

City attorneys request more time to investigate suspended JEA CEO Aaron Zahn

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City attorneys asked JEA's board of directors on Monday to cancel their special meeting scheduled Tuesday to discuss the terms of ousted CEO Aaron Zahn's termination, saying they need two more weeks to finish their investigation into whether the board has grounds to fire him for cause.

JEA's board of directors will postpone a special meeting scheduled Tuesday to discuss the terms of ousted CEO Aaron Zahn's termination after the city's Office of General Counsel requested two more weeks to investigate whether the board has grounds to fire him for cause.

Although the board has said they intend to terminate Zahn based on his role in a number of controversies that have beleaguered the city-owned utility, they've yet to decide whether to terminate him without cause, which would allow him to walk with a severance worth as much as \$842,000, or terminate him for cause, which would leave him nothing.

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The board suspended Zahn with pay on Dec. 17, and city attorneys have since begun investigating whether Zahn did anything that would allow the board to fire him for cause. Attorneys have also been negotiating with Zahn to see whether he would accept a lesser severance.

JEA's board announced last week they would hold a special meeting Tuesday to discuss the matter. However, a city attorney sent a letter to April Green, the chair of JEA's board, saying that there investigation wasn't complete.

"We have conducted numerous interviews and reviewed thousands of documents; however, there are several critical interviews that still need to be conducted and additional documents that need to be reviewed in order to complete a fair, adequate and thorough investigation," according to the letter sent by Sean Granat.

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