So I need approval if I'm going to expense
20	dalata da contrara de la colonia de la colon	21	something.
20 21	debts, investments, other things, audit, you know, those	22	O And if you're not naine to average it
20 21 22	types of things oh, and compliance. Sorry.	22	Q And if you're not going to expense it, you
20 21 22 23	types of things oh, and compliance. Sorry.  The CAO, Herschel Vinyard, had legal,	23	don't need approval?
20 21 22	types of things oh, and compliance. Sorry.	10.500	we want to see a second

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1	Q So when you traveled to Atlanta for the ITN	1	BY MR. GRANAT:
2	meetings, did you have the board Chair's approval?	2	Q Exhibit 29, and on the digital file it's
3	A No. She actually explicitly wanted me not to	3	labeled 11.
4	go.	4	I'll have to come back to that. I probably
5	Q Do you know why?	5	need to reboot.
6	A She was in a hysteric moment worried about	6	(Exhibit Number 29 was marked for
7	public perception.	7	identification.)
8	Q Did	8	BY MR. GRANAT:
9	A I mean, it was hysteric. It was not a	9	Q Did you intend to participate in the PUP if it
10	rational conversation.	10	passed?
11	Q This was a verbal conversation you had	11	A Yes.
12	A Yeah.	12	Q I'm going to ask you, based on the materials
13	Q with her?	13	in the July 23rd board packet that you provided to the
14	A And I, you know	14	JEA board, do you think it was reasonable for the board
15	Q And did she tell you that you shouldn't go and	15	members to believe that the PUP was designed with input
16	it wasn't approved?	16	from Willis Towers Watson?
17	A She demanded that I not go. And I said, I'm	17	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the
18	being instructed by the negotiating team to go. I	18	question.
19	cannot this is a formal ITN process that was being	19	A If I were a board member, I would not have
20	overseen by OGC, Foley, the Inspector General, the	20	read it that way. You hire consultants to give you
21	ethics office. And they had scheduled all these	21	market information, and then you make policy decisions
22	meetings in Atlanta, I want to say the 10th to the 13th	22	that are appropriate for the organization in and of
23	where people were flying in from Australia, New York,	23	itself.
24	and all over the world. And I was instructed not to go	24	So I'd look like at I would imagine that if
25	on the eve of that trip. But I you know, I chose to	25	I were a board member, I would have had expected OGC to
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1	bear the entire expense for myself.	1	have, you know, given input. I would have expected for
2	Q Do you have the travel the invoices and	2	consultant advice, you know, to be considered. I'd
3	records from that travel?	3	expect special counsel, staff, and a whole bunch of
4	A Sure. They would be on my credit card.	4	people to have, you know, reviewed the material and
5	Q Okay. Do you understand that those are still	5	which is just exactly what happened.
6	public records, the information and the details	6	Q Well, my question is, do you think it was
7	regarding your travel?	7	reasonable for board members to believe that
8	A I don't understand that that would be the case	8	Willis Towers Watson had input in the design of the PUP?
9	if I paid for myself to go places, but I'm happy to	9	A That was certainly never stated, and I'm not
10	I'm happy to produce them.	10	sure I would ever have arrived at that conclusion.
11	Q Now, yesterday I pointed out that in the	11	Q I mean, you've seen the board the July 23rd
12	Diamond-Salem hearing you weren't under oath, but I	12	board packet material; right?
13	asked you if you had told the truth during the hearing	13	A Yeah. There's a collection of all the
14	and you said yes.	14	materials on total comp from the beginning to the end.
15	A I always try to tell the truth.	15	Q And there's a large - there's a portion of
16	Q Well, I mean, did you tell the truth at the	16	that July 23rd board packet that contains information
17	Diamond hearing?	17	with Willis Towers Watson's name on it; right?
18	A To the best of my knowledge.	18	A Sure, which was a follow-up from the June
19	Q I'm going to play - this will be the last	19	board meeting where that was presented as the framework
	clip that I'm going to play, and it's from the	20	that would be utilized by attorneys to develop the
20		21	documents.
20 21	Diamond-Salem hearing and it was a question posed to	1,000	
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21	Ryan Wannemacher and you and Jon Kendrick from Councilman Garrett Dennis and it's going to be	200	Q Did Willis Towers Watson ever tell you that a long-term incentive plan should not be used for a public
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1	materials, that, you know, it's rare and selectively	1	and reviewed over a period of time, and then ultimately
2	used and oftentimes only used for senior executives.	2	presented to the board.
3	Q Did Willis Towers Watson tell you that they	3	Q Was Willis Towers Watson involved in
4	know of no other public utility that uses a long-term	4	developing the PUP?
5	incentive plan for all employees?	5	A They're the ones that recommended the unit
6	A That's not what their materials say.	6	plan as part of their report. They also recommended a
7	Q Did they ever tell you that?	7	time-based unit, but that was chosen not to be
8	A Not that I'm aware of.	8	Q Okay.
9	Q Did any JEA employee ever tell you that	9	A - pursued.
10	Willis Towers Watson told them that JEA should not use a	10	Q But between June and July
11	long-term incentive plan?	11	A Not to my knowledge. Whether Jon Kendrick
12	A No.	12	managed he would manage that relationship. If he
13	We were following the policy direction from	13	conferred with them, I don't know.
14	the board as we were making our way through a number of	14	Q Would you have expected Willis Towers Watson
15	months. It's a policy issue.	15	to be involved in the development of the PUP documents?
16	Q After the June - did Willis Towers Watson	16	A No.
17	appear at the June compensation committee meeting?	17	Q Why not?
18	A 1'd have to review the minutes. I don't know.	18	A You ask consultants for their you ask
19	Q Let's take a look at the minutes.	19	consultants for information and market data.
20	Are those the June board minutes?	20	Ultimately, as I said, policy decisions and and legal
21	A Yeah, I'm looking at the June comp committee	21	analysis are conducted by, you know, the policymakers
22	meeting.	22	and and the attorneys that oversee it and
23	Doesn't appear so. Jon Kendrick, looks like	23	employment employment attorneys that would have a
24	he presented the Towers Watson analysis.	24	specialty on that.
25	Q Did Towers Watson appear at the June board	25	Q Do you acknowledge that direction was given
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1	meeting, full board meeting?	1	from the board that Willis Towers Watson be involved
2	A I don't recall them being there.	2	with the development of the PUP?
3	Q Well, will you check the minutes? You just	3	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the
4	had them in your hand.	4	question.
5	A No. The minutes reflect that Ms. Johnson	5	A I don't recall. If you have if there's a
6	highlighted that the committee had been working with	6	document or something that references that, I don't
7	Towers Watson to put together a compensation framework	7	recall.
8	that aligns with the strategic plan, and then adopted	8	Q I'm referring to the motion that
9	the minutes from the June board meeting, the January	10	Camille Lee-Johnson made at the June board meeting. It
10	board or the June comp committee meeting, the January	10	was at the board meeting. We played the clip yesterday where she referenced in her motion that JEA move forward
11	comp committee meeting, and all of the program agendas.	12	with consultation with Willis Towers Watson.
	Q So what was the framework that		A No. It says that the comp committee had been
	Willie Tourse Waters provided? Was it a decume-19	1 12	
13	Willis Towers Watson provided? Was it a document?	13	
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1 and the record can speak for itself --

A For the record, what I did was I engaged specialty employment attorneys to -- who would have very similar expertise around development of performance unit plans.

(Discussion off the record.)

7 (Exhibit Number 30 was marked for

identification.)

9 BY MR. GRANAT:

Q All right. This is Exhibit 30. It is a recent letter from Willis Towers Watson. I'll give you as long as you need to read this letter.

A Okay.

14 Q Did you read the whole letter?

15 A I have

Q I just wanted to make sure you have had enough to time to digest that.

Do you have a reaction to Exhibit 30?

A Seems like CYA.

Q That's your reaction?

A Yeah. I mean, I do know that they didn't

22 want -- they didn't want their material in the public

23 domain. That was a pretty hotly debated topic, but we

24 informed them that we were a public agency and subject

25 to public records, and we couldn't avoid that.

BY MR. GRANAT:

Q Okay.

A And that included union leaders, union members. That wasn't just, you know -- in fact, actually, when we canceled the performance unit, we sent out a Currents and the first response was from union members saying they were disappointed in the -- in kind of the cancellation of a benefit that they could have had, and that was reported in the media.

Q Okay. In an email — a prior email that I received from your attorney, it stated that you possessed substantial information to counter publicly announced concerns. And it was an offer — an interest in having this discussion.

And so I would like to ask you now, do you have any information that would counter publicly announced concerns or anything else that you feel is relevant that I haven't asked you about?

MR. MULLEN: I think Mr. Zahn's addressed that for the last nine hours, but I'll let him speak to

it.

A So, number one, there was an allegation in the media and the Chair repeated it that I was terminated for cause from my prior employer. I possess a document that -- from my prior employer, countersigned by my

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If what they — if they're saying they don't support, you know — if they don't support the plan, then they don't support the plan, but that's on January 8th of 2020.

Q And so -- and I've already asked you this -no one from Willis Towers Watson ever advised you against an LTI for a public utility?

A No. They specifically said, you know, it's selectively used. It's rare. You know, it's used for senior executives normally around time-based unit or other places like that. But, again, I had received direction from the board in June -- in January to specifically start the development of an LTI. This is a policy issue. I mean, whether people like it or not, you know, okay, but it's a policy issue.

Q So -- and you've never heard from any JEA employee that JEA should not be using an LTI for a public utility?

A No. Actually, just the contrary. Most JEA employees were excited about the ability to invest in the financial success of the business.

Do you need to mark this?

23 Q I did.

24 MR. MULLEN: Here (tenders).

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

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prior employer which was a mutual waiver and release and
 termination without cause and separation on good terms.
 That's one fact.

You know, as we've discussed at length, I think, you know, the board and staff of the senior leadership team and OGC, for that matter, should not be ashamed of the work we've done over the last year to two years in terms of dealing with Vogtle, which was the single largest mistake in City history, will account for over 20 percent of the City's budget. We've really worked well as partnerships there, informing the public as to how — what actually the real performance of JEA has been over the last ten years and doing it in a factual and unabashed way that's been extraordinarily uncomfortable and unpopular.

The team did not myopically focus on any one scenario, Scenario 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. They did the work on all of them, and they did it with — any one of those scenarios, in and of themselves, is extraordinarily difficult to vet, analyze, and be able to present and that's now on JEA.com for review.

I think there was a collaborative and very transparent process that played out over a year and a half to two years in public meetings, in public notices, in interviews in the media, presentations to City

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1	Council members that were televised in April of 2018, in	1	Q And so the executive team and the CEO
2	June of 2018, talking about the need to potentially look	2	included, you said earlier that part of your duties are
3	at recapitalizing the business. Those are televised.	3	to implement strategies or implement the policies?
4	We met with City Council members hundreds of	4	A As directed by the board.
5	times to inform them on where we were going and kind of	5	Q As directed by the board.
6	some of the steps that we were going to be taking in the	6	ls the other part of your duties to do the
7	future. But, you know, where we sit today is - you	7	legwork to fully inform the board about decisions that
8	know, all of this strategic planning pursuant has become	8	they're going to make?
9	extraordinarily unpopular and I regret that.	9	A Yes.
10	Q Okay.	10	Q And did you understand when you were CEO that
11	A But we did - we did everything and tried to	11	the board members were trusting you to present them with
12	include as many people as possible and follow the advice	12	full and complete information?
13	of the appropriate experts, whether they be bankers,	13	A Yes.
14	lawyers, consultants. I mean, we even engaged McKinsey	14	Q And would you agree that the decisions
15	to help us truly underwrite the financial forecast of	15	regarding the strategic direction of JEA, including
16	the business.	16	those discussed at the July board meeting, were pretty
17	MR. GRANAT: Okay. Now I'm going to turn it	17	critical for JEA to continue?
18	over to Mr. Garrett for another topic.	18	A 1 think the decisions discussed between
19	(Discussion off the record.)	19	August of '18 through yeah, correct.
20	(Recess taken from 10:16 a.m. to 10:27 a.m.)	20	Q And so did you understand it was your duty to
21	BY MR. GARRETT:	21	present them with potential options that they may decide
22	Q Good morning, Mr. Zahn. I'm Chris Garrett	22	upon?
23	again. I've got some questions for you. I'm going to	23	A Yes.
24	try to keep it as brief as I can. I may jump around a	24	Q And also the pertinent information would
25	little bit with some follow-ups to what Mr. Granat has	25	include, for example, the cost of taking a certain path;
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 what we talked about was establishing a baseline, so a
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 don't change direction. That ended up being called the
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- And then from there we asked them to develop -- and when I say "we," it was -- the senior leadership was fully involved in this as well as, the directors. Probably 100 or so JEA employees were involved in this between January and May, developing a set of efficiency initiatives, growth initiatives, and operational initiatives, things that you would expect, you know, to be able to improve the operational and financial performance of the business.
- Q Were they hired to do a strategic plan for JEA?
  - A They were hired to assist in developing a strategic plan for JEA.
  - Q Were there any other consultants that were hired to assist in creating the strategic plan for JEA?
- A No. Oh, and McKinsey also was hired to work on organizational health, so employee morale and, you know, culture, those kinds of things.
- Q And was the reason that you were asking them to create a status quo or to analyze the status quo

- the financial planning and rates, probably a lot of the HR team. Like I said, probably 40 or 50 people at least, you know, different versions of different reports and different parts.
  - Q And by the time the -- the board meeting in May, you had at least some initial report from McKinsey?
- A We had a financial forecast, which was the status quo, as well as a set of initiatives.
  - Q And are those initiatives something that you considered in the traditional response?
- A Yes.

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- Q Okay. And would you consider that the status quo that McKinsey presented was fairly dire?
  - A No.
  - Q Was it pessimistic?
  - A No. It's a realistic look at what happens to the business in the face of energy efficiency, solar batteries, a Vogtle contract of \$200 million coming online in the next couple of years, and then how do you adjust and then basically what the status quo was was to solve for a cash flow of zero by raising rates. It's what you do in a public utility.
  - Q So is it fair to say in that status quo, that the value of JEA was going down because of these market conditions that you were concerned about?

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- because you had concerns about the ability of JEA to continue along the same path?
  - A Yes. I still do.
- Q Did you ask your team or McKinsey directly for any particular outcome or information?
  - A No. I relied on them to you know, we had -- and when I say "we," we're talking teams of 100 employees to provide input on their areas of expertise
  - to be able to produce financial outputs and incorporate different market trends that were -- you know, that we
- had been seeing.
   Q And when did they first produce any kind of a
  - report to you?

    A You know, I don't recall. It would -sometime in the spring would have been --
    - Q Would it have been before the May board meeting?
    - A Oh, yeah. Because it they would have been they were intimately involved in actually producing the report for the May board meeting.
  - Q Okay. And who would have those -- the copies of those drafts or initial reports?
- 23 A JEA or McKinsey.
- Q Do you know who at JEA? Did you have them?
  - A So all the senior leadership, probably most of

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- A I don't remember how the balance sheet ended up at the end of the ten years of the status quo. It would be in a board package, the balance sheet numbers. If you're solving for a cash flow of zero, I'm not sure the book value would go down. I think it might just
- stay static.

  Q Stay static.
  - A But you'd raising rates and solving for cash with new debt. I don't remember off the top of my --
  - Q Potentially decreasing the amount paid over to the City --
  - A Not in the status quo. The status quo contemplated maintaining the contribution to the City.
  - Q And then moving on to the traditional response, what did McKinsey recommend there?
  - A So they recommended -- what we looked at was in the myriad of -- I want to say it was hundreds of initiatives, what would be the -- what would be the initiatives that would have the single largest impact both on additional revenue growth as well as cost-cutting and cash management.

So there was overhead reductions, and so they originally -- we had originally, I think, overhead reductions far in excess of what we actually reported.

Predominantly we tailored it back because the GMs of the

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business said, look, at some point you just can't even run the business, so you have to kind of -- we need to balance operational service levels versus -- versus cost-cutting.

We also deferred CapEx projects. Tried to prolong assets like Northside. So it was -- it was really a continuation of many of the -- types of initiatives that had been implemented at JEA over the last ten years prior to me.

- Q And was it the purpose of the traditional response to solve the same problem -- I forget exactly how you phrased it -- but zero --
- A Yeah, the balance sheet of JEA had --
- Q but without raising rates?

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15 A Trying to - well, to try and minimize the 16 amount of rates that would be raised so that the 17 customer -- because as you know, the higher you raise 18 your rates, the more impact you have on the economy of 19 your local -- your local economy. Because your 20 businesses have to pay out a higher utility charge and a 21 lot of companies look at electric and water rates as 22 some of the principal reasons why they move to or out of 23 the city.

Q So would you consider the traditional response to also kind of lead to a flat value for JEA → Q And did McKinsey present you with a range of possibility?

A Actually, a request from Alan Howard was in the June board meeting where we presented -- he wanted a variance on -- what would happen if you had slower adoption of solar or faster adoption, what would happen, and we did run variances.

Q And how widely varied were they?

A Do you have the -- here's the July board meeting package.

So if distributed generation went up, you'd have an additional billion dollar shortfall, which would require 26 percent additional rate increases. It would be on Zahn — a summary of it was provided on Zahn 063 and Zahn 067.

MR. MULLEN: And that's in Exhibit 14?
THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

Because one of the major questions was commercial and industrial customers are starting to adopt fast -- significantly faster, and so one of the major variances they wanted to know was what would happen if commercial and industrial would adopt faster.

BY MR. GARRETT:

Q Was any of the variance, though, showing

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- A Actually it increased the value.
- Q It increased the value?

A It did. And it did so because what you were doing was cutting costs substantially enough to pay off debt and to be able to position the business to deal with migration of the market to distributed resources that JEA couldn't participate in.

Now, the revenues continued going down, but I think in the short term over a ten-year period, I believe the value increased.

One of the levers we did contemplate, though, in the traditional response, which is a substantial cost cut, was the elimination of the contribution to the City. \$120 million would go a long ways over a 20-year period of time to help to pay down debt.

Now, we provided that as an option. We said you could either -- you could either keep it or not keep it, and we showed what the differences would be in the rates.

Q Now, is it fair to say that most of this information about the status quo and the traditional response was based upon forecasting?

- A Yeah. It's looking forward.
  - Q So it's not a certain outcome; correct?
- 25 A Nothing's ever certain.

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- things were better, or were they all kind of worst-case
   scenarios where there was more adoption of other
   technology by commercial and industrial?
  - A So it's clearly explained that the status quo and the traditional response were bookends and that you you know, it was very clearly understood that basically even in the traditional response, to the extent the world plays out differently, you could certainly slow down cost-cutting or manage the business differently.

But at the end of the day you have to present a single case, and then you can say, look, we all know that if things change going forward, we can adapt.

- Q And did you explain to the board members the assumptions that were being made by McKinsey?
- A Yeah. We provided them the we provided them the assumptions.
- Q In what format did you provide the assumptions?
  - A PowerPoint.
- Q Would that have been during the board meeting or --

A No. It would have been in the one-on-ones, yeah. In fact, we actually provided those assumptions to the City Council. We provided those assumptions to

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1	anybody that asked.	1	about a 15 percent safety factor in your systems.
2	Q Did you ever get a second opinion on the	2	So a lot of times this would actually be
3	forecasting?	3	you would want to be overconservative because if you
4	A Actually, not until later. But we asked	4	don't have the appropriate generation capacity to meet
5	J.P. Morgan and Morgan Stanley, who are some of the	5	your demand, then you have regulatory compliance issues.
6	leading bankers in the world, whether or not they agreed	6	This is going to be a totally different
7	with the trends and other forecasts that, you know, we	7	reason. This is engineering and regulatory compliance.
8	were looking at in our scenarios.	8	The management forecast is actually what we thought the
9	And, in fact, at the October board meeting, I	9	business would look like.
10	want to say, October 2019 board meeting, they gave a	10	Q And who you said Steve McInall is
11	presentation on that.	11	responsible for obtaining this report, I guess?
12	Q October?	12	A He would work with consultants on that,
13	A Correct.	13	Q Do you know what consultant?
14	Not specific to the actual scenarios	14	A I don't.
15	themselves, but the market trends and the things that	15	It's the difference between, you know, in a
16	are going on that are impacting utilities.	16	simple analogy, having a car that you know can go 150 if
17	Q And did they agree with what McKinsey had told	17	you need it to but always traveling at 60 or slowing
18	you?	18	down, right? I mean, it's they're just two different
19	A Yeah. So three of the leading large firms	19	reasons.
20	that advise utilities, both public and private.	20	(Exhibit Number 32 was marked for
21	MR. GARRETT: Let me show you - what number	21	identification.)
22	are we on? Is this 31?	22	BY MR. GARRETT:
23	MR. POWELL: Thirty-one.	23	Q Okay. I'm going to hand you another document.
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raise rates. In fact -- what's his name? FMPA was advocating increasing the fixed charge for all our customers from \$5 to \$50, and right now JEA has a \$5.50 fixed charge. So what that would do is raise rates on all of your low consumers which tend to be your lowest

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- So what they were doing was basically saying, you know, pay off debt, cut costs, eliminate CapEx, and raise rates, which is basically what we said we would do in Scenario 2.
- Q So you didn't read this to disagree at least with some of the assumptions that were being made?
- A Yeah, they can -- I mean, they took, you know,
  some differences in terms of different load assumptions
  and other things, but that's -- I mean, that's
  everybody's prerogative to do, right? As we all know,
  the forecasting can take a myriad of approaches.
  - Q And the FMPA, they're at about 31 members?
  - A Yeah, mostly small members that are non-generating. So FMPA manages generation for non-generating municipalities.
- Q And did you share this -- when did you first see this presentation?
- A Probably shortly after -- or somewhere around
  September 19th, and it was published in the -- it was

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- to consider maybe getting a second opinion about some ofthis forecasting?
  - A We did. We talked to J.P. Morgan and Morgan Stanley. We got two additional --
    - Q And was that based on this report?
  - A No.

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- Q Do you know at what point in time you started talking to J.P. Morgan?
- A June.
  - O June.
- A You know, we wanted to make sure that the trends that we were thinking about were actually and impacts on the business were real. That and on top of that, what this doesn't contemplate is balance sheet issues. So it doesn't talk about debt load issues and other things that JEA so it very clearly actually isolates that.
- Q So you said you started talking to them in June. So at the time of the July board meeting --
- A No. I'm sorry. July. Sorry. July. After the June board meeting, between June and July.
  - Q So before the July board meeting, you had spoken with other consultants about the forecasting?
  - A Well, Morgan Stanley and J.P. Morgan are engaged banks on behalf of JEA that have been engaged

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- published in the media. It was shared with the public.
- Q Did you talk to the board members about it at all?
  - A Yeah. And we said -- and, you know, much of the conversations was, look, you know, we appreciated them -- you know, FMPA having an opinion on how JEA should run its business, but they -- FMPA did this analysis without any of the detailed support analysis that McKinsey and 100-plus JEA staffhad. They didn't
- And so, you know, when you read this, this
  is -- you got to remember, this is a public agency that
  was taking a very strong stance at trying to defend

have access to any of our -- of our data.

- public power, which, you know, in the industry there's a
   very substantial, we'll call it, lobbying effort from
   public power and IOUs and they but heads a lot.
  - Q So you didn't believe the information that they were showing or didn't think that it was as accurate as the information you presented?
    - A I certainly think that if you start with

      McKinsey and work for six months on doing an analysis

      with all of the -- with all of our own data, that we had
- 24 Again, everyone can have their own opinion.
  - Q Sure. But did at that point -- did you start

the ability to provide a very accurate set of forecasts.

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- with us for years. Actually, J.P. Morgan's our single
   largest revolving line of credit facility provider.
  - Q And had they already analyzed the information that you gave them from McKinsey at that point, or did that come about later?
    - A Well, many of the people in the industry were watching our board meetings. They were very popular. In fact, actually, I know the CFO of Citizens Energy was watching our board meetings and saying, this is absolutely dead-on. Including -- and the Chair of PG&E who was looking at it, she was watching it and saying, wow, you know, this -- they're actually talking openly about the issues that many of us know are issues, but, you know, don't often talk about publicly.

And I'm going to try to think about -- there was -- I don't remember.

- Q Didn't J.P. Morgan and Morgan Stanley have a direct financial interest in the pursuit of a nontraditional approach?
  - A They did after the July board meeting.

By the way, the other person that we talked to was the public utility lending — the head of public utility lending for Wells Fargo, and what he spoke about was that he was managing his entire book of investments around utilities to a duration of about two years, and

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1	the reason he was doing that is he had concerns over the	1	correlation of cost of solar to adoption rates.
2	long-term viability of debt repayments for utilities due	2	So, for example, Hawaii would have a
3	to the trends in the industry.	3	substantial pickup, and Connecticut, and places that had
4	And by the way, there's you could read	4	high electric costs. You would see their adoption rates
5	Utility Dive. You can read you can read podcast I	5	pick up substantially after, to your point, grid parity
6	mean, what we said in our board meetings and I did	6	was hit. And they had curves on that.
7	often frequently provide board members with third-party	7	Q Based on historic data and then projected in
8	research. Steve [sic] Madden, we gave them a lot, which	8	the future?
9	is a third-party utility expert. Utility Dive, we	9	A Yeah, I mean, that's actual data that
10	provided materials to them on.	10	occurred by residential and commercial and industrial
11	Actually, April Green specifically when she	11	customers around the United States.
12	became board [sic], asked me to direct her to four or	12	MR. GARRETT: Okay. This is going to be
13	five different industry research, you know, sites and	13	Exhibit 32.
14	information so she could educate herself both on energy	14	MR. MULLEN: Should be Exhibit 33.
15	and water. And I gave her a myriad of periodicals so	15	MR. GARRETT: 33. Sorry.
16	that she could actually sign up for herself.	16	(Exhibit Number 33 was marked for
17	O Were these were these experts that had been	17	identification.)
18	retained by JEA	18	BY MR. GARRETT:
19	A No.	19	Q Mr. Zahn, are you familiar with this
20	O or it's just	20	presentation?
21	A These are experts that are published	21	A Yeah, This looks like the June comp committee
22	O Publicly available information?	22	meeting.
23	A May not be public. You may have to pay a	23	Q And that's what it says down at the bottom
24	subscription, but yeah, anybody can get them.	24	left; right?
25	Greentech Media was another good one	25	A Yeah.
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1	Q So the in the status quo presentation, the	1	Q And this was a presentation of total market
2	only information really that would have been, you know,	2	compensation strategy?
3	not forecasting or not speculative, would have been the	3	A This would from the minutes earlier, this
4	historic information; correct?	4	would be the one that Jon Kendrick presented, right?
5	A Well, no. We would so we can very	5	Q Okay. And was this based on
6	accurately forecast our debt load by year. We can very	6	Willis Towers Watson information?
7	accurately forecast our overheads and expenses. Things	7	A Some of it is and then some of it is board
8	we can't forecast well would be well, that we try to	8	policy information, and then some of it is scheduling,
9	forecast would be fuel, cost of fuel, those you know,	9	looks like, and a review of what has been done and what
10	things that change in the market, but you could	10	needs to be done.
11	Q Grid parity?	11	Q Okay. If you would turn to down at the
12	A Yeah. So grid parity, but that actually	12	bottom right, it's numbered Page 6.
13	McKinsey provided information on the cost-out of solar	13	A Yes, sir.

we can't forecast well would be -- well, that we try to forecast would be fuel, cost of fuel, those -- you know, things that change in the market, but you could -- Q Grid parity?

A Yeah. So grid parity, but that actually -- McKinsey provided information on the cost-out of solar and storage, and they brought that to the -- that's one of the main inputs that McKinsey brought was all the market information in terms of, you know, how those costs were going to move forward in the future and that's what we relied on McKinsey data for.

Q But they were still just forecasts; right? I mean, they don't know exactly how many people are going to adopt solar or how quickly?

A Actually, so there -- correct. But one of the things that McKinsey brought was adoption curves by

state in the United States that had different utility

rates. And what they were able to show was the

Willis Towers Watson information?

A Some of it is and then some of it is board policy information, and then some of it is scheduling, looks like, and a review of what has been done and what needs to be done.

Q Okay. If you would turn to — down at the bottom right, it's numbered Page 6.

A Yes, sir.

Q At the top of that page, there's a Long-Term Incentive Plan Design?

A Yep.

Q Was this provided by Willis Towers Watson?

A That's from one of the pages that we reviewed earlier.

Q And this is the one where it says at the bottom the estimated cost is 3.4 million?

A Correct.

Q I think you said yesterday that the difference between 3.4 million and what was ultimately presented

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was the Willis Towers Watson did not include all

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1	employees, they just included, like, executives?	1	A Ido.
2	A I don't know how they came up with the 3.4	2	Q And I'm going to ask you about some of the
3	million, but, you know, presumably by looking at the	3	information on it. First of all, this slide shows that
4	next page, 32, it's because they were looking at, you	4	the if you look down at the bottom, there's some
5	know, that kind of skew of what their proposed plan	5	bullet points, and it says, "Customer rates increase
6	would be.	6	71 percent in the electric system."
7	Q So does it surprise you when you look at the	7	A Correct.
8	slide? It says, "Eligibility: "All employees would be	8	Q And did you calculate that?
9	eligible in order to drive collective focus on JEA	9	A No.
10	long-term performance."	10	Q Did you have discussions about the
11	A No. Actually, you know, Page 32 does show all	11	presentation of that number to the board?
12	employees on the JEA proposed.	12	A No. This would have been calculated by the
13	Q So the 3.4 million also is referring to all	13	financial planning group with McKinsey and then
14	employees?	14	eventually the CFO, and I know Melissa was highly
15	A Yeah, bargaining units, cost calculated based	15	involved in it as well, because they gave the
16	on step structure - yeah.	16	presentation.
17	Q And based on knowing that now that that's how	17	Q Did you ever see a spreadsheet that calculated
18	it was presented, you don't find that that was	18	that 71 percent?
19	confusing?	19	A No. I mean, I can do the math here.
20	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the	20	Q Okay. And what did you understand the
21	question.	21	71 percent to represent?
22	A No. I think this is a report from a	22	A The raise in base rates.
23	consultant.	23	Q Was that something that you explained to the
24	Q So you don't think it would have confused the	24	board members?
25	board members about the total cost of the PUP or the	25	A Yes.
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2	customers are being charged 71 percent more on their	2	MR. POWELL: Which exhibit are you pointing
3	base rate, they're consuming, you know, on average	3	to? Because last time -
4	residentials are consuming 17 percent less over the last	4	THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.
5	ten years, and commercial and industrial were around	5	MR. POWELL: you said "this" and "this."
6	31 percent less per customer.	6	THE WITNESS: Yeah, I apologize.
7	Q Well, as a public utility, did you recognize	7	MR. POWELL: It's confusing.
8	that one of JEA's major concerns was the cost to the	8	THE WITNESS: Exhibit 34. The rates, it says
9	customers?	9	dollar yield per megawatt hour, and that's the
10	A Absolutely. That's why we did all of the	10	price per unit. And then you have rates as dollar
11	strategic planning.	11	yield per k gal, so that would be water.
12	Q And so don't you think it would have been	12	So it would surprise me that anyone would read
13	important to explain not only the 71 percent but also	13	that as an average bill based on a certain
14	the difference between that 71 percent and the actual	14	consumption.
15	cost to the customer over time?	15	BY MR. GARRETT:
16	A We did. We talked a lot about that.	16	Q Let's talk about the next bullet point on, I
17	Actually, Kerri Stewart went on several media outlets to	17	think it's Number 34, that slide. It says, "407 jobs
18	talk about those differences, and, in fact, the Times	18	eliminated since 2008."
19	Union wrote an entire article about it for the whole	19	А Үер.
20	media to understand.	20	Q See that?
21	Q Well, there were certainly a lot of those	21	And did you understand how that was
22	after the July board meeting; correct?	22	calculated?
23	A Yeah. So but remember, what we're talking	23	A HR calculated it going back and looking at
24	about is strategic financial planning for the business.	24	the, you know, I think, FTEs that were in place in '06
25	That's about how much cash can the business generate in	25	and then what were in place in '18. I know 206 of them
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Q So in June you knew enough about what was

A No. We -- as with all budgeting, you sit

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going to be presented in July to -

- change the budget?

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Q Okay.

A I don't know.

A I guess that would be 201.

Q Let's talk about the --

A I don't know where you got that number.

1 there and go, let me make sure -- especially in 2 government where it's appropriated dollars, you say, let me make sure I have the right amount - I have enough 4 money to deal with potential future uncertainties.

Q Okay. So it was just kind of a safety net?

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Q So then by the time you got to the board meeting in July, had you come up with a more precise calculation of the ITN will cost us approximately X?

A No. Candidly, the complexity of government procurement of this nature and -- it was very difficult to estimate that.

Now, we did estimate Pillsbury's number, and I talked to Jason Gabriel that they estimated - and when we spoke to Jason about it, we said it would probably be somewhere between 500,000 to a million a month if you were charging normal fees as opposed to contingency.

And that was with Herschel, Lynne, and I think Lawsikia was part of those conversations and Jason. I definitely -- we understood the legal fees were going to be substantial.

O And prior to the July board meeting -- or at 22 23 the July board meeting, you didn't tell the board 24 members a specific, here's a range of what it might cost 25 or any estimate of cost?

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A No. Melissa Dykes -- so when we started getting heavy into the ITN, I put Melissa Dykes in charge of running the ITN process and managing it day to day, and we restructured her group so that she'd have two direct reports and could remove herself from the day-to-day operation of the business. So she and Ryan Wannemacher would have handled that.

In fact, most of the ITN I had very little involvement in because it was really the negotiating team, the evaluation team, the procurement -- it was being run by procurement with Foley, you know, with Robert Hosay and Ben Grossman providing very specific direction. And you had the banks providing their input, and legal doing their work. I would get updates.

Q And once the -- once the bids came in, you got copies of those?

18 A Yeah. Every subject matter expert got a copy, 19 I believe.

> Q When was that, do you recall, when you actually received a copy? Was it the day they came in or was it later?

A It would -- in a reasonable amount of time. I don't know the date they came in. And you're talking about the initial bids?

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A No. But we -- it was -- we had enough room in our budget to be able to manage that. Much like most you know, we didn't tell the board members when we did the building ITN -- how much building the ITN would cost. We had the budget to handle it, and that's within the authority of the CEO to manage the budget appropriately.

Q So you didn't think it was significant unless it was going to exceed what you already had in the

A Yeah, in which case then I'd have to definitely go back to it for -- actually, there's a policy in JEA where line item transfers of budget -- of budget dollars over 5 million need to go back to the board. And at the end of every single fiscal year, every line item transfer is provided to the board for final approval.

Q Do you know how much was actually spent on pursuing the ITN prior to it --

A Only what I've read since I've been departed on that. And my guess is, the numbers that are publicly available are not just related to the ITN, that they have a lot to do with Vogtle as well as IPO analysis as well as the co-op.

Q But as CEO you weren't tracking or getting

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Q Yes.

A Yeah. It would have been sometime, I don't know, a day or two.

Q Okay. I'm going to shift gears a little bit --

A Can we take a bathroom break? MR. GARRETT: Sure.

(Recess taken from 11:24 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.)

THE WITNESS: Chris, I had two things pop to my mind of your prior questioning. One, before each board meeting -- McKinsey has a very formal risk review process that they follow where they review all the board materials and they take it through an internal committee that signs off on the work product.

That was done for each one when -- that's one of our public records request that we asked for because they -- it would very specifically approve anything that is associated with their analysis. So that took a great degree of comfort.

And the second is, on each one of the forecasts that were presented, what we would do as a senior leadership team is come together, and I would give each one of the senior leadership team members the ability to object or descent to any

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1	part of the analysis, otherwise we would stack	1	Q So and in this particular case, the way the
2	hands and say we all believed this we could	2	PUP was set up was that so they'd have some skin in
3	say we could say, well, we can disagree with one	3	the game, so to speak? They would be able to buy the
4	part or another, but in general we agreed with the	4	units and then maybe through performance
5	forecast.	5	A Yeah, and
6	And that was for the status quo, the scenario all the different scenarios as well.	6	Q get a return?
3	And that represents probably 400 years of utility	7	A The concept of investing in JEA or kind of
8		8	buying you know, it allowed for really was a union
10	experience. So that's another good place of comfort that I took.		one. If you recall, they have these shirts that are
11	BY MR. GARRETT:	10 11	"JEA is Ours," and we talked about actually, no, JEA
12	Q So that McKinsey process review process,	12	really is not yours; it's actually the City's.  And so there's I remember a number of union
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14	that would have been for May and the June board meeting?  A And July.	14	leaders saying they really would like to have the ability to invest and be able to participate in the
15	O Even though they weren't involved in	15	performance of the business and the fruits of their
16	Scenario 3?	16	labor.
17	A They were involved in Scenario well, they	17	
18	weren't we didn't do any we didn't do any analysis	18	Q So if you didn't have any idea what the potential value of the PUP was going to be, then how
19	on Scenario 3 for July, if you recall. We just said,	19	would you know that it was going to incentivize the
20	here are scenarios that, you know, we would need your	20	employees?
21	authorization as a board to go pursue because they	21	A Because it was tied to the financial
22	involve changes in government structures and we can't do	22	performance of the business. So as with all long-term
23	that alone.	23	incentive comp plans, no employee knows what the value
24	Q So what was new in July that McKinsey needed	24	of the business will be in the future, but what they're
25	to review, or was it just copies of what they had done	25	doing is participating in a plan, believing that they
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And as with many long-term plans, if it's above -- as it continues to perform, it's above or below, you can always adjust. That happens a lot in long-term plans. They get revised and revised and revised.

So I think your first — the first iteration you — and that's probably one of the reasons why you have, you know, multiple tranches and that happens annually, so that if the board needs to adjust, they do.

Q So if, for example, the goal was to have 20 percent of a given employee's income come from the long-term incentive plan, you would need some forecast of, you know, what those performance units might be worth to know whether it would accomplish that goal; correct?

A Yeah, if that was the actual stated goal.

Really, as we were working on the long-term incentive plan, it was really around trying to get employees to maximize the financial value of JEA. To the extent they could earn over 20, that would be great. To the extent that they earned less, okay.

I mean, you know, long-term incentive by its very nature in every industry and every company is probably the highest variable component of any employee's total compensation. Oftentimes, you know, industries and companies to revise their long-term plans

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based on changes in market conditions or the business.

Q Would that have been the plan here for JEA?

A Well, we killed it. That's a revision. We went through -- we went through an analysis and ultimately determined we didn't want it, so we killed it. That was the ultimate revision.

Q But originally it was supposed to be for a three-year period that started, what was it, January 1st, 2020?

A Yeah, it was -- actually, the vision discussed with the board -- and it was in one of the clips you played earlier -- would be that you -- these -- the initial setup was a three-year period where you have, you know, 30,000, 30,000, 30,000 or so, and there were some element of, you know, it had -- you had to have performance.

And at the end of each one of those years, you had an audited financial statement that would give you the metrics so that the base metrics for each subsequent year would change based on audited financials from E&Y or whomever the independent auditor was.

And the vision I know from the board and in terms of the discussion would be that it would be this plan — that while the first setup was for three, it

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they're worth zero.

But that's an employee's decision as to whether they participate in that benefit or not. I mean --

Q But what do you tell the employee as far as if it's -- if it's incentivized and you don't -- but you don't know even a range of outcomes, then how do you incentivize them to be part of that plan and to believe that they're going to get some benefit from it?

A So that's — that was work that I know

Jon Kendrick and the benefits team and everybody was
trying to do in the — around the period of time then
when we killed the plan, to try and figure out how to
educate all 2,000 employees about how the plan works and
what kind of risks it might have, what kind of rewards
it potentially could have and trying to — I wasn't
involved in — how do you communicate to employees.

I looked at it as a high-level policy issue that was dealt with with the board, and then from there on out, the implementation of that would be handled by the appropriate vice president.

Q I think you said a minute ago that you would revise the plan as you went along. When would that take place?

A No. I said it was common practice in many

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would just keep rolling and be this rolling long-term
 plan that would help, you know, drive employees over a
 much longer period of time.

Q So just so I understand, year one you would issue 30,000 performance units, for example --

A That was what was envisioned. It never got to an allocation --

Q 1 understand.

A Yeah.

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And then year two, would there be a new three-year window or --

A Yes.

Q Okay. And it would just keep rolling?

A Yeah. So year one would take you from year one to year three, and then the measurement for those units that were issued and allocated and purchased would be measured at the end of year three with audited financials.

And the second year you'd take the next year's audited financials that would establish a new base value. And the board would have to re-approve whatever the challenge target was for that set of years. And then you'd have to go -- and then the third year, you know, you -- so it would be a rolling, so you'd have

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1	continued rolling unit plans. It's very common practice	1	able to vote.
2	in ESOPs and —	2	Q So just from a timing perspective, just so I understand, the final PUP documents would have been
3	Q I understand.	3	finalized sometime in the fall of 2019?
4	A Yeah.		
5	Q I think yesterday your statement was that you	5	A They would have been finalized once you had
6	thought there was a cap on the PUP?	7	input from the Attorney General, once you had input from
7	A I think my statement was that in the initial		the State Ethics Commission, once you had formal input and sign off from OGC, once all that — and then you had
8	drafted document we agreed that there wasn't and that	8	95 951 1A
9	one of the comments back from OGC was that you probably	9	to have a, you know you would have had to have HR and
10	needed a cap. And I agree with that, and we never got to that revision of the draft documents.	10	other payroll services sign off on how they would be
11		11	administered, so, you know - and I think it was
12	Q And I think you said you didn't know that	12	contemplated you'd try and get it finalized in '19, but
13	there wasn't a cap until September or October of 2019?	13	to the extent you didn't get all those checks and
14	A I don't know if I said that. If I said that,	14	balances done, no, you'd have to wait until all those
15	then	15	were done.
16	Q Is that accurate?	16	Q Right. So assume that you had all of the
17	A Didn't know or didn't think about.	17	check marks that you needed.  A Correct.
18	Q So when you presented it to the board in July,	18	
19	you believed there was a cap?	19	Q When would the actual plan have been sent out
20	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the	20	to the employees?
21	question.	21	A December was the contemplated
22	A I presented what I presented, and if it didn't	22	Q And was that when they would be told how many
23	have a cap, then that's what was presented. But again,	23	units they would be allowed to purchase?
24	you know, I acknowledge that that would just be a miss	24	A Yeah. And then they would and I think
25	from the whole team. We all missed it.	25	and Melissa and Jon Kendrick were really managing the
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Page 379 Page 377 1 you had actual numbers? 1 contract. 2 A I think revised replies came in in early 2 Q And you came to them with essentially the November. I think it was the 6th. 3 terms that you had in your employment contract? 3 O Of early November. 4 A So I believe Jon Kendrick and Lynne Rhode 4 5 5 Jumping to your employment agreement. I think provided those documents to them, but -- and we were 6 you said yesterday that you negotiated it with April and 6 double-checking last night that, in fact, Lynne had 7 involved herself in terms of advising the Chair. And 7 Camille? Camille. 8 8 A Yes. 9 Q And when you say "those documents," are you 9 Q And did you feel like there was any 10 conflict --10 referring to the employment agreements? 11 A Yeah, all the employment agreements. A I'm sorry, and Alan Howard. I do remember 11 Q And did you have a draft when you spoke with 12 talking to him about it as well. But the principal 12 Camille and --13 negotiators that I talked to was Camille and April. 13 14 Q And at the time was she the board Chair? 14 A Yes. 15 A April was the board Chair and Camille was the 15 -- also with April? 16 A Yes. Chair of the comp committee. But I did talk to 16 Alan Howard about the need -- not only my employment 17 Q And Alan? 17 agreement, but the need to implement employment 18 A I don't know about Alan. He was - he's very 18 19 sophisticated. He - in terms of his ability to 19 agreements for the whole senior leadership team due to 20 where we were. 20 decipher a number of different elements. Q And you said Lynne had involved herself. What 21 Q Did you feel like there was any kind of 21 22 conflict for you to be directly negotiating your own 22 was exactly her role? contract with the board members? 23 A Don't know. I tended to stay -- whenever 23 24 board members came to me with something that involved 24 A No. Isn't that how it would normally work? Q Well, normally you're there to advise them; 25 me, I would direct them to Lynne as the chief legal 25 Page 378 Page 380 1 1 correct? You're on their side, so to speak. officer as the appropriate governance. 2 Q And I think when we were discussing the PUP 2 A Well, I mean, I'll give you another great 3 example. The person I negotiated my interim agreement 3 and some other things, you said that approval from the with was Chairman Howard. So that's how it was done --4 Office of General Counsel was pretty important to you on 4 5 the person Paul McElroy negotiated his contract with was 5 a number of issues; correct? the Chair. The person he negotiated his separation 6 A Approval from the Office of General Counsel on 7 transition agreement was the Chair. So I was following almost every -- on everything we did at JEA was very procedures that I had witnessed in the past. 8 8 important to me. Q What did you ask for in the negotiations that 9 9 Q And you usually wouldn't move forward with 10 you didn't get? 10 anything without OGC's blessing; correct? 11 A I did point out the 50th percentile of total 11 A Correct. 12 12 compensation for CEOs to which both April and Camille Q And Lynne was your chief legal officer? 13 said this would not be palatable within the community, 13 A She was. 14 which as we talked about yesterday, I said, well, then 14 Q And was she the point person when you needed a 15 let's just go back to whatever Paul McElroy's last 15 legal opinion that you would go to? 16 salary was, and so that was one. 16 A Either her or Jason Gabriel or Lawsikia. 17 We talked about, you know, allowances. We 17 Q What if you wanted an opinion that was going talked about a number of different -- I don't know -- it 18 18 to come from outside counsel, would you coordinate that 19 was a back and forth. So I don't know if I asked for 19 through her? 20 specific things. 20 A Yes. Everything -- well, a lot of times 21 To be honest with you, the negotiations were 21 actually I would ask Herschel Vinyard who overall saw 22 really, hey, how do we -- like I wasn't pushing for 22 legal to -- and then he would coordinate with either -major concessions. I was just saying, let's have a nice 23 23 you know, all the different parties. amicable conversation about what would be the 24 Q Okay. And she represented you before she came 24 appropriate, you know, type of provisions in the 25 to JEA; isn't that correct?

<ul><li>A No. She represented a firm that I worked for.</li><li>Q Okay. And what firm was that?</li></ul>	1	nikarna angang mengikakan pangkan kanang manang kanang angang mengang kanang angang kanang
		they were ultimately the ones that were going to give
	2	the final approval.
A BCR Environmental.	3	Q So because she could buy performance units,
Q And	4	she would hand off work that she otherwise would have
A And, actually, yeah, her law firm did.	5	done to other people in our office?
Q And that was Driver Mcafee?	6	A My understanding so as I understand it, and
A Correct.	7	I wasn't part of the meeting, Lawsikia Hodges
Q So did you know Lynne Rhode at the time	8	specifically told her that she was not to, you know,
A No.	9	provide opinions or advice on the performance units, but
(*) (**	10	that she could provide answers to questions that OGC
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	1,000	coordinate special counsel in all of that, sure.
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AND	947277	with that conflict. It seemed rational to me.
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		MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the
	9.5	question.
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number of other interviews.	24	appropriately.
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Q How many did you interview?	5	lot about them. They're a pretty well-known consultant;
A Probably three or four.	6	correct?
Q And you said yesterday that it was your idea	7	A Correct.
to include her in the PUP?	8	Q And they came up with this framework for the
A All full-time dedicated professionals to JEA,	9	total compensation?
which would include Miriam Hill as well.	10	A Correct.
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dedicated staff at JEA that we, you know, tried to care	18	Q So but Willis Towers Watson had informed
	19	you on, you know, goals as far as salary or as far as
for like JEA employees.	0.0	4-4-1 i fi 1 0
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- A Well, the plan never was implemented.
- 2 Q But the plan presented to the board, it
- differed from Willis Towers Watson's recommendation in 4 certain ways, didn't it?
  - A Yeah.

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- 6 O Was there a reason that you didn't go back to 7 Willis Towers Watson with the final plan and ask them, does this meet the goals that we talked about, that 8 9 we're trying to accomplish?
  - A No. But I mean, it's similar to you have a real estate broker that actually lists your house and manages the purchase and sale agreement. And then you have a closing attorney that actually manages the actual legal documents.

It's very similar. You have an adviser that sets up the deal, makes sure you have all the major kind of broad strokes. And then you rely on very experienced attorneys to paper the documents accordingly and to have definitive agreements.

- Q So in this situation, Willis Towers Watson is the, I guess, industry expert and then you said Pillsbury -- I'm sorry, Foley and OGC created the plan?
- 23 A Yeah, I guess I would ask the question, did you guys go back to Willis Towers Watson and -- you 24 25 know, I don't know. I relied on OGC and Pillsbury and

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- A I don't know the answer to that. If there was a specific --
- Q Was it you?

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- A -- individual that directed it? No. It was --
- Q Well, let me ask. So your attorneys don't make business decisions for you, do they?
  - A They don't, but given some of the anomalies of this relative to being deferred comp or being an incentive -- there's a lot of advice being provided by Kevin Hyde on whether or not you had to have a purchase price, you know, how that would work.

I know the accretion and dilution formula was provided by Ryan in terms of kind of how the accretion-dilution on each unit would work. But Ryan even wrote - he ran that past a number of us as well, and it wasn't like he did it in isolation. He just so, you know, it was the whole team, I mean, and then we all reviewed the docs and ended up where we ended up.

Q So what you received, I guess, in the draft was what you had asked for from your counsel?

MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the question.

A I didn't - I received a plan that was

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- Foley to produce a plan.
  - Q So who was in that process? I'm hearing three different sets of attorneys.
    - A Uh-huh.
- Who's making the actual business decision about what the plan looks like and what the terms of the

A So that was discussed -- Ryan Wannemacher had input. I had input. Melissa Dykes had input. Herschel Vinyard had input. Kerri Stewart had input. Asked Camille for some input as the compensation Chair, but not -- you know, just kind of said, hey, how does this -- and then talked to the Chair.

I did talk to Alan Howard about the different metrics, so whether you had book value, net position, contribution, customers, and we talked about - he and I talked a lot about those metrics as being the right metrics for measuring financial success of the business.

It was a collaborative approach involving different board members, management, and ultimately -oh, and Jon Kendrick would have had input on it.

Q So a lot of people had input on it, but who directed the attorneys and said, here's what the plan needs to look like? You draft -- you draft whatever documents are necessary, but here's the framework of the Page 388

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- 1 developed collaboratively and approved it and moved on 2 and that's what was presented.
  - Q So before it went to obviously, there were questions about the legality of various aspects, but before it was drafted, did you have a sit-down with your senior leadership team or anybody else and say, this is what we want it to look like; attorneys, you figure out how to do it?

A Yeah, I talked to -- that's where I actually was talking to Alan Howard about the right financial metrics. I talked to April Green about, you know, book value, contribution, those kinds of things. I did talk to senior leadership team members about, you know, how -- we actually explored, would you want to track it to EBITDA; would you want to track it to net income; would you want to track to -- there were a whole bunch of different financial metrics we were thinking about.

Because, again, the idea was to tie the unit to the financial performance of the business. Ultimately where we ended up was net position, distributions, and contributions, because the correlation of those for any business would be accretion of the real value of the business, book value. And then the latter two are really dividends.

Q So I guess -- that's a good example, the net

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1	book value. Using that metric, who made the final	1	Q Ernst & Young?
2	decision that that was the metric that was going to be	2	A Yeah.
3	used?	3	Q And why would they make that decision?
4	A You know, I guess I would as the CEO, but I	4	A They wouldn't make the decision, but as with
5	mean done in consultation with a whole group of people	5	anything, you would consult with your independent
6	to make sure that the decision was the right decision.	6	auditor to make sure that you were dealing with deposits
7	Q And would that be the same for kind of each of	7	appropriately.
8	these aspects of the plan? You consulted with	8	And I don't even know if it would but you
9	everybody, but ultimately made a decision this is what	9	would be classifying accordingly with GAP and making
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	we're going for?	250,50	sure you were handling the proceeds appropriately.
11	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the	11	Q Did you ever discuss with Ryan or
12	question.	12	Ernst & Young exactly what the plan was if the plan had
13	A I would have consulted with the board members.	13	proceeded?
14	I would have consulted with everybody. So ultimately	14	A I didn't manage that relationship. Ryan and
15	what gets presented is what gets presented to the board,	15	you would have Joey Orfano, the treasurer, and a
16	and then it's in the hands of the board as to whether or	16	whole you had a whole staff of audit internal
17	not they think it's the right path forward. So then you	17	audit and other people that would interface with E&Y.
18	have seven board members that have their own	18	MR. GARRETT: This might be a good time for a
19	disinterested review of that material to be able to	19	short break.
20	determine whether it's the right whether it's the	20	MR. POWELL: Yeah, let's go off a second.
21	correct, you know, policy decision to be made.	21	(Recess taken from 12:13 p.m. to 12:58 p.m.)
22	Q Was the board told that the PUP plan would be	22	BY MR. GARRETT:
23	a deferred compensation plan?	23	Q Mr. Zahn, I just have a few more questions for
24	A I'm not an expert in deferred comp versus	24	you.
25	other things. But would the plan agreements being	25	Just so we kind of understand your
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could have said no. We were going to get the State

Ethics. They could have said no. There were a whole

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would work out with E&Y.

A Ernst & Young.

Q With E&Y -

know, in 1 and JEA staff, yeah.

2 O Okay. So we

Q Okay. So were you — you had seen a draft of the strategic plan presentation before Atlanta?

A Yeah.

Q Okay. A And it was:

A And it was a strategic plan presentation on how JEA could be run absent the constraints of government. So it was substantially looking at how would you run the business under each of the different alternatives of Scenario 3.

Q And after the July board meeting, you engaged McKinsey in further analysis about the nontraditional response?

A JEA did, yes.

Q Was there a reason that you didn't want to do that analysis before the board voted on it?

A So, number one, that type of activity would have been -- there are a couple of things. You needed to actually hire a regulatory consultant to convert our GASB financials into FASB financials, as well as determine what a rate base was and basically determine how it would be operated in an investor-owned perspective. Didn't want to take that measure until the board voted to move forward in that direction.

Because if they had voted in July to pursue

slew of things that, you know -- OGC said, you know, in the letter they wanted to do final review. I mean --

Q Okay. I understand you become aware of concerns later, but at that time you had a lot of concerns?

A I didn't have a lot of concerns. I just didn't sit there and say this is a done deal, forgone conclusion.

Q Maybe we should talk about the difference between probable and possible. Like you -- you understood that there might be some legal issues that could stop the plan from being implemented --

A Absolutely.

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Q -- correct, in July?

But didn't you think it was probable that it could be worked out and the plan would be able to go forward?

A Based on the advice of counsel from Foley and -- yeah. But, you know, by no means saw it as a 100 percent probability that it would be an implemented plan.

Q With respect to McKinsey, as I understand it, the final version of the McKinsey strategic plan was completed in the last month after, I think, you went on administrative leave.

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Do you recall any -- any final report or seeing the final report from McKinsey?

A So I think that's a pretty substantial miss —
piece of misinformation in the public. McKinsey doesn't
do reports. What they do is they assist boards and
management teams with producing tailored strategies for
their businesses. And they provide a whole host of
expertise in third-party diligence and data and
oversight and sign-offs and other things like that.

The management presentation which was produced was -- you know, had a pretty substantial, here's how the business could be run absent -- you know, with access to capital, with access to scale and other things like that. And that also had an appendix to it that was finalized, and those were all finalized prior to the Atlanta trip.

Now, if they produced something else, then, okay, I don't -- I wouldn't be aware of that.

Q When was the Atlanta trip?

A December 10th to the 13th.

Q Do you recall the — and I call it a report, but I understand that you're saying it's more of a

presentation. PowerPoint slides and --

A Collaboratively produced with, you know, banks, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Pillsbury, Foley, Page 396

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the traditional response, we would not have needed to do any of that work. So FTI did that work.

We also needed to -- and so that would be your base balance sheet and starting position that -- then you would be able to do a financial forecast on. We did actually start that -- call it Scenario 3 strategic plan using the status quo revenue model. So we used the baseline, and then what we did -- and we didn't alter the sales assumptions associated with that.

What we did do is looked at different expense and revenue and unregulated growth opportunities that could be layered on top of the business as well as market expansion opportunities that were not available to a government entity. It's just really a growth model.

Q And did McKinsey's further work after July impact what the ITN ultimately looked like?

A No. Because the ITN itself requested responses from any and all bidders for any and all ideas on how to help solve the financial and operational issues of JEA.

Q Okay.

23 BY MR. POWELL:

Q Mr. Zahn, Steve Powell. I'm going to be as efficient as I can. Hopefully not very much overlap

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2	with what you've done to this point, except obviously a little bit.	1	apologize.
3		2	A I honestly don't know – O Where did the \$10 come from?
4	And to pick up a little bit on Mr. Garrett's questions, not long before the break you said something	4	A I honestly don't know.
5	to the effect that "we, the team, JEA, needed to get	5	O No idea?
6	these employment agreements and retention agreements in	6	A That would have been more than likely, you
7	place, quote, due to where we were. Due to where we	7	know, Kevin Hyde or was trying I think there's
8	were." I believe those are your words.	8	some trying to comply with some sort of Florida statute,
و ا	Can you explain what "were" is? In other	9	and I don't know what that is.
10	words, due to where we were. Where were we	10	Q I have marked an email with its attachment.
11	A So the board	11	I'll represent to you that the second page is the
12	Q in relation to this need for these	12	attachment that's embedded in this email.
13	agreements, the employment agreement, retention	13	A Okay.
14	agreement and so on?	14	MR. POWELL: It's Exhibit 36.
15	A Yeah. So that was actually discussed a lot	15	(Exhibit Number 36 was marked for
16	with each one of the board members that based on which	16	identification.)
17	direction the board decided to head in July, either to	17	BY MR. POWELL:
18	implement the traditional response, which would have	18	O Can you take a look at that for me, please?
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21	leadership team for sufficient enough time because	21	A October 11.
22	they're highly talented people that have exportable	22	Q — to me to attach — what does that
23	skills and could depart if you ended up having if the	23	attachment look like to you?
24	board gave a direction towards that, you'd want to make	24	A Looks like a layperson's description of what
25	sure they stuck around.	25	eventually became Exhibit 1 of the performance unit
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2	MR. MULLEN: So it's up to my client whether	2	A No.
3	he understands the question.	3	Again, the plan administrator was the person
4	BY MR. POWELL:	4	that had the sole authority to determine the allocation.
5	Q Do you understand the question?	5	So unless they were talking to her -
6	A I think it certainly provides three scenarios.	6	Q But you were going to bring the plan to the
7	Q And would you agree that those scenarios are	7	plan administrator, were you not?
8	valuations of the unit?	8	A Don't know. Actually never really got to how
9	A Under the specific scenarios cited.	9	that was going to be discussed. I mean, Camille and I
10	Q Thank you. I'm done with that one.	10	talked about, you know, how would we, you know, work
11	After July 23, did you ever work on preparing	11	through allocations at some point in time, but never got
12	a performance unit allocation spreadsheet?	12	there.
13	A No. I thought through different I did ask	13	Q All right. I'm going to oh, I have one
14	for employees a list of all the employees and thought	14	last question. I think this is actually the last
15	through different scenarios, but never created a formal	15	question I have about performance units per se.
16	spreadsheet or any recommendation.	16	In 2019, you held a number of off-site senior
17	Q Were you aware that it was being discussed	17	leadership team meetings, four that I'm aware of, at
18	among the people developing the plan that management	18	Ponte Vedra. Do you recall those?
19	would be entitled to a larger share of the units than	19	A Yes.
20	civil service employees?	20	Q Do you remember one in April?
21	A I was not aware that that who discussed it?	21	A I do not. I don't recall the respective ones,
22	Q Well, I'm frantically looking for my document.  I may have to come back to that question. But you're	22	O If I represent to you that we've got data from
24	not aware of it?	24	Q If I represent to you that we've got data from here to there that there was a meeting on April 4th,
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2	that anywhere in your memory bank?	2	Q Okay. Why did you get so upset?
3	A I don't recall that.	3	A I don't remember
4	Q All right. I'd like to ask and so now I am	4	Q And, by the way, I just want to make sure that
5	going to deviate from everything that's gone before.	5	we –
6	Jordan Pope. Jordan Pope was a young man	6	A I'm trying to remember.
7	working in your governmental affairs group; correct?	7	Q - have the context of upset defined, because
8	A Correct.	8	it's my understanding that you were dropping F bombs and
9	Q As of November of '18?	9	MFer bombs all over the 16th floor.
10	A Correct.	10	A That's not true.
11	Q Do you remember that, that he was working	11	Q And you summoned Mr. Pope to account for what
12	with under Mike Hightower; correct?	12	he had said to the committee. You don't remember that?
13	A Yes.	13	A I remember being upset.
14	Q Do you remember in November of '18 Mr. Pope	14	Q Okay.
15	going over to the City Council finance committee meeting	15	A In terms of the words you're alleging, I don't
16	to present JEA's position on Ordinance 2018-142, which	16	remember that. I do remember being upset.
17	is the ordinance that pertained to amending the charter	17	Q Do you remember summoning him or telling
18	to require a vote in the event that more than 10 percent	18	Mike Hightower to get Jordan Pope up there for a
19	of the assets of JEA were sold?	19	A Yeah, but I don't think
20	A That would seem I don't recall it, but it	20	Q - meeting, a discussion?
21	would seem like that would be a part of his job.	21	A - it had anything to do with this ordinance.
22	Q This is the ordinance, in case you need to	22	I think there was an offhand comment that was made by
23	refresh.	23	somebody else. I think it had something to do with -
24	(Exhibit Number 37 was marked for	24	Q Do you remember getting any calls from anybody
25	identification.)	25	informing you of what Mr. Pope had said at the hearing?
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1	A If he called me, it would be to inform me of	1	A Right.
2	something, but not to chew me out, for sure.	2	Q How would a recapitalization event have
3	Q Do you remember the "discussion" and I'll	3	impacted the retention agreements? Because you said it
4	put quotes around that - that you had with Mr. Pope in	4	would impact retention, pension, performance units, and
5	Mr. Hightower's office about Mr. Pope's performance at	5	l just - I didn't understand, maybe we didn't fully
6	the hearing?	6	explore it. How would
7	A Again, I don't recall the specific issue that	7	A Well, it would trigger the retention
8	I was upset about.	8	agreements.
9	Q Do you recall that your conduct was such that	9	Q It would trigger them
10	Mr. Hightower subsequently recommended and encouraged	10	A Yes.
11	you to apologize to Mr. Pope for your treatment of him?	11	Q – but it wouldn't change their value?
12	A And I did.	12	A Well, the value of the retention agreements
13	Q Okay. Do you think your treatment of	13	would be set at the time of the closing, so if the if
14	Mr. Pope was befitting the CEO of JEA?	14	people's salaries changed or whatever it is.
15	A I certainly apologized for my own conduct and	15	Q All right. But we're talking about a little
16	take ownership for when we all make mistakes. We all	16	incremental up or down in terms of people's salaries;
17	get upset at times.	17	right?
18	MR. POWELL: I'm going to mark this as 38.	18	A Sure.
19	This is just going to be a quick one.	19	Q And would the same be true of pension, there's
20	(Exhibit Number 38 was marked for	20	no impact of monumental nothing nothing on the
21	identification.)	21	scale that we saw that the units would be impacted;
22	BY MR. POWELL:	22	right?
23	Q Is that your handwriting on this document?	23	A No. Actually pension could probably fluctuate
24	A Looks like it.	24	a lot, yeah, based on actuarials. So if you had a
25	Q Did you take a plane ride to Atlanta on	25	market -
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1	October 4, 2019, to watch a Braves game on a private	1	Q What about if the recapitalization event was
2	plane provided by Conventus, LLC?	2	within 18 months?
3	A On October 4, 2019?	3	A I don't think that's likely.
4	Q Yes, sir.	4	Q You don't think a recapitalization event -
5	A I don't know who it was provided by, but I	5	A Not closing,
6	paid for my own ticket.		<u> </u>
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2	A Certainly possible.	2	A Correct. I'm unaware I'm unaware of, you
3	Q And that was possible you knew that was	3	know, a requirement to disclose it to Walette, but if
4	possible going into the July 23 meeting; right?	4	there was one, then I certainly would have done it.
5	A Sure. And the performance units' values would	5	Q But you did not
6	be well publicized and put out as part of the entire	6	A I sought advice of the General Counsel to
7	out for the board, City Council, and voters to know	7	determine what the right thing to do was and so he gave
8	about,	8	me advice and he said -
9	Q There is always that, you can put it you	9	Q Are you telling us that Mr. Gabriel told you
10	can put it on the voters; right?	10	that you did not have to disclose it to JEA?
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12	question.	12	question.
13	A I didn't say that. I just said	13	A I'm telling you
14	Q I'm sorry. That was probably not fair.	14	Q Do you understand the question?
15	A I didn't say that. I just said it was going	15	In fact, do you want to read it back, Heather?
16	to be very public.	16	Because I'm getting these form objections
17	Q Did you ever formally disclose to JEA your	17	What's the objection?
18	business the business interest that you shared with	18	MR. MULLEN: I'm going to continue to make the
19	Deno Hicks through your family trust?	19	form objection.
20	A I disclosed it to Jason Gabriel before I got	20	MR. POWELL: I'm going to ask you what the
21	on the board.	21	objection is so I can correct it.
22	Q In what form did you disclose it to	22	MR. MULLEN: Let
23	Mr. Gabriel?	23	MR. POWELL: No, no. What's your objection so
24	A I met with him in his office. And the reason	24	I can fix it? Do you need to hear it?
25	I know this is I had some personal notes to discuss with	25	MR. MULLEN: Yeah, I do.
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1	him a number of issues around being on the board. That	1	MR. POWELL: Okay.
2	included how is litigation managed, how is D&O managed,	2	MR. MULLEN: I'll have the court reporter read
3	how is public records, all these things.	3	your question back
4	And I also included Gnosis, my family's LLC as	4	MR. POWELL: Read it back.
5	well as - I actually - if you were if you would	5	MR. MULLEN: - and I'll give you my basis for
6	review his personal notes between probably somewhere	6	the objection.
7	from January 30 to middle of February, he actually drew	7	(Record read by reporter.)
8	out the org chart or org structure, the legal org	8	MR. MULLEN: You're taking Mr. Zahn's prior
9	structure	9	testimony and trying to flip it back on him.
10	Q That was 2018; right?	10	BY MR. POWELL:
11	A Correct.	11	Q Do you understand the question, sir?
12	And my question to him at the time was, here	12	A I do.
13	is this it's a 50/50 LLC interest. It's an indirect	13	Q Can you answer it?
14	interest through an indirect interest. I'm not the	14	A Jason Gabriel informed me that the there
15	manager, you know, how did it's not a JEA customer	15	was no conflict and that there was no need to even have
16	and but I disclosed it and we talked about it in	16	a disclosure.
17	and but I disclosed it and we talked about it in sufficient detail.	17	Q Okay. I apologize. I do not have it
		18	A He sent me an email also.
18	Q Did you ever make any a formal provide	19	
19	formal notice to JEA of this interest in the form of	20	
20	a in any form to the ethics officer?	25/10/60	A When this issue hit the newspaper, I followed
21	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the	21	up with him, and in his email he said, I recall
22	question.	22	discussing it in matters so benign it didn't require any
(2) E	A No. But I did disclose it to her boss, which	23	additional follow-up.
23	174 7 70 70 70 70 70		
23 24 25	would have been Herschel Vinyard.  Q Herschel Vinyard didn't come on board until	24 25	That email would be in my email.  Q I apologize. I do not have a I don't have

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sets of this next exhibit, but I will identify it for
 the record, and then I just have kind of a summary
 question about them, Mr. Zahn.

an October 24, '18, invoice from Innovation Alliance to
 Mike Hightower for \$25,000 related to the Jax
 Infrastructure Innovation Summit 2018, and the
 description of the work being billed is "consulting fee

So what I've got here is Exhibit 39. I have

for innovation summit".

1 then have an invoice dated October 26 of

2018 for the same amount, also to Mr. Hightower, also
the Jax Infrastructure Innovation Summit of 2018. This
time the description has been changed to "marketing and
business promotion". That second invoice is all signed
off by Mr. Hightower, and it's got down at the bottom in

the lower left corner written in handwriting "REQ",whatever that means, "406216".

There's also a certification of standard

proprietary — proprietary or original equipment

manufacturer item — it's the third page — signed by

Mr. Hightower on October 29.

I have a check payable to Innovation Alliance dated October 30 of 2018, \$25,000.

Finally, I have an email from Jenny McCollum
to me that is forwarding to me — that email is

to approve a \$25,000 transaction?

A No. Actually, 1 -- as the CEO, 1 signed off on -- I would go -- Jenny McCollum, the procurement officer, would bring me every procurement every week, and a list -- a laundry list to review. My direct reports would submit their expenses and any -- as well as any direct payments that they would make.

And so they would -- generally speaking, it would go -- and I've never seen these documents, for the record. It would go -- if Mike would -- or any VP would basically hand it to -- if they approved it, they'd hand it to their EA. Their EA would send it to my EA. My EA would then bring me a laundry list of things to approve, and as long as the documentation was appropriate, I would trust that my VPs were doing the right thing.

Q You make a good -- an interesting point, and it's all a timing issue.

Was Mike Hightower your direct report as of October 29th of 2018?

A Yes.

Q When did you bring him into the inner circle, so to speak?

A I didn't. He was employed by JEA --

Q But he was not a direct report to --

A He was a direct report from the very

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- January 15 of '20 -- forwarding Elaine Selders, who's
   provided Jenny McCollum with the Oracle record -- the
- 3 Oracle screenshot, I guess, related to this requisition,
- 4 406216.

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5 You'll see when you look at it that down there

in sequence, four of four sequences of submit, reserve,
 approve, approve. Finally, on October 29th, the day

before the check is issued, this payment is approved by

9 Aaron Zahn.

MR. MULLEN: And these several pages that you just handed me are going to be labeled Exhibit 39?

12 MR. POWELL: Yes, they are.

13 (Exhibit Number 39 was marked for

14 identification.)

15 BY MR. POWELL:

16 Q Please take a quick look.

A Okay.

18 Q Why did Aaron Zahn have to approve a \$25,000

19 check to Innovation Alliance?

20 A So I read this in the newspaper recently, but

21 | | have --

Q No, no. Okay. Why did Aaron Zahn have to

approve the payment of that invoice?
 A Because Mike Hightower was a direct report.

Q And Mike Hightower didn't have the authority

1 beginning, in May of 2018.

Q You don't recall an incident where you made an
announcement of who was going to be your direct reports,
and Mr. Hightower being among them?

A Mr. Hightower was among them. I made the announcement in May of 2018, right. I reorganized the entire business with Melissa and --

Q Okay. I didn't appreciate it. So that was done so early in your interim period?

A Yes.

11 Q All right. Do you know what this \$25,000 was 12 paying for?

A Only from what I've read in the newspaper in the last month.

Q How about from these documents?

A No

Q Did you talk to Mr. Hightower about it before signing off on these?

A No

Q You didn't know that this money was going to pay for Deno Hicks' services to the Jax Chamber?

A No.

MR. MULLEN: Can we get a copy of that made before the end of the day, please?

MR. POWELL: Sure. Just help me remember --

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1	THE WITNESS: By the way, Mike Hightower has a	1	of documents in parallel with doing research.
2	longstanding relationship with Deno Hicks as well.	2	Q And you think this is probably prepared by a
3	So I'm not the only one with that	3	lawyer because they had to put
4	BY MR. POWELL:	4	A It's got a whole bunch of brackets. It looks
5	Q Well, you have a longstanding relationship	5	very
6	with Mike Hightower too, don't you?	6	Q It looks very lawyerly, huh?
7	A Not longstanding, but five, six years, yeah.	7	A lt does.
8	Q Didn't he try to put you on the	8	Q Okay. I need to go through a number of
9	St. Johns River Water Management board?	9	relationships just to establish things in the record.
10	A He asked me if I'd be interested.	10	When did you first meet Lenny Curry?
11	Q Were you interested?	11	A 2013, 2014.
12	A Yeah.	12	Q And can you evolve your relationship can
13	Q Did you pursue that?	13	you explain the evolution or the development of your
14	A I filled out an application and sent it to the	14	relationship with Mayor Curry? I'll refer to
15	governor.	15	Lenny Curry as Mayor Curry now
16	(Exhibit Number 40 was marked for	16	A Sure.
17	identification.)	17	Q - if that's okay, from 2013 to early '18?
18	BY MR. POWELL:	18	MR. MULLEN: Steve, can you establish a
19	Q Again, I apologize. Don't have a copy. This	19	predicate for what these questions have to do with
20	is not a secret document. I'm sure you've seen it.	20	the purpose of the investigation?
21	Just want to get it in the record.	21	MR. POWELL: Well, I know you're in Tampa.
22	I've marked it Exhibit 40. It's in the upper	22	don't know if you read our newspaper, but this is
23	right-hand corner "Draft 9/10/2019 Confidential". It's	23	relevant. And are you actually going to
24	got an "insert JEA logo" in it. The heading is	24	contemplate instructing him not to answer a
25	Invitation to Participate in JEA Long-Term Performance	25	question?
1	Unit Plan.	1	Do you have a question, sir
2	Did you have you ever seen that document?	2	MR. MULLEN: I have not
3	A I have not. No.	3	MR. POWELL: as to why I'm asking you this?
4	This would probably be a document similar to	4	MR. MULLEN: You can answer if you understand
5	what the HR team and Melissa were working on relative to	5	the question.
6	informing, as we talked about earlier, the employees.	6	THE WITNESS: 1 do.
7	Q Does it surprise you to see a document like	7	So when we first met, I was in the water
8	that because you could appreciate what that is;	8	business. You know, I would eventually was on a
9	right? That's	9	transition team for his first term around
10	A Yeah. No, I	10	infrastructure and economic development, and played
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11	<ul> <li>Q a document that's going to go out to</li> </ul>	11	a pretty substantial role in talking about how the
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1	exchanged pleasantries and that at church, but		A Yes. Yeah. From what I recall. And he was,
2	nothing more from a professional manner.	2	you know, introduced by one of either Brian or Lenny
3	Then there was a time somewhere in his first	3	because of his being a policy adviser to the City
4	term where he had asked me whether or not I'd have	4	Council a number of City Council members and the
5	interest in serving on the JEA board. I declined,	5	Mayor.
6	because I thought I would have a conflict of	6	Q Prior to being appointed to the JEA board, did
7	interest given my current business. And then I	7	you have any discussions with Mayor Curry about the
8	exited my business in the middle of '17.	8	potential of your becoming the CEO of JEA?
9	BY MR. POWELL:	9	A No.
10	Q And that business, I'm sorry, was BCR?	10	Q Same question as to Mr. Mousa?
11	A Yes, sir.	11	A No.
12	Q And for the record - I'm sorry to interrupt	12	Q Prior to your appointment to the JEA board,
13	you - can you just give us a brief summary of what the	13	had you had any discussions with Mayor Curry about the
14	business of BCR was?	14	notion, the concept, I suppose, or the - of selling
15	A It was a wastewater treatment technology and	15	JEA?
16	operations company.	16	A So if you recall, actually my first -
17	Q All right. I'm sorry. Could you continue?	17	Q It's just a question, a conversation with
18	A Yeah.	18	Mayor Curry before you were appointed to the board about
19	Because I had provided similar advice to EPA	19	selling JEA. That's yes or no.
20	people and State representatives and other on water	20	A No.
21	matters. Sometime around, I guess, the end of middle	21	MR. MULLEN: It's not a yes or no question.
22	to end of '17 got another phone call asking for me	22	Let Mr. Zahn finish his answer.
23	whether or not I'd have any interest in being on the JEA	23	THE WITNESS: So it's not, because if you
24	board now.	24	recall, there was a very hot privatization debate
25		25	going on with Paul McElroy because of Tom Petway's
23	And then ended up having a number of	23	going on with rath McEndy because of Tolli Felway's
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1	interviews with Mayor Curry, his staff, around a	1	question in November of '17.
2	potential appointment, and that appointment ended up	2	BY MR. POWELL:
3	well, whenever it was, January, February of '18, I	3	Q Right, I remember all that. But my question
4	guess.	4	is, did you have a conversation with Mayor Curry about
5	Q And that was the appointment to the board?	5	selling JEA before you were appointed to the board
6	A Correct.	6	A No.
7	Q Okay. Who did you interview with on	7	Q with Mayor Curry?
8	Mayor Curry's staff?	8	A No.
9	A Sam Mousa, Brian Hughes, Lenny Curry. 1 know	9	Q Okay. Sam Mousa?
10	Jason Gabriel was not in interview, but it was a	10	127 - 128427
11	discussion. I think that was about it.	0.000	
PARTICLE.		11	Q After you went on the JEA board, did you have
12	Q Was that the first time you had met Mr. Mousa?	12	a conversation with Mayor Curry about the potential of
13	A No. I had met Mr. Mousa in different social	13	your becoming the CEO of JEA?
02000	settings.	14	A No.
14	The state was being the state of the state o	20000	선물이 된 글
15	Q Was that the first time you met Mr. Hughes?	15	Q After you went on the board, did you have a
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15 16 17 18	<ul><li>Q Was that the first time you met Mr. Hughes?</li><li>A Yes.</li><li>Q Was when you interviewed for the board?</li><li>A Yes.</li></ul>	16 17 18	conversation with Mayor Curry about the possible sale of JEA?  A No.
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Q Was that the first time you met Mr. Hughes? A Yes. Q Was when you interviewed for the board? A Yes. Q And just Mr. Baker, when did you meet Tim Baker first time? A Shortly thereafter. Q After your interview for the board? A No. Shortly after being on board.	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	conversation with Mayor Curry about the possible sale of JEA?  A No.  Q Same questions with respect to Mr. Mousa?  A No.  Q Now, at that point you had met Mr. Hughes; correct? Because you interviewed to go with him to get on the board?
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1	conversations with Mr. Hughes about the potential	1	Q No. You just said '19.
2	your the potential of your becoming CEO of JEA?	2	A I'm sorry. That was in '18. No, no. That
3	A No.	3	was actually in the period you asked me about.
4	Q Any conversations with Mr. Hughes while you	4	Q Okay. You did say September of '19.
5	were on the board about selling JEA?	5	A I apologize.
6	A lasked questions about the current process	6	Q Nonetheless, I appreciate it. But I am just
7	that was that was being undertaken by and kind of	7	trying to work through these questions
8	what was going on	8	A Okay.
9	Q What are you talking about, the current	9	Q and establish things.
10	process	10	So now you're the permanent CEO in November of
11	A Well, you	11	'18, and you are toward the end of that year, you
12	Q that was going on?	12	were rolling into getting the strategic plan up and
13	A You had	13	running; correct?
14	O What's that?	14	A Correct.
15	A You had you had Paul McElroy and and all	15	Q Just to make it easy. Up through and
16	of JEA in front of City Council. You had the kind of	16	including July 23rd of 2019, after you became permanent
17	the Valentine's Day meeting, which was a special meeting	17	CEO, did you and the Mayor have a discussion about
18	called by Anna Brosche, which I attended to witness.	18	selling JEA?
19	I was trying to inform myself as to as I	19	A We had a discussion about all five scenarios
20	was coming on a board, what exactly was occurring with	20	kind of that we were looking at and the different ways
21	the company that I was going onto the board of. And I	21	where we talked about a number of different
22	discussed that I asked similar questions of every	22	strategies relative to continuing to pursue the growth
23	City Council member when interviewing to be confirmed.	23	of JEA.
24	Q During your period as interim CEO and that	24	O And when would that was that a sitdown in
25	would be April of '18 through November of '18	25	his office or your office, or were others there? Can
	would be ripin of 10 anough November of 10		and other or your other, or were duties diese. Can
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1	A Yes.	1	you tell me about that conversation?
2	Q is that right?	2	A Actually, so Bobby Stein and Michael Ward
3	Did you and Mayor Curry ever have a discussion	3	asked for a meeting with myself and the Mayor sometime
4	about selling JEA?	4	in, I don't know, probably April or so.
5	A No.	5	Q April of '19?
6	Q Did you ever have a discussion with Sam Mousa	6	A Yeah. And it was not fleshed out as the whole
7	about - during that period of time about selling JEA?	7	Scenarios 1 through 5, but it was Bobby Stein and
8	A No.	8	Michael Ward were were adamant about having JEA raise
9	Q Same question as to Mr. Hughes?	9	rates and increase the contribution to the City so that
10	A No.	10	the City could have more borrowing capacity. The
11	Q Mr. Baker?	11	Mayor
12	A No.	12	Q I have to ask. Who are Bobby Stein and
13	Specifically I actually focused on - the very	13	Michael Ward in the whole equation?
14	specific conversations I would have would be we need to	14	A They're on the executive committee of the
15	figure out how to run this business. We need to deal	15	civic council, and now they're on the executive
16	with Vogtle, because Vogtle was a big issue that ended	16	committee of the Our Jax group.
17	up getting in a lawsuit in September of '19. Actually	17	Q And I'm sorry. You were about to weigh in on
18	spent quite a bit of time with Brian Hughes on Vogtle	18	what the Mayor's comments were?
19	dealing with DOE. Because Vogtle was spinning out of	19	A The Mayor was adamant that rate increases were
20	control and went from a \$2 billion liability to a	20	the equivalent of tax increases, that he wasn't a
21	S4 and a half billion liability. I mean	21	proponent of that. And I explained to Michael and Bobby
	Q I appreciate all this, but you're extending	22	that, you know, what I was trying to do was solve the
22	The second secon		many just more of more a man or just to on man poster alle
	our conversation unnecessarily and, you know, you've	23	business issue and, you know, looking at the different
22	our conversation unnecessarily and, you know, you've jumped ahead a whole year. So let me just back up	23	business issue and, you know, looking at the different trends within the industry and how to solve how can IFA
22 23	our conversation unnecessarily and, you know, you've jumped ahead a whole year. So let me just back up  A No, that was in '19.	23 24 25	business issue and, you know, looking at the different trends within the industry and how to solve how can JEA participate in the market trends.

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1	And I explained to them that, you know, one of	1	A I was always trying to find a way to keep the	
2	the needs will be capital and we could borrow money or	2	rates as low as possible so that, number one, our	
3	we could raise rates. And and at that point in time,	3	customers benefited, and, number two, it would have a	
4	I said, you know, there are other scenarios, but	4	substantial impact on the macro economy of our market.	
5	certainly I don't have the authority to take any action	5	Q And the Mayor also expressed his opposition at	
6	on that.	6	that meeting to raising rates?	
7	Q Okay. So in responding to Mr. Stein and	7	A And his opposition was the sole idea of	
8	Mr. Ward's interest in raising rates so that JEA could	В	raising rates to increase the contribution.	
9	borrow more money, you in April -	9	Q To the City?	
10	A I told them	10	A Correct.	
11	Q - of '19 - hold on - you gave them the	11	Q But was there any discussion about raising	
12	landscape of options?	12	rates in order to maintain the contribution to the City?	
13	A What I told them was that was absolutely the	13	A No.	
14	wrong decision for the business. And I said, you know,	14	Q Can you recall anything else from that	
15	what we need to look at is what can be described as the	15	meeting?	
16	business for the next ten years, and sitting here and	16	A No.	
17	trying to make a decision to raise rates just for the	17	Q Is that the only meeting that you had with the	
18	benefit of the City isn't a good idea.	18	Mayor prior to July 23 at which the sale of JEA was	
19	Q Okay. So raising rates was not - in April of	19	discussed either specifically or as a in concept?	
20	'19 you considered that to be not the way to go?	20	<ul> <li>A I informed the Mayor shortly before the ITN,</li> </ul>	
21	A I think that hurts the lowest income	21	much like I informed all the City Council members, that	
22	individuals the most, which would be terrible for our	22	we were going to be looking at and this would have	
23	city.	23	been sometime in July that we were going to be	
24	Q Well, aren't there ways to raise rates that	24	looking at alternative structures that included	
25	don't disproportionately impact lower income ratepayers?	25	potential private structures.	
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2	constitutional ballot initiatives. Because, as you	2	Q Why would Jordan Elsbury and Brian Hughes have
3	recall, in Scenario 2 one of the things we needed to	3	been at a party do you know
4	really look at is whether we could get constitutional	4	MR. MULLEN: Object
5	changes.	5	BY MR. POWELL:
6	And then we also talked to him about Florida	6	Q Do you know why that's fair; right? Do you
7	statute changes as well as potential how would we manage	7	know why Jordan Elsbury and Brian Hughes would have been
8	City Charter changes. Not related to sales, but related	8	at a party at Volstead that was your senior leadership
9	to those constraints that were in front of us that	9	team, you know, blowing off some steam after working
10	inhibited us from participating in those markets.	10	100-hour workweeks and finishing the work before the
11	Q I've seen Mr. Baker state publicly that he was	11	board on the 23rd?
12	never paid for any of these services. And so he was	12	A Again, it wasn't a party. It was just a
13	participating at Club Continental as a concerned	13	get-together. No, I don't know.
14	citizen?	14	They - the Volstead is a very frequent place
15	A My guess	15	to go, so it could have been a coincidence.
16	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the	16	Q Well, there's not that many places to go
17	question.	17	downtown; right?
18	You can answer.	18	A Right.
19	THE WITNESS: I don't know you'd have to	19	Q Okay. So did you have any conversation with
20	ask him why he participated. 1 invited him	20	Mr. Hughes at that - at that gathering?
21	BY MR. POWELL:	21	A I'm sure I exchanged pleasantries. I actually
22	Q I'm sorry. The point of the question is you	22	left quite early. I paid for - I paid for the drinks
23	didn't pay Mr. Baker to be there at the	23	for the team up to a certain point and left.
24	Club Continental?	24	Q When you were interim and being considered for
25	A Not that I'm aware of.	25	the permanent job, did you ever direct anybody inside of
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3	Q And so none of these conversations took place	3	the others.
4	prior to July 23?	4	Q Combined. So more time spent on the ITN than
5	A No.	5	the other two combined?
6	We actually specifically had a one- or	6	A No.
7	two-week period where the banks were able to, you know,	7	Q More time spent on the ITN than on either of
8	inform the market that this ITN was going to be coming	8	the other two?
9	to the market.	9	A No. I'm saying probably a third, a third, a
10	Q I'm coming to an end. I'm sure you'll be glad	10	third for me of my 50 percent.
11	to hear that.	11	Q And what would would you say that that
12	After the July 23 board meeting, would you be	12	would be the same for your leadership team, your
13	able to estimate for us how much generally	13	executive leadership team?
14	estimate the percentage of time that was devoted	14	A No. I would say Herschel, Ryan, and Melissa
15	by I'm just going to go with yourself to exploring	15	spent a lot of time Melissa was in charge of running
16	the alternative structures?	16	the ITN as a leadership team member.
17	A Can you define	17	Q So the three of them, would you say they
18	Q After July 23, you've got what you got; right?	18	mostly spent their time on the ITN?
19	We all know what you got on the 23rd of July, and you're	19	A No. Herschel spent a lot of time on Vogtle
20	moving forward and one of the one of the take-aways	20	and other call it structural and legal matters.
21	was go explore these alternative structures, the ITN,	21	Q Okay. Of the time they spent on the
22	IPO, co-op; right? Those are the three?	22	alternative structures, did either of those three have
23	A Yeah.	23	anything much to do with the IPO or the co-op?
24	Q All right. As a percentage of your time, how	24	A Yeah, everybody had the
25	much was devoted after July 23 to work on the	25	Q For the most part, the majority you know,
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2	A So on the ITN	2	A Everyone was involved everyone was involved
3	Q No, no. All told.	3	in the IPO and the co-op.
4	A Oh.	4	Q So you're going to spread them equally among
5	O All told.		
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3	to us yesterday and in answer to Mr. Garrett a little	3	A Okay I've also thought of a scenario where
4	bit today that you had an "aha" moment about the	4	there was \$3 billion and \$2 billion, and I could do the
5	astronomical PUP value potential partly when you got a	5	math on that in my head as well.
6	look at the revised bids? Yesterday you talked about	6	O No, I get that. So when you did the
7	A Yeah, that's right.	7	Samuel calculation before the July 23 meeting and
8	Q you had a \$ to bid. Wow, okay, this	8	you - I mean, did you did you run through that and
9	is going to be a problem.	9	get I mean right now, can you do it in your head and
10	A And I had a whole legal staff saying that	10	give me a unit value —
11	there's going to be issues.	11	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the
12	Q I understand you got all these people talking	12	question.
13	to you, but you yourself, Aaron Zahn	13	Q - assuming 30,000 units out there?
14	A I was able to finally calculate a number.	14	MR. MULLEN: Same objection.
15	Q — a little bit of an "aha" moment. Okay.	15	A Yeah, sure
16	And I believe you said yesterday that you	16	About \$280 million.
17	never even considered this before July 23, is that	17	Q All right. And then we divide that by 30,000?
18	right, that you never even gave	18	A Correct.
19	A That's not what I said.	19	Q And you get what, 3,000 a unit, something like
20	Q All right. What did you say?	20	that?
21	A I just said it was impossible for me to	21	A Yeah.
22	calculate on a hypothetical number.	22	
23	and course and the second of t	23	
24	Q Well okay. That's I mean, actually, if	24	before July 23. In your mind you could see a \$10 unit
25	you break that down what you just said that's you don't really mean that, because you could always take	25	becoming \$3,000?  A Uh-huh.
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1	11 billion as a hypothetical and do the calculation;	1	Q Did you do and once you did that when
2	right?	2	you did that in your mind, because I understand you
3	MR. MULLEN: Object to -	3	didn't like do it on a piece of paper, you ran that
4	A Could take 100 million and do that	4	through your mind, did it occur to you did you do
5	calculation.	5	anything with that result that was in your mind?
6	Q Right. But you just did not do that before	6	Did you share that information with anybody?
7	the 23rd?	7	A Actually, I talked to April Green and I talked
8	It never entered your mind - did it ever	8	to the board members about potential, you know even
9	enter your mind before July 23 to run a number, oh, what	9	right before the - we went to the issuance of the ITN,
10	if we get an \$ offer and the City nets or	10	we talked about because we had the PFM report, and we
11	billion, what's that going to mean for the performance	11	had a whole bunch of other reports that kind of talked
12	unit value? You never did that before July 23?	12	about different ranges and values. We talked to the
13	A I certainly thought about - I certainly	13	board members about, you know, the impacts on
14	thought of a number of different scenarios, yes.	14	performance units, absolutely.
15	Q Did you	15	Q In those stark
16	A I also thought —	16	A Not in those –
17	Q - think about a scenario along those lines,	17	Q — astronomical terms?
18	before July 23?	18	A Not in those stark astronomical terms, but I
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A Yes.

Q -that -

Q Did you share --

A - of \$3 billion -

A But I also thought of a scenario --

THE WITNESS: Let me answer the question.

(Simultaneous crosstalk.)

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MR. MULLEN: Wait. Let Mr. Zahn --

A That's your words. Those are -- those are

Q Oh, I'm sorry. You don't -- do you not think

that the performance unit value going from 10 to 3,000

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1	in the event of a recapitalization event does not	1	John. Because if that happened, there's been an
2	yield that that \$3,000 is not that figure is not	2	obstruction of this investigation wait a
3	astronomical?	3	minute - somewhere. So either answer it now or
4	A I think it's in line with the calculation of	4	it's going to get answered later.
5	the plan.	5	MR. MULLEN: What's your basis for saying
6	Q Well, of course it's in line with the	6	obstruction of an investigation?
7	calculation of the plan, Mr. Zahn. My question is, do	7	MR. POWELL: Look, I don't think you really
8	you think that that's an astronomical result from a \$10	8	need to ask me that question. And so I'm going to
9	investment over less than a three-year period of time?	9	ask you, are you going to permit him to answer this
10	A I've seen that happen in a number of different	10	question now or is it going to be answered later,
11	places in my in my past. So astronomical? You know,	11	if necessary?
12	it was a deferred comp plan.	12	MR. MULLEN: What's your basis for saying
13	Q Do you even know what a deferred comp plan is?	13	obstruction of an investigation as a basis to waive
14	A It's a plan that basically is in line with,	14	the attorney-client privilege?
15	you know, retirement and other benefits that are	15	MR. POWELL: Well, you heard the intro here.
16	provided to employees, but	16	This is a confidential investigation. I assure you
17	Q Do you know of any - have you ever heard of a	17	that intro was read to everybody that we've
18	deferred comp plan that's going to generate \$3,000 on a	18	interviewed.
19	\$10 commitment in less than three years?	19	So if you have information that you shouldn't
20	A I am not a deferred comp expert.	20	have and you shared it with your client, I'm going
21	Q Right. Okay. No, me neither, but I know	21	to say you're a party to an obstruction of our
22	that's not possible.	22	investigation. So you can either have him answer
23	Okay. So before July 23, you had run through	23	this question now or, if necessary, we'll get it
24	this mental calculation. You could see that there could	24	answered later.
25	be this - you don't like my word astronomical this	25	MR. MULLEN: Why don't you give me five
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2	confidential investigation that should not be	2	was after the December 16th City Council meeting.
3	discussed by the interview subjects with anyone	3	MR. POWELL: I have no further questions.
4	else; is that correct?	4	Mr. Phillips.
5	MR. POWELL: I'm going to stand on the	5	MR. PHILLIPS: Mr. Granat had -
6	statement, and if you're going to quibble with	6	MR. GRANAT: What number was I going to use?
7	them, fine. I just need an answer as to whether	7	MR. PHILLIPS: You were going to use 41.
8	you're going to allow him to answer this whether	8	MR. GRANAT: 1 just want to verify - this is
9	he's going to waive his privilege, if it is a	9	Exhibit 41.
10	privilege, and answer my question.	10	(Exhibit Number 41 was marked for
11	MR. MULLEN: Right, and we're getting there.	11	identification.)
12	I just want to point out for the record, and I	12	BY MR. GRANAT:
13	think this is something you might want to revisit	13	Q Mr. Zahn, you referred to an email from
14	for future reference, there is nothing in the Prior	14	Jason Gabriel in your questions to Mr. Powell regarding
15	to Interview section of this that says that this	15	your property ownership with Deno Hicks?
16	investigation [sic] is confidential, period.	16	A Yes.
17	Now, with that being said, I have had the	17	Q And so just take a look. Is this the email
18	opportunity to confer with my client. With the	18	you were referring to, the email chain?
19	question that you asked, I am willing to allow	19	A It is.
20	without waiving attorney-client privilege, I am	20	Q And I just want to clarify what Jason Gabriel
21	willing to allow Mr. Zahn to answer the question	21	said because I think it was misstated. On December 13th
22	you posed.	22	of 2019 1 just want to read what Mr. Gabriel wrote.
23	MR, POWELL: All right.	23	"To be clear about the brief conversation we
24	MR. MULLEN: Is that understood?	24	had this morning, from memory I generally recall a
25	MR. POWELL: Sure.	25	nonformal conversation with you prior to coming on the
	MICTOREES. Sold.		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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2	(D]		
3	(Record read by reporter.)	2	that was completely unaffiliated and detached from
3	THE WITNESS: No.	2	that was completely unaffiliated and detached from anything related to JEA, in and of itself, would be
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5 6 7		3	the remainder of the year?
6 7	general there would have been insufficient information	4	A Correct.
7	to place in a memo".	5	Q And the goal of the PUP plan was to get it all
0.00	That was his response to you per email; right?	6	issued by the end of last year?
8	A Per email.	7	A Subject to all the formal approvals that were
	MR. GRANAT: Okay. 1 just wanted to clarify	8	all out pending, as well as making sure that it complied
9	that. Thank you.	9	with every law, statute, and ethics code.
10	MR. PHILLIPS: That's it?	10	Q Sure. But the and what I'm getting at is
11	MR. GRANAT: That's it.	11	some people would have known what the bids were when
12	BY MR. PHILLIPS:	12	they made the decision to purchase PUPs and others would
13	Q Okay. I'll try to make this as brief as	13	have not known that information.
14	possible. I'm pretty sure I won't take near as long as	14	A But that never happened.
15	Steve did.	15	Q I understand that, but that's what would have
16	Regarding the October the 2nd meeting where I	16	happened if the goal would have been achieved; correct?
17	was at JEA with Lynne Rhode and Herschel and Lawsikia	17	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form and again to
18	and Jason and you stopped in for a minute, did you	18	the hypothetical.
19	did you have a conversation with Herschel or Lynne or	19	A Not necessarily. If the Attorney General and
20	both after the meeting about the way the meeting went?	20	the ethics commission had taken to well beyond the
21	A Yes.	21	the - announced the end of the ITN process, then
22	Q May I ask you to please tell us what they told	22	everybody in the public would actually know.
23	you.	23	Q No, I understand. But assuming that the ITN
24	A As best that I recall, they told me that you	24	had proceeded the way y'all hoped it would, then the
25	and Lynne got into a pretty heated debate and Herschel	25	there would have been some people knowing more
1	Page 458 had to step in, and with Jason Gabriel's assistance, to	1	Page 460 information than others at JEA; right?
2	calm the room.	2	A That never happened.
3	Q Did they tell you anything else?	3	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the
4	A No.	4	question.
5	Q Did they tell you that the debate centered	5	THE WITNESS: That never happened.
6	around me expressing the view to Lynne that the PUP plan	6	BY MR. PHILLIPS:
7	was illegal and that her participation in it was	7	Q Well, I know it didn't happen. I'm just
8	inappropriate?	В	saying that was what was supposed to happen if the plan
9	A No.	9	had not been killed by you?
10	Q Did Herschel share with you that he was going	10	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the
11	to call Jason and tell Jason not to bring me over to JEA	11	question.
12	about the PUP anymore?	12	A That never happened.
13	A No. Sorry if that happened.	13	Q All right. If I keep asking you the same
14	Q That's okay. No skin off my nose, you know.	14	question, are you just going to keep saying "that never
15	Now, the revised bids with the numbers came in	15	happened"?
16	on November the 6th; is that right?	16	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form.
17	A Again, I'm going from my memory, but I believe	17	A Yes, because that's the facts
18	that's about right.	18	Q All right. So assuming that the that the
19	Q And so at that point certain people at JEA	19	ITN is not going to happen and the but the bids are
20	or shortly thereafter certain people at JEA would have	20	already in and the PUP was in effect, what effect on
21	known the numbers?	21	if any, on the target value would the bid prices have
22	A Actually, that was - so, yes, certain people,	22	had?
	but that's that circle would have been really small.	23	A I'm not sure I understand the question.
23	0 1/ 1 7/ 11/11/11	24	O Well also a second se
23 24	Q Yeah. The numbers wouldn't have been		Q Well, the target value was supposed to be a number that accurately reflected the total overall value

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1:	of JEA; right?	1	plan for employees would have allowed them to defer
2	A Oh, the final the final yes, okay. I	2	salary to purchase PUPs; right?
3	understand what you're saying.	3	A Correct.
4	Q So –	4	Q How was that going to work with Lynne Rhode?
5	A Not the target value, but the actual value.	5	A So my understanding by the time it got to
6	Q Yes. And so if one of the bids was a couple	6	November 5th was that there's a very strong objection
7	billion dollars more than y'all thought it would be,	7	from OGC to remove the external general counsel from the
8	would that have affected the target value for	8	plan itself. And so, number one, at the inception, I
9	calculation of the PUP?	9	don't think people thought through that issue, but by
10	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the	10	the time we got to the end, they were actually being
11	question.	11	removed so it wasn't an issue.
12	A Any change to any change to the value of a	12	Q The Attorney General letter, did you review
13	bid would have an impact to the performance unit, up or	13	that letter before it was sent?
14	down.	14	A No.
15	Q So even if there was no ITN or recap, there	15	Q When you discussed your business dealings with
16	was still a lot of money that could have been passed	16	Jason Gabriel before you went on the board, you
17	around to those who bought PUPs if the PUP plan had gone	17	mentioned your family business of Gnosis?
18	forward?	18	A Uh-huh.
19	A Yes.	19	Q Did you tell Jason Gabriel that one of your
20	O I'm being reminded that it was the challenge	20	business partners was Deno Hicks?
21	value. So the same question using challenge value	21	A Absolutely. That actually was why I drew
22	instead of target value.	22	out I had him draw out the corporate structure and
23	MR. MULLEN: Object to the form of the	23	understand that it was 50/50 and explained to him what
24	question.	24	the nature of the as his email indicates, what the
25	A So okay. That number was a fixed number	25	nature of the investment was and who the partner was.
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2	All right. Let me show you what's been marked	2	With respect to success fees, what what
3	as Exhibit 42, and it's the council auditor's report. I	3	entities had success fees?
4	just want to ask you a question or two about that.	4	A Morgan Stanley and J.P. Morgan.
5	Have you reviewed that previously?	5	Q When did they get those engagements with
6	A I reviewed it while sitting at the	6	success fees in them?
7	December 16th City Council meeting.	7	A On their original engagement.
8	Q Can I ask you to review what's been Bates	8	Q Which was in Morgan Stanley's case about when?
9	stamped as JEA 0446 and '47, and just ask you is there	9	A Shortly after the July 23rd board meeting.
10	anything in the weaknesses and concerns expressed by the	10	Q And what about the other bank you mentioned?
11	auditor that you disagree with?	11	A J.P. Morgan?
12	A So Item Number 1 is similar counsel as	12	Q Yes.
13	provided by OGC, so I would agree with that.	13	A Shortly after the July 23rd board meeting.
14	Item Number 2 is similar counsel that was	14	Q Did you discuss with Stephen Amdur that
15	provided by OGC in terms of prospective changes. So I'd	15	Pillsbury would get a success fee?
16	agree with that.	16	A 1 discussed it with Stephen Amdur and
17	Item Number 3 I disagree with.	17	Jason Gabriel.
18	Q Would you tell us the basis for your	18	Q And ultimately Jason said that's not going to
19	disagreement?	19	happen?
20	A I think increasing the value of JEA 10 percent	20	A Yes. And the discussion was either a
21	over that period of time is not as easy as you might	21	structure of a success fee or a structure of just pay
22	think,	22	their flat fees. And we were waiting for Jason's
23	Q What about Number 4?	23	decision on either one. It didn't matter.
24	A Don't disagree with that.	24	Q The success fee in all three cases was defined
25	Q And Number 5?	25	as achieving a recap event or selling the utility?
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1	A I'm not sure I have enough information to be	1	A 1 believe it included a recap event.
2	able to agree or disagree with Number 5.	2	Q And did you ever discuss a success fee
3	Item Number 4, by the way, is in the purview	3	arrangement with Kevin Hyde or anyone at Foley?
4	of the board, not any of the management team.	4	A I did not.
5	Q Let me ask you Steve's just indicated to me	5	Q I'm sorry?
6	that we're kind of running out of time.	6	A No.
7	A Okay.	7	O What about what was Alan Howard engaged
В	Q And just let me ask you to skip to 10, 11, and	8	for?
9	12.	9	A Actually, I don't I've never seen his
10	Do you disagree with 10, 11, and 12?	10	engagement. That engagement was really managed by
11	A 10 I do disagree with. Not my understanding	11	Herschel, Lynne, and then whomever's signatures are on
12	that the plan administrator could delegate all of her	12	the engagement.
13	responsibilities or their responsibilities.	13	I do know that in my interfacing with him, I
(3)410543	11, no, I don't think the CFO was responsible	14	worked with him on in our local agreements, but I
14		15	don't know if that he may have had more scope.
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2	board meeting on July 23rd that perhaps a success fee	2	after the July 23rd board meeting.
3	would be in order for him his engagement as well?	3	BY MR. PHILLIPS:
4	A No. I actually did not commit to engaging him	4	Q Well, but Alan Howard had expressed to you
5	at all before the July 23rd board meeting.	5	that he would like to be engaged once he goes off the
6	Specifically, actually told him that, you know, I	6	board
7	appreciated his interest and that I would, you know,	7	A Correct.
8	take it under advisement.	8	Q had he not?
9	Q Well, but did you discuss the possibility that	9	Did you do anything to inform any of the board
10	he might get a	10	members at the July 23rd board meeting that Alan was
11	A No.	11	actively negotiating or actively desired to be hired by
12	Q success fee?	12	JEA
13	Let me show you what I'm going to mark as	13	A So
14	MR. GARRETT: 43.	14	Q before the board meeting?
15	Q Exhibit 43, which I will represent to you	15	A Again, I knew he had expressed an interest of
16	is an email between Alan Howard and Steve Amdur. Ask	16	being on the JEA team, but I did not know of any
17	you to read it.	17	additional conversations that were going on.
18	MR. MULLEN: Jon, do you have an extra copy?	18	Q Well, you would agree with me, I assume, that
19	MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, I do.	19	if he had negotiated a success fee and the ITN was
20	(Exhibit Number 43 was marked for	20	pursued and came to a resolution that that would have
21	identification.)	21	inured to his benefit?
22	BY MR. PHILLIPS:	22	A In that hypothetical.
23	Q And my question, once you finish reading it,	23	Q Did you suggest to Alan that maybe you should
24	is going to be, does that refresh your memory about	24	disclose that conflict and not vote on
25	your	25	A 1 did suggest to Alan that he confer with
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2	a success fee.	2	might have.
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2	A By who? When? O At the 11/5 meeting, for example.	3	Q The plan provides that if the IRS disallows the tax deferral treatment that any excess penalties
4	20 SEC 6001230 100 100 800 1	4	would have to be paid by either JEA or the successor
5		5	organization if a recap occurred.
6	Q No, you didn't say that, or no, you don't remember saying that?	6	A Yeah, I vaguely remember having a conversation
7	A No, I did not say that.	7	with Kevin Hyde and Jessica Lutrin, along with Melissa
8	Q Do you know when Lawsikia Hodges and	8	Dykes and Ryan Wannemacher and Lynne Rhode, about that
9	Jason Gabriel were first provided a copy of the	9	issue. I don't remember who made the actual call.
10	employment agreements and the full PUP -	10	Q Did they mention to you that it could add to
11	A I do not.	11	the cost of the plan to the tune of about 20 percent or
12	Q plan?	12	more?
13	If I represented to you that it was just a few	13	A So the vague recollection was that it only
14	days before the July 23rd board meeting, do you have any	14	applied to certain individuals within – inside that
15	information to the contrary?	15	plan, not the whole plan itself. And that they weren't
16	A I don't have any information on it.	16	even sure if it did apply, but
17	Q Normally with a deferred compensation plan	17	Q Did you ever have a conversation with an FP&L
18	people defer income and then it goes into an account	18	executive about the possibility of selling JEA before
19	with a third-party provider. But there are, on most	19	July 23rd?
20	plans, specific limits on how much can be invested and	20	A No.
21	deferred and how much can be paid out. I mean, there's	21	MR. PHILLIPS: I don't I know we promised
22	usually some kind of limit on either end.	22	you 3:00, so I'm going to quit. I don't have any
23	Are you aware of that?	23	other questions.
24	A No.	24	BY MR. GRANAT:
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2	report was talking about if that was a deferred	2	
3	comp plan, today's conversation.	3	
4	THE WITNESS: Today's conversation.	4	STATE OF FLORIDA
5	MR. PEEK: And him trying to understand was	5	COUNTY OF DUVAL
6	that deferred comp in the tax code, I think he's	6	
7	saying	7	
8	MR. GRANAT: I understand.	8	1, HEATHER M. THOMAS, Court Reporter and
9	MR. PEEK: hey, today seemed	9	Notary Public, State of Florida, was authorized to
10	THE WITNESS: Yeah, there was a question of	10	and did stenographically report the foregoing
11	whether or not the board was informed. I went and	11	proceedings; and that the transcript, pages 280
12	read through the board materials, and then I read	12	through 479, is a true and accurate record of my
13	that section and I said I don't know if these tax	13	stenographic notes.
14	codes apply. And everyone in the well, the	14	I further certify that I am not a
15	people I think would know in this room kind of	15	relative, or employee, or attorney, or counsel of
16	nodded.	16	any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected
17	MR. GRANAT: I understand. Thank you.	17	with the action, nor am I financially interested in
18	THE WITNESS: That's all I was saying.	18	this action.
19	MR. NINS: We'll wrap this thing up.	19 20	DATED this 27th day of Lawrence 2020
20	Mr. Zahn, do you have anything else to offer	21	DATED this 27th day of January, 2020.
21	about what has been discussed over this two-day	22	de rest /
22	period?	22	HEATHER M. THOMAS
23	THE WITNESS: No.	23	COURT REPORTER
24	MR. NINS: As this is an ongoing Office of	24	COOKI KELOKIEK
25	General Counsel investigation, you're being advised	25	
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	MR. NINS: Okay. The interview has now concluded. We do appreciate you gentlemen meeting with us, and it was a pleasure meeting you guys.  (Sworn statement concluded at 3:12 p.m.)		
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