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# Jim Haslam authors memoir on leadership lessons, learning and luck

written "Co-Piloting Luck. Leadership, and Learning That It's All About Others," a book that takes readers inside the journey from owning a single gas station in Gate City, Virginia, to starting one of the largest private ly owned companies in the United States

This book is written to hopefully inspire people to embrace life," Haslam said. "Hold firmly onto the values you set as the foundation of your life and stay true to hem, remembering that life

family and Pilot Company offers an encouraging, engaging and entertaining perspective on family, faith and the discovery of what really matters the most in life. Friends and family offer stories and insights, includ-ing contributions from Natalie Haslam, his wife and community philanthropist Peyton Manning, former Uni-

versity of Tennessee and NFL

quarterback; Phillip Fulmer, former UT head football

coach and now director of

athletics at UT; Rick Barnes,

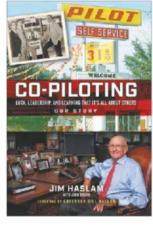
senator and former UT pres ident; Jimmy Haslam, oldest son and CEO of Pilot Company; Bill Haslam, youngestson

and former mayor of Knoxville and governor of Ten-nessee; Ann Haslam Bailey, daughter and vice president of the Haslam Family Foundation; and Lee Scott, former CEO of Walmart.

"I am a little biased, but I think the story before you is unique, inspirational, and often hilarious," Bill Haslam wrote. "You should also know

I know. But then again, you don't meet many people like my dad every day."

Haslam, a military veteran who served in the U.S. Army, is the founder and chairman of the board of Pilot Company, which is headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee. Founded in 1958, the company has remained a family business with Jimmy Haslam serving as CEO for the last 25 years and several other members involved, including Bill Haslam serving on



# **Eddie Mannis is** confirmed by state Republican Party

Eddie Mannis had a ocky road to the Republican nomination to represent District 18 in the Tennessee State House, Last Wednesday the Republican Party of Tennessee voted 43-18 to accept the August primary election results of Mannis defeating Gina Oster by 99 votes. Mannis said he was

grateful for the confidence that the 43 members had Mannis has been

attacked publicly since announcing his candidacy by Knox County Republican Chairman Randy Pace and voting history and his donations to some Democrat

at the August Republican Victory Rally the evening of the primary, blasting the results and calling out

state party to accept her as the nominee because she said Mannis actively sought Democrat voters in the Republican Primary. Mannis replied to Oster's

accusations through his attorney, Billy Stokes, who stated, "At no point during his campaign did his campaign directly solicit Democrat voters to cross over

tative Martin Daniels

of Education had a relatively short work session Wednesday night. That was preceded by a called meet ing to reorganize the board for the 2020-2021 school year

In the called meeting current board chairperson Susan Horn was chosen to serve for a second year Vice Chair Virginia Babb will also continue her role for a second consecutive school year

Wednesday was also the first meeting for new District 3 member Daniel Watson, who replaces Tony Norman

The board will be one member short until the November election as Terr Hill resigned on Aug. 31 to serve District 6 on the

Knox County Commission. Horn said that she was honored to be selected to

Oster pleaded with the

Mannis will face Dem ocrat Virginia Couch in November's general election. The winner will replace retiring Represen-

# Horn re-appointed as chair of KCS Board of Education

serve as the board's chair The Knox County Board for a second straight academic year.

"I have enjoyed my time as chair and I guess continuity is always a good thing especially in uncertimes like this," she said

She and Babb were both re-appointed unanimously

Following that brief meeting, the work session ensued at the Andrew Johnson Building, Knox County Schools Super-intendent Bob Thomas announced an incentive ers whose services may be needed if teachers are forced to quarantine

KCS is looking to hire between 20-25 full-time district-wide subs. If those substitutes work 10-14 days a month, they will earn an extra \$300. If they work an additional 15

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## **COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE OATH**



New Knox County Law Director David Buuck takes the oath of office as his mother, Dorothy Buuck, holds the Bible New Knox County Law Director David Dutack takes the outh of office as ms monter, Doronty Butck, notice in Evide and his predecessor, Bud Armstrong, looks on at the installation ceremony held at the Tennessee Theatre on Tuesday morning. Seven county commissioners, four school board members, the criminal court judge, public defender and property assessor also took oaths to serve Knox County that morning.

# Jay and Schoonmaker named chair and vice chair of Knox Commission

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knaxfocus.com

Knox County's rural commissioners and the two new Democrats on the body came together Tuesday during the reorganization spe-cial session to elect Commissioner Larsen Jay as the new chairman.

Lots of behind the scenes cam paigning went on before the four new commissioners were sworn to office earlier that Tuesday morning Jay was nominated by new District 1 Commissioner Dasha Lundy and new District 4 Commissioner Kyle Ward nominated Randy Smith.

The 4 p.m. reorganization meet-ingsaw Jay get the six votes needed from Commissioners Lundy, Court-ney Durrett, Carson Dailey, Larsen Jay, Charles Busler and Richie Beeler. Beeler, who was home with COVID-19, attended via Zoom.

Voting for Smith were Commis sioners Smith, Ward, John Schoon maker, Terry Hill and Justin Biggs

cult "filling the big shoes" of outgo-ing Chairman Hugh Nystrom, who chose not to seek re-election. Following Jay's election as chair

he took the seat and called for nominations for vice chair.

District 2 Commissioner Durrett

nominated Schoonmaker; Jay nom nated Dailey; and Lundy nominat-ed Smith. Smith pulled out in favor of Schoonmaker, who went on to receive seven votes with Jay and Dailey voting for Dailey and Busler and Beeler passing. Dailey and Jay then joined in supporting Schoon-

aker, giving him nine votes.
The commission, with direction from newly elected Knox County Law Director David Buuck, then proceeded to fill in all the vacancies in vari-ous county committees.

Chosen to chair the Rules Com-mittee and Insolvency Board was Charles Busler, Dailey will chair the and Beeler will chair the Cable TV Committee. Smith was chosen to

lead the Finance Committee. Other assignments included Biggs to the Development Corporation Ward to the Investment Committee and Schoonmaker and Beeler to the Audit Committee. Dailey will serve on the UT Arena Use Committee Jay on the Agricultural Committee Beeler on the Public Records Com mission, Durrett on the Insurance

on the Three Ridges Golf Board. Additional committee and com mission positions may be assigned in the new commission's first full

Benefits Committee and Kyle Ward

meeting or work session this month. Commissioner Smith suggested "mock meeting" of the commission for returning and new members and the idea was also applauded by

Chairman Jay.

The new chair would enjoy that

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